Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for International Development what funding (a) has been and (b) will be given to the government of Nepal to address widespread gender-based violence in that country, including to assist in implementing the government of Nepal's National Action Plan for the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820.

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

The UK is providing extensive support to the Government of Nepal to address gender-based violence, including:

- Technical expertise (with a value of £254,000) to the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers to develop a special Unit and a National Plan of Action to address gender-based violence.
- A three year Women's Paralegal Committee Programme (with a value of £6.5 million), delivered by UNICEF in coordination with Government, to help prevent violence against women and girls.
- Funding (with a total value of £6 million—£840,000 attributed to the UK), through the joint Government of Nepal and donor-funded Nepal Peace Trust Fund (NPTF), to support the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and 1820. This will help women and girls affected by the conflict to rebuild their livelihoods and to seek justice for conflict and violence-related abuses.
- Over £500,000 has also been provided to civil society organisations for awareness-raising and prevention of violence against women and girls.

All of our programmes in Nepal undergo a gender assessment during their design stage to ensure that women and girls are involved in decision-making processes and can access programme benefits. We are currently designing a new security and justice programme (value yet to be determined) which will build on existing support and help strengthen the justice system in Nepal to deliver a reduction in violence against women.