

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Intellectual Property Meeting Note
APPG for IP Re-Constitution Meeting
Wednesday 11th September, 2pm – 2:30pm
In-Person Meeting, Room U, Portcullis House

Parliamentary attendees

- Rt Hon Sir John Whittingdale OBE MP (Conservative)
- Pete Wishart MP (SNP)
- Earl of Devon (Crossbench)
- Lord Foster of Bath (Liberal Democrat)
- Lord Lucas (Conservative)
- Lord Black of Brentwood (Conservative)
- Baroness Neville-Rolfe (Conservative)
- Earl of Clancarty (Crossbench)
- Lord Stevenson of Balmacara (Labour)

Other attendees

- Daniel Guthrie, Director General, Alliance for Intellectual Property
- Francesca Thorogood, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Alliance for Intellectual Property
- Ben McCarthy, Consultant, Luther Pendragon, Secretariat for the APPG for IP
- Jonny Girling, Senior Consultant, Luther Pendragon, Secretariat for the APPG for IP

Meeting agenda (approximate timings):

14:00: Meeting began.

14:00 – 14:15: Introduction among attendees and election of APPG officers.

14:15 – 14:30: Daniel Guthrie provided update on IP-related issues.

Meeting overview

Election of officers

At the beginning of the session, the APPG confirmed the chair and the officers for 2024/2025. The 4 officers below were elected, and it was confirmed that the group had 20 members.

- Chair: Rt Hon Sir John Whittingdale OBE MP (Conservative)
- Vice-Chair: Pete Wishart MP (SNP)
- Vice-Chair: Ruth Jones MP (Labour)
- Vice-Chair: Lord Clement-Jones (Liberal Democrat)

IP-related issues

Following the election of officers, Daniel Guthrie gave a brief overview on the current issues relating to IP and the approach of the new Government. This included:

1. Copyright and AI

- Dan highlighted the issue of large language models scraping the content of rightsholders without their permission, particularly the lack of mechanism to force large language models to obey any TDM opt-out option.
- The potential for an AI Bill was discussed by members, and how the Bill will largely focus on other issues such as national security, but that there will be opportunities to raise IP-related issues and amendments, as the Bill goes through Parliament.
- Dan reiterated that industry representatives would continue to highlight concerns over the impact on rightsholders of widening the TDM exception whilst making clear their support for transparency measures. Dan said that the Minister clearly saw this issue as a priority, reflected by a forthcoming roundtable with the new Minister for AI and IP, Feryal Clark MP, and the Minister for Creative Industries, Art and Tourism, Sir Chris Bryant MP. *(N.B. This took place on Tuesday 17th September) Feryal Clark has since confirmed that she will speak at the British IP Day Parliamentary Reception.*

2. Cross-Rights (Exhaustion)

- Dan highlighted that there was no immediate movement on a final decision on Exhaustion but he felt more confident that the Labour Government would support maintaining the existing system.

3. Trade

- Dan highlighted that there will likely be a trade white paper in the coming months which the Alliance for IP would input into, given the importance of IP chapters in upcoming trade agreements.
- Dan thanked members of the APPG for their involvement in the CPTPP Bill.

4. Designs

- Dan updated the group that we are likely to see a consultation on the whole of design protection including design law in the next twelve months, subject to Ministerial approval.

5. Digital Regulation / Enforcement

- Dan discussed the issues with copycat packaging, where packaging adopts distinctive features of familiar branded products to dupe shoppers into believing that it has the same qualities, reputation and/or origin as the brand when it does not.
- He also discussed how there is greater protection in a number of other European countries and work was being undertaken to assess how learning from those countries might be implemented in the UK.

6. Upcoming Events

- Dan reminded members of the invitation to the British IP Day Parliamentary Reception, which is taking place on Wednesday 30th October, 6:30pm – 8:30pm on the Terrace Pavilion.



- He also outlined that the APPG will aim to host the Minister for AI and IP at one of its meetings in the year ahead.

MEETING CLOSED 14:30