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Uganda

Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	
Column References:	
Member Tabling Question:	Drew, David
Topic:	
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent reports he has received on (a) the activities of the Lords Resistance Army and (b) prospects for the resumption of peace negotiations involving Joseph Kony in Uganda.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Member Answering Question:	
Answer:	
Question Number:	315982
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	26.01.2010
Column References:	716 c322WA
Member Tabling Question:	Chidgey, Lord
Topic:	Uganda
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are reviewing the Department for International Development's aid programme to Uganda following the proposed anti-homosexuality Bill.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	Aid provided by the Department for International Development (DfID) to Uganda is conditional on progress in reducing poverty, strengthening financial management and respecting human rights and international obligations. Recent assessments of human rights in Uganda indicate mixed progress. The UK Government, alongside the EU, US, French, Canadian and Swedish Governments, have lobbied intensely against the introduction of new anti-homosexual legislation in Uganda. We are monitoring this situation closely. DfID will continue to take the human rights situation into account when making decisions on funding to Uganda.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	20.01.2010
Column References:	716 c273WA
Member Tabling Question:	Chidgey, Lord

Topic:	Uganda
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the State Department of the United States over representations from civil society to reduce the United States aid programme to Uganda in response to the introduction of the anti-homosexuality Bill in the Ugandan Parliament.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	We have not discussed calls for a reduction in the US aid programme with the US State Department, but we are in close touch with donors to Uganda, including the US, on the anti-homosexuality Bill currently being considered by the Ugandan Parliament. I made clear our concerns about the Bill to the Ugandan Foreign Minister in the margins of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Trinidad in November 2009. My right honourable friend the Prime Minister also raised the issue with President Museveni of Uganda. Our High Commissioner in Kampala has lobbied the Ugandan Prime Minister and other Ministers and continues to raise our concerns in contacts with the Ugandan authorities.
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Member:	Avebury, Lord
Title:	Sudan
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Key Information	
Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	14.01.2010
Column References:	716 c169WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that during the Kimia II operation in North Kivu 7,000 women have been raped, 900,000 people have been forced from their homes and 6,000 homes have been burnt down; and what representations they have made

Answering Department:	to the Governments of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda about pursuing political initiatives and a sustained peace process over further military offensives, such as Operation Amani Leo.
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	The Government agree that significant human rights abuses were committed during Operation Kimia II, although precise numbers are very difficult to verify in an area such as Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). We regularly raise the issue of civilian protection with the Government of DRC, and were instrumental in the renewal of the United Nations peacekeeping force in the DRC (MONUC) mandate, with its sharper focus on protection of civilians. We fully support the decision by MONUC to withdraw support from the Congolese military (FARDC) units which commit serious human rights abuses, and continue to press the Government of DRC to take action against any members of the DRC armed forces who commit such abuses. We continue to promote a peaceful resolution to the conflict, for example by supporting the voluntary disarmament, demobilisation, repatriation, resettlement and reintegration of Democratic Liberation Forces of Rwanda combatants, which has been successful in encouraging some of these combatants to lay down their arms. We agree that long-term peace in DRC depends on good relations between the DRC, Rwanda and Uganda. There are signs of improvements in these relations and DRC made a welcome exchange of ambassadors with Rwanda in 2008 and Uganda in early 2009. Through our ambassador in Kinshasa, and High Commissioners in Kigali and Kampala we continue to support co-operation between the states.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WQP)
Date of Answer:	05.01.2010
Column References:	716 c31-2WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Gold and Cassiterite
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the Governments of Uganda, Burundi and the United Arab Emirates about the gold and cassiterite trading network in those countries, in which the Rwandan Liberation Democratic Forces are involved.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	We have encouraged the Government of Burundi to exert tighter controls over their borders to prevent the illegal trade of natural resources by those companies identified by the Group of Experts' report. We have not made any representations to the Governments of Uganda or the United Arab Emirates in the past 18 months on the local gold and cassiterite trading networks. In the Great Lakes region, the UK has been working with the respective revenue and trade authorities and regional economic entities. Through governance reform programmes and initiatives to support greater regional economic integration, we aim to make trade—including of minerals like gold and cassiterite—more accountable and formalised, in order to reduce smuggling and illegal trade. We believe that this support and dialogue is having a beneficial impact, although we recognise that it will take some time before trade in the region becomes fully regulated.
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Date of Answer:	05.01.2010
Column References:	716 c18WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made about United Kingdom companies and individuals named in the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	The Group of Experts has made recommendations for sanctioning individuals and entities. As I am sure you understand, we do not advise on whom the UK has recommended, or will be recommending, for sanctions. This is purely for practical purposes as to do so would give the individuals/companies concerned the opportunity to avoid the effects of any future asset freezes. I can however assure you that the UK takes its obligations under the Democratic Republic of Congo sanctions regime very seriously and will not hesitate to support sanctions against any person or company against whom there is sufficient evidence. That could of course include UK-based companies or individuals.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	05.01.2010
Column References:	716 c17-8WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take to strengthen the due diligence process for United Kingdom companies operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	The Government encourage UK-registered companies to follow the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Government also promote the OECD Risk Awareness Tool for Multinational Enterprises in Weak Governance Zones which assists companies in applying a due diligence process in countries where Governments are unwilling or unable to assume their responsibilities. Government officials overseas also play a significant role in encouraging UK companies towards a due diligence approach (particularly in weak governance/conflict zones). Government's Business and Human Rights Toolkit, which explains how business operations may affect human rights, actions staff can take overseas to promote human rights, and guidance on complaints against UK companies using the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's National Contact Point can be accessed on the Foreign and Commonwealth website at http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/global-issues/human-rights/ The Government are an active member of the EU Task Force on the issue of Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict, in which we have helped bring the private sector and non-governmental organisations together to address questions of due diligence in the mining sector in the Democratic Republic

	of Congo (DRC). The UK has worked with UN Security Council partners on the renewal and expansion of the sanctions regime in the DRC (Resolution 1896 (2009) was adopted by the Security Council on 30 November 2009). This new resolution mandates the Group of Experts to come up with recommendations to the Committee for guidelines on the exercise of due diligence to prevent indirect support to armed groups through the exploitation and trafficking of natural resources in the DRC.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
Date of Answer:	05.01.2010
Column References:	716 c17WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Tanzania about arms trafficking into the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	These allegations were discussed in a recent bilateral between the Foreign Secretary and the Tanzanian Foreign Minister at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. The Government of Tanzania have released a public statement denying any allegations of Tanzanian Government involvement. The Tanzanian police have announced that they will be conducting an investigation into the allegations in the report.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
Date of Answer:	15.01.2010
Column References:	716 c192-3WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government how they, the European Union Special Representative and the United States special envoy to the Great Lakes region of Africa are working (a) to create a permanent and effectively monitored ceasefire in the Kivus, (b) to end the trading of metals from allegedly inhumanely mined minerals in the Congo in European and American markets, (c) to ensure that there is effective justice following alleged deployment of rape as a weapon of war, use of children as soldiers, and other alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity, (d) to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and incidences of fistula, and (e) to increase access to education.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	(a) Any permanent ceasefire in the Kivus will require close co-operation

between the Governments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda. We welcome the recent rapprochement between Rwanda and DRC—including the recent exchange of ambassadors—which has led to greater co-operation and stability in the region. Our ambassador in Kinshasa and High Commissioner in Kigali are in close contact with their respective host Governments and continue to engage on this issue. (b) The UK fully supports the work of the UN Group of Experts which has led investigations into the companies and individuals benefiting from the illicit trade in natural resources. We are working with the Government of DRC to promote the mining sector and the trade of minerals in a more regulated and transparent way which will inhibit the opportunities of illegal groups to exploit the mining and trade. We also take very seriously our obligations under sanctions and will not hesitate to support sanctions against any person or company against whom there is sufficient evidence, including UK-based companies or individuals. (c) The UK supports international efforts to prevent crimes against humanity. We have been working with partners on an emergency justice project to help bring the most serious crimes in eastern DRC to justice, including specific provision for crimes of sexual violence. We are working within a security sector reform programme to end the culture of impunity for the security forces, for example providing barracks, pay, etc, to reduce the predation of the army on civilian populations. The UK is equally committed to playing an active role in international efforts to protect children affected by armed conflict as a member of the UN Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict and through the European Union. The UK has also provided very significant financial support to a number of programmes that help children affected by armed conflict. The UK strongly supports the work of international courts and tribunals which are trying the alleged perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community including those against children. (d) The Department for International Development (DfID) supports a programme of HIV/AIDS prevention, which includes the distribution of condoms and behaviour change and helping the Government develop a national strategy for tackling HIV/AIDS. (e) DfID leads the international donor group in DRC on education and supports the Government's aspiration to achieve universal free primary education. It is supporting the DRC's primary and secondary education strategy through a teacher census and a school mapping exercise, and we continue to support universal access to education through a scheme for providing insurance for primary school children to attend school. The UK works with a range of partners on these issues, including the EU and the United States.

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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	14.01.2010
Column References:	716 c169WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will continue to review whether to appoint a special envoy for the African Great Lakes region to report on cross-border human rights issues, including ethnic tensions and cross-border military activity.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	At this point in time, we are content that we have sufficient coverage and leverage in the region to pursue our objectives of improving conflict situations and the quality of governance throughout Africa. This has been provided through the work of our posts in the region and by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.
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Date of Answer:	14.01.2010
Column References:	716 c169WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that during the Kimia II operation in North Kivu 7,000 women have been raped, 900,000 people have been forced from their homes and 6,000 homes have been burnt down; and what representations they have made to the Governments of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda about pursuing political initiatives and a sustained peace process over further military offensives, such as Operation Amani Leo.

Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord

Answer:	The Government agree that significant human rights abuses were committed during Operation Kimia II, although precise numbers are very difficult to verify in an area such as Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). We regularly raise the issue of civilian protection with the Government of DRC, and were instrumental in the renewal of the United Nations peacekeeping force in the DRC (MONUC) mandate, with its sharper focus on protection of civilians. We fully support the decision by MONUC to withdraw support from the Congolese military (FARDC) units which commit serious human rights abuses, and continue to press the Government of DRC to take action against any members of the DRC armed forces who commit such abuses. We continue to promote a peaceful resolution to the conflict, for example by supporting the voluntary disarmament, demobilisation, repatriation, resettlement and reintegration of Democratic Liberation Forces of Rwanda combatants, which has been successful in encouraging some of these combatants to lay down their arms. We agree that long-term peace in DRC depends on good relations between the DRC, Rwanda and Uganda. There are signs of improvements in these relations and DRC made a welcome exchange of ambassadors with Rwanda in 2008 and Uganda in early 2009. Through our ambassador in Kinshasa, and High Commissioners in Kigali and Kampala we continue to support co-operation between the states.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	13.01.2010
Column References:	716 c165WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Rwanda
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what encouragement they and the Commonwealth are giving the Government of Rwanda to further political dialogue with the Rwandan Hutus living in eastern Congo.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	We strongly support UN Security Council Resolution 1804 of 13 March 2008 which demands that all members of Rwandan armed groups operating in

	the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) immediately lay down their arms and present themselves without any further delay or preconditions to Congolese authorities and MONUC for their disarmament, demobilization, repatriation to Rwanda, resettlement and reintegration into Rwandan society. Rwandans living outside the country are encouraged by the Government of Rwanda to return to participate in Rwanda's political processes. DfID has provided extensive financial support for the efforts of the Rwandan Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission, which has successfully reintegrated over 6,000 former rebel militiamen, and we have provided the UN force in the DRC (MONUC) with transmitters enabling them to contact rebel units wishing to disarm and demobilise.
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Date of Answer:	13.01.2010
Column References:	716 c159WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what recent discussions they have had with heads of states and governments in the Great Lakes region about creating and maintaining a permanent and effectively monitored ceasefire in the Kivus and across the Great Lakes region.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	Any permanent ceasefire in the Kivus will require close co-operation between the Governments of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda. We welcome the recent rapprochement between Rwanda and DRC—including the recent exchange of ambassadors—which has lead to greater co-operation and stability in the region. Our ambassador in Kinshasa and High Commissioner in Kigali are in close contact with their respective host Governments and continue to engage on this issue.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	19.01.2010
Column References:	504 c274W
Member Tabling Question:	Simpson, Keith
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what proposals the Government has put forward for the reconfiguration of the UN peacekeeping force in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) following the expiry of its mandate in May 2010; and if he will make a statement.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Member Answering Question:	Lewis, Ivan
Answer:	The Government have not put forward any new proposals for the

	reconfiguration of the UN peacekeeping force in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC). Security Council Resolution 1906 was agreed on 23 December 2009 and requests the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative to produce an Integrated Strategic Framework, covering the roles of the wider UN in the country, by 16 February 2010; and the Secretary-General to carry out a strategic review of MONUC by 1 April 2010. The outcomes of these reports and progress on Protection of Civilians, Disarmament Demobilisation Reintegration Resettlement or Repatriation Security Sector Reform and developments in the security situation will provide the basis for discussion of any reconfiguring of MONUC with Security Council partners.
Question Number:	310634
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	19.01.2010
Column References:	504 c274W
Member Tabling Question:	Simpson, Keith
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs how many countries are involved in the training of the Congolese army; how many official languages are used in such training; what assessment he has made of the effect of the number of languages on the effectiveness of the training provided by the UN peacekeeping force in that country (MONUC); and if he will make a statement.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Member Answering Question:	Lewis, Ivan
Answer:	10 countries, including the UK, US and China—and the UN peacekeeping mission (MONUC)—are involved in training the Congolese army. Several countries from MONUC assist with training the more notable ones being Pakistan and India. MONUC are also just about to use Tanzanian troops which will train 12 Congolese Army (FARDC) Infantry battalions in the next year. This is part-funded by the UK who provided £400,000 for Barrack Infrastructure Repairs for the training camps. We estimate that seven official languages are used in training. We recognise that language differences can hinder co-ordination; to respond to this the UK runs a 'peacekeeping English' course to ensure that the FARDC and MONUC can communicate effectively when working together. So far the UK has trained over 1,000 trainers, who can then go on to disseminate English teaching throughout the FARDC. We have also trained over 40 interpreters.
Question Number:	310633
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	19.01.2010
Column References:	504 c273-4W
Member Tabling Question:	Simpson, Keith
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what his most recent assessment is of the security situation in Equateur province of Western Congo; and if he will make a statement.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Member Answering Question:	Lewis, Ivan
Answer:	The Congolese Army (FARDC) have carried out operations in Equateur province against insurgents based in the south near Dongo. The UN peacekeeping mission (MONUC) has supplied logistical support to the FARDC in this. MONUC assistance has been on a conditional basis. The insurgents are still active and have carried out attacks against FARDC in early January 2010. Our assessment is that despite recent successes of the FARDC in reclaiming villages from the insurgents this situation is not over yet. The area is unsafe and we continue to monitor the situation closely. Difficult terrain and security concerns have prevented the humanitarian agencies getting access, although some are starting to deploy now, such as the World Food Programme. The UN humanitarian pooled fund is available to agencies which begin work there, last year DfID contributed £35 million to the pooled fund.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	19.01.2010
Column References:	716 c223-4WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo about the fate of shegues, or street children, in Kinshasa; what assessment they have made of reports that shegues are being imprisoned at Angenga and Buluwo; and what assessment they have made of conditions in those prisons.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	We were not aware of reports that shegues are being imprisoned—and have asked the UN to investigate if shegues are being imprisoned and if so, what conditions they are being held in, and can report back when we hear.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	27.01.2010
Column References:	716 c334WA
Member Tabling Question:	Sandwich, Earl
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the numbers displaced by the conflict in the north-east of the Democratic Republic of Congo; and what assessment they have made of the capacity of the United Nations agencies, including peace-keeping forces, to respond.
Answering Department:	

Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	The United Nations (UN) estimates that over 1.5 million people are currently displaced as a result of the conflict in the north-east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). There are approximately 2 million internally displaced people across the DRC. The Government consider the UN's capacity to respond, including that of the peacekeeping force, to be reasonable. Major loss of life due to displacement has been averted.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	20.01.2010
Column References:	716 c258WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what international programmes they are promoting to protect and increase the voice of women in the Congo in local and national decision-making bodies, and to ensure their participation in international organisations dealing with political empowerment and human rights.
Answering Department:	

Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	We take women's empowerment in the Congo very seriously. Our embassy in Kinshasa has developed a gender strategy to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the Congo and to tackle the serious and widespread problem of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV). We have set ourselves a target of improving the representation of women in local, provincial and national parliaments in the Congo (from 8 per cent in 2006 to 30 percent by 2011), and improving the capacity and visibility of current female elected representatives. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has ratified the international Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, but a serious gap remains between the legal framework that has been put into place and the reality on the ground. Our work to empower women in the Congo therefore focuses on providing support and advice to the Ministry of Gender and helping to build its capacity to mainstream gender issues across the whole of government; lobbying and providing training and support to parliament, political parties and election components; and through providing £58.8 million funding from 2008-2012 to the United Nations Development Programme Governance Programme which works to advocate and promote women's political empowerment.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
Date of Answer:	20.01.2010
Column References:	716 c257-8WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government how much United Kingdom aid to the Democratic Republic of Congo has been allocated for educating children in

	each of the last 12 years.																										
Answering Department:																											
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord																										
Answer:	<p>Details of the Department for International Development's (DfID's) expenditure in developing countries is published in Statistics on International Development, which is available in the House Library and on the DfID website at http://www.dfid.gov.uk/About-DFID/Finance-and-performance/Aid-Statistics/Statistics-on-International-Development-2009/. DfID expenditure for the past 12 years on the education sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo is presented in the table below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>£ in thousands</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1997-98</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>1998-99</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>1999-00</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2000-01</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2001-02</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2002-03</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2003-04</td><td>61</td></tr> <tr><td>2004-05</td><td>290</td></tr> <tr><td>2005-06</td><td>148</td></tr> <tr><td>2006-07</td><td>95</td></tr> <tr><td>2007-08</td><td>82</td></tr> <tr><td>2008-09</td><td>835</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	£ in thousands	1997-98	0	1998-99	0	1999-00	0	2000-01	0	2001-02	0	2002-03	0	2003-04	61	2004-05	290	2005-06	148	2006-07	95	2007-08	82	2008-09	835
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Rwanda

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Date of Answer:	13.01.2010
Column References:	716 c165WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Rwanda
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what encouragement they and the Commonwealth are giving the Government of Rwanda to further political dialogue with the Rwandan Hutus living in eastern Congo.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	We strongly support UN Security Council Resolution 1804 of 13 March 2008 which demands that all members of Rwandan armed groups operating in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) immediately lay down their arms and present themselves without any further delay or preconditions to Congolese authorities and MONUC for their disarmament, demobilization, repatriation to Rwanda, resettlement and reintegration into Rwandan society. Rwandans living outside the country are encouraged by the Government of Rwanda to return to participate in Rwanda's political processes. DfID has provided extensive financial support for the efforts of the Rwandan Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission, which has successfully reintegrated over 6,000 former rebel militiamen, and we have provided the UN force in the DRC (MONUC) with transmitters enabling them to contact rebel units wishing to disarm and demobilise.
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Date of Answer:	12.01.2010
Column References:	716 c151WA
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Rwanda
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government what action they and the Commonwealth are taking to ensure that the government of Rwanda extradite Laurent Nkunda to stand trial at The Hague for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Kiwanja and Rutshuru.

Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Brett, Lord
Answer:	Allegations of serious crimes committed in the Democratic Republic of Congo since July 2002 are currently being investigated by the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Court is an independent, judicial institution and decisions on indictments and arrest warrants are a matter for the Prosecutor and the Pre-Trial Chamber. At this time, no warrant has been issued by the ICC for Laurent Nkunda.
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Burundi

Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPO)
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Column References:	
Member Tabling Question:	Oaten, Mark
Topic:	
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, whether the EU plans to send an observer mission to the 2010 elections in Burundi; and if he will make a statement.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Member Answering Question:	
Answer:	
Question Number:	315950
Date Tabled:	02.02.2010
Date for Answer:	05.02.2010
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Member Tabling Question:	Oaten, Mark
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Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what reports he has received on the attempted coup to overthrow President Ndayizeye of Burundi; and what assessment he has made of the likely effects of the coup attempt on the July 2010 elections.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Member Answering Question:	
Answer:	
Question Number:	315949
Date Tabled:	02.02.2010
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