



Minutes of Meeting

Meeting of the Beauty, Aesthetics and Wellbeing All Party Parliamentary Group

Date: Wednesday 22nd January

Time: 2pm

Location: Room W3, House of Commons

Chair: Carolyn Harris MP and Judith Cummins MP

Minutes taken by: Louise Abraham, Interel UK

Members Present

Carolyn Harris MP – Co Chair

Judith Cummins MP – Co Chair

Alberto Costa MP – Vice Chair

Peter Dowd MP – Treasurer

Nick Smith MP – Secretary

External Guests

Victoria McNish, Interel UK (Secretariat)

Katherine Morgan, Interel UK (Secretariat)

Louise Abraham, Interel UK (Secretariat)

Harriet Main, Office of Alberto Costa

Meeting

- Judith Cummins MP began the Private session of the meeting by welcoming her colleagues to the Group's annual general meeting to reconstitute the Beauty, Aesthetics and Wellbeing All Party Parliamentary Group for the new Parliament.
- She said the group was first set up in the last Parliament, alongside Carolyn Harris MP, to promote the positive impact the beauty, aesthetics and wellbeing industry has on the economy, society and local communities, and to celebrate its achievements. She added that the Group was also keen to promote the important work done by beauty banks, such as the work done by Jo Jones who runs the Beauty Banks initiative to provide essential toiletries and personal hygiene products to women are unable to afford them.
- She highlighted that she and her colleagues are becoming increasingly concerned about the fragmented nature of regulation of non-surgical cosmetic procedures, having heard stories from their constituents about the trauma they experienced after receiving botched procedures from unregulated and unqualified beauty therapists. She added that due to the election called in December the Group was unable to fully kick-start the APPG's work to look at how to improve regulation and protect customers and hope to do so in this new Parliament.
- She then stated she would be happy to be co-Chair of the Group, along with Carolyn Harris MP, and this was approved by the Group unanimously.
- Alberto Costa MP agreed to take on the role of Vice-Chair, this was unanimously approved by the Group. Jessica Morden MP and Jackie Doyle-Price MP, both unable to make the



meeting had expressed their interest in the role of Vice-Chair, this was also approved by the group.

- Peter Dowd MP agreed to take on the role of Treasurer, while Nick Smith MP agreed to also take on the role of Secretary, both roles were unanimously approved by the Group.
- She then stated that the National Hair and Beauty Federation have offered to continue to fund the APPG in 2020 to contribute to the running of the Group. She further added that this was on clear understanding that they have no influence on the content of the Group's ongoing work and are paying as supporters to the Groups' overall aim's and objectives, and to pay for the secretariat support from Interel.
- Ms Cummins then suggested a work programme proposing that the Group holds a panel series on 'The Power of Beauty' to promote the industry and the important role it plays in society, along with exploring some of the challenges it faces. This would include discussions on sustainability, diversity, ageing, wellness, women and work, and body image.
- There were no objections to this.
- She also suggested that the Group would launch a parliamentary inquiry into the regulation of non-surgical cosmetic procedures and how to drive up standards in the industry. She added that she was aware that the industry is currently carrying out a survey to develop a clearer picture of what treatments are being administered, by who and with what qualifications, which will be helpful in informing the inquiry.
- She added that it would also be beneficial for the Group to hold a Reception in Parliament to formally launch the Group, the inquiry and to celebrate the industry.
- There were no objections from the group on this.
- Ms Cummins thanked her colleagues for their time and stated that the Chair's office and Secretariat will be in touch shortly with upcoming meeting dates and next steps.
- **The meeting closed at 2.30pm**