

Meeting to discuss the establishment of an All Party Parliamentary Loan Charge Group

Wednesday 23rd January 2019, 10-11am
Portcullis House, Room 391

Minutes

Parliamentarians present

Sir Edward Davey MP, Liz Twist MP, Fiona Bruce MP, Colin Clark MP, Baroness Kramer, Tim Farron MP, Peter Bottomley MP.

MPs' staff present

Ruth Cadbury MP, Teresa Pearce MP, Janet Daby MP, Anne Main MP, Nick Herbert MP, Peter Bone MP, Crispin Blunt MP, John Mann MP, Clive Lewis MP, Ruth Cadbury MP.

Other attendees

Representing the Loan Charge Action Group: Greg Mulholland, Steve Packham, Sabina Mangosi

LCAG observer: Markus K

1. Introduction – purpose of proposed Group (Ed Davey):

The Parliamentarians present agreed to establish the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Loan Charge.

The purpose of the APPG was agreed as:

The All Party Parliamentary Loan Charge Group exists to raise concerns about the 2019 Loan Charge, which will affect thousands of freelance, contract and locum workers in the UK as well as the wider context of fairness of tax legislation and the conduct of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

2. Election of Officers

The following officers were unanimously elected:

Chair Ed Davey

Vice-Chairs Liz Twist MP
 Ruth Cadbury MP
 Ross Thomson MP
 Baroness Kramer

Appointment of Secretariat

It was agreed to formally appoint the Loan Charge Action Group as the Secretariat of the APPG.

The two Secretariat contacts are to be Greg Mulholland and Sabina Mangosi.

3. Suggested initial programme of activity

The following initial programme of activity was proposed and approved:

1. An urgent (public) letter from the APPG to HMT re the Loan Charge review laying out what it must review, ask and find out.

Secretariat to draft and send to Chair for approval.

2. A letter to HMRC challenging them on the fact that some of their own contractors are subject to the Loan Charge.

Secretariat to draft and send to Chair for approval.

3. APPG inquiry into the Loan Charge (which needs to report by mid-March to feed into the Treasury review).

Chair and Secretariat to liaise over dates and circulate and to write the terms of inquiry.

4. Other issues mentioned

- Liz Twist requested that the human impact of the Loan Charge be stressed.
- It was suggested that the APPG inquiry could liaise with both the Lords Economic Affairs Select Committee and the Treasury Select Committee.

Chair to write to both, Secretariat to prepare the letter.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meetings will be the inquiry sessions, dates to be arranged.