

2015 Inward visits and engagements

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Canada/UK Inter-Parliamentary Association (21 January 2015): Meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials

Northern Ireland Assembly Speaker, Mitchell McLaughlin MLA (29 January 2015): Meeting with Presiding Officer

Fijian Parliament Speaker, Dr Jiko Luveni, led delegation (29 January 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer and meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials

Slovenian Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Mr Tadej Rupel (18 February 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Environmental Committee of the UK-Northern Ireland Assembly (19 February 2015): Meeting with Members of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

Polish Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Mr Witold Sobków (25 February 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

French Ambassador to the UK, Her Excellency Mme Sylvie-Agnès Bermann (26 February 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

New Zealand High Commissioner, Rt Hon Sir Lockwood Smith (5 March 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Latvian Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Mr Andris Teikmanis (12 March 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Norwegian Ambassador to the UK, Her Excellency Ms Mona Juul (25 March 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Cuban Ambassador to the UK, Her Excellency Teresita Vincente Sotolongo (21 April 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Indonesian Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Mr Teuku Mohammad Hamzah Thayeb (30 April 2014): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Speaker, Mr Asad Qaiser MPA, led delegation (14 May 2015): Meeting with the Deputy Presiding Officer, Elaine Smith MSP, and Scottish Parliament officials

Flemish Parliament Speaker, Jan Peumans MP, led delegation (28 May 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer and meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials

Georgian Parliament delegation (17-18 June 2015): Meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials

Western Australia Parliament, Ian Britza MLA, (23 June 2016): Meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials.

Austrian Ambassador, His Excellency Dr Martin Eichinger (24 June 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Australia, Parliament of Victoria, Hon Christine Fyffe MLA, (3 September 2015): Meeting with the members of CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee and the Convener of the SPPA

Consul General of the Republic of France in Edinburgh, Mr Emmanuel Cocher (10 September 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the UK, His Excellency Mr Patrick Engelberg (17 September 2015): Courtesy call on the Deputy Presiding Officer

Falkland Islands, Jan Cheek MLA (23 September 2015): Meeting with the members of CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee

Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Kingdom, His Excellency Erzhan Kazykhanov (30 September 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer.

Ms Barbara Stamm, President of the Bavarian State Parliament; Ms Ilse Aigner, Deputy Minister-President of Bavaria and Mr Thomas Kreuzer, Chairman of the CSU Parliamentary Party (6 October 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer

Bavarian Parliament delegation (6 October 2015): Meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials.

The Hon Kezia Purick MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory (7 October 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer and meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials.

Baden-Wuerttemberg, Petitions Committee delegation (21 October 2015): Meeting with Petitions Committee officials.

Iraqi Parliamentarians (27 October 2015): Meetings with MSPs and Scottish Parliament officials.

Australian parliamentary delegation (29 October 2015): Meetings with MSPs and officials.

Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to the United Kingdom, Her Excellency Ms Alicia Castro (29 October 2015): Courtesy call on the Deputy Presiding Officer.

High Commissioner of the Republic of Malawi, His Excellency Kena Mphonda (3 November 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer.

Petition Committee of the German State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (4 November 2015) Meetings with Parliamentary Officials.

Select Committee on Delegated Legislation from the Parliament of Kenya (19 November 2015) Meetings with MSPs and Parliamentary Officials.

Consulate General of the United States in Edinburgh, Susan Wilson, Principal Officer (19 November 2015): Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer.

Acting Speaker, Mr Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo, from the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan, Pakistan (26 November 2015) Meetings with MSPs and a Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer.

German Consul General in Edinburgh, Mr Jens-Peter Voss (2 December 2015) Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer.

Members of the Provincial Assembly of Punjab and the Provincial Assembly of Sindh (10 – 11 December 2015) Meetings with MSPs and Parliamentary Officials.

Minister President of the Government of Flanders, Mr Geert Bourgeois (15 December 2015) Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer and meeting with the First Minister.

Netherlands Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Simon Smits (15 December 2015) Courtesy call on the Presiding Officer and meeting with the First Minister.

Tunisian Assembly of the Representatives of the People (17 December 2015) Meetings with MSPs and Parliamentary Officials.

2015 Outward visits and engagements

Canada: Presiding Officer attendance in Kingston, Ontario, at events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A Macdonald including speaking engagement at Queen's University, Kingston (January 2015)

London: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Magna Carta Conference attended by Margaret Mitchell MSP and Tavish Scott MSP (February 2015)

Dublin: 50th British Irish Parliamentary Assembly Plenary attended by Deputy Presiding Officer John Scott MSP, Willie Coffey MSP, Michael McMahon MSP, Mary Scanlon MSP and Alison McInnes MSP (February 2015)

Gibraltar: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association British Islands and Mediterranean Region Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference (February 2015)

Malawi: Deputy Presiding Officer (Elaine Smith MSP) led delegation to the National Assembly of Malawi (February 2015)

London: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Commonwealth Day Youth Conference attended by Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (March 2015)

Malawi: Strategic Planning workshop attended by Stewart Gilfillan, Assistant Chief Executive of the Scottish Parliament (March 2015)

New York and Chicago: Presiding Officer led delegation to Scotland Week (April 2015)

Australia: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Youth Parliament Conference attended by Drew Smith MSP (November 2015)

Serbia: WFD and National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Budget Office Launch attended by Fergus Cochrane, UK and International Relations Office (11 –13 November 2015)

Cheltenham: British Irish Parliamentary Assembly, Environment and Social Affairs (Committee D) attended by Willie Coffey MSP, Gordon McDonald MSP, Michael McMahon MSP, Mary Scanlon MSP, John Scott MSP and Steven Bell, UK and International Relations Office.