Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for International Development whether the government of Nepal has declined funding from the UK Government to support its gender-based violence unit in the Prime Minister's Office.

Alan Duncan (Minister of State, International Development; Rutland and Melton, Conservative)

Since 2010, the UK has worked very closely with the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, in Nepal, to help establish a gender-based violence unit (GBV Unit) and develop a National Plan of Action to address gender-based violence. This GBV Unit is now fully funded by the Ministry of Finance, from Nepal's own public funds, and UK funds are therefore not required.

Addressing violence against women and girls remains a key shared priority for the Government of Nepal and the UK. The UK is continuing work with the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare to strengthen and support local level responses to gender-based violence and we are currently designing a larger scale justice programme which will have a particular focus on tackling violence against women and girls.

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