Developing Countries: Family Planning

Written Answer

Sarah Wollaston Chair, Health Committee

To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what estimate her Department has made of the potential shortfall in funding to charities and non-governmental organisations as a result of the revocation in the US of the Presidential Memorandum of 23 January 2009 Mexico City Policy and Assistance for Voluntary Population Planning and the reinstatement of the Presidential Memorandum of 22 January 2001 Restoration of Mexico City Policy; and what plans her Department has to ensure continued access to (a) family planning advice and (b) safe termination and contraception through its programmes.

James Wharton The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development

It is too early to put an exact figure on the financial impact of the restoration of the Mexico City Policy.

The UK firmly believes that supporting comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls, through proven, evidence-based public health interventions, saves lives and supports prosperity. We will continue to work with all our partners, including governments, UNFPA and civil society partners, to deliver this.

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