



DR CHARLES TANNOCK, YOUR CONSERVATIVE LONDON REGION MEP

Reporting Back

Value for money Campaign

I am the "best value for money" MEP according to the Sunday Telegraph

I am ranked 15th among all 753 Members of the European Parliament in overall parliamentary activity, by www.mepranking.eu. So far during this parliamentary term I have tabled 337 Parliamentary motions, far higher than the average contributions made by other MEPs in the UK. I received this rating because of "near-perfect attendance of 97.4%", "moderate to low expenses" and for "bombarding" EU officials with questions about their responsibilities.

7th European Parliamentary term

Motions tabled by Charles Tannock (337)

Average rate of all MEPs in UK (19)



With my London colleague Bob Blackman MP visiting the St Pancras site for the future Francis Crick Institute which when it opens in 2015 will become a world leading medical science research centre with 1,250 scientists creating a critical mass across infectious disease and basic cancer research. It will get EU research funding and, interestingly, a significant part of the workforce in the construction phase comes from EU countries

Conservative MEPs for London are: Charles Tannock, Marina Yannakoudakis and Syed Kamall

Call for bee insecticide investigation

The threatened demise of the Honey Bee in the EU

I have called on the European Commission to investigate the existential threat to Europe's honey bee population who serve a vital function in nature as pollinators and whose product honey makes a healthy contribution to our citizens' diets.

The Commission should consider banning Neonicotinoid pesticides on an EU-wide basis if there is enough scientific evidence to justify such a ban. Colony collapse disorder (CCD) is a syndrome characterised by the sudden loss of adult bees from the hive. Many possible explanations for CCD have been proposed, but no one primary cause has been found for certain. With CCD, whole hive

tests in the field are needed in order to determine the effects of a pesticide on bee colonies. To date, there are very few scientifically valid whole hive studies that can be used to determine the effects of pesticides on bee colonies. A recent study conducted in Europe, in which electronic localisation devices were fixed on bees, has shown that, even with very low levels of pesticide in bees' diets a high proportion suffer from orientation disorder and are unable to safely return to the hive. The pesticide under study, Thiamethoxam, is allowed still in the UK but has been banned by France, Germany, Italy and other EU member states.



With President Saakashvili of Georgia at a dinner in honour of his visit to Brussels, alongside Anna Ibrisagic MEP. I am a strong friend of Georgia and admirer of its economic and democratic reforms led by its President, who is now handing power peacefully to the new government



Greeting a delegation from the occupied city of Famagusta in northern Cyprus, led by its Mayor, Mr Alexis Galanos, former Speaker of the Cypriot Parliament. I am a strong friend of Cyprus



With A level politics students from Kingston Grammar School after addressing the 6th form on the topic of an MEP's role and the workings of the EU. I am keen to address students as they are the future and need to be better informed about the EU as it will increasingly affect their lives in a globalised world. They also need to be better informed in the event of a future referendum on EU membership or treaty changes



Alongside two Italian MEPs, participating in a conference highlighting the increasing marginalisation of Christians in Europe today. In my speech I highlighted the case of the two women in Britain denied the right to wear a crucifix at work



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The EU: working to protect intellectual property rights

The single market is a great success story that needs to be completed. It is one that even many eurosceptic Brits support, so I congratulate the 25 countries that have enabled inventors to access automatic protection throughout the EU through a common patent. The language-based resistance of Spain and Italy to this policy is regrettable.

The process will reduce costs and improve efficiencies, bringing benefits to businesses that rely on IP rights. They can already rely on an EU common trademark policy

and will now be able to depend on a common patent policy as well. So I welcome the compromise, which limits the role of the ECJ in areas of substantial patent law, as not all patent applications will be pan-European. It is critical that we ensure national courts still retain their right to interpret national law in areas where European law is not applicable. The aim overall is to create a European single market where citizens need the scale that 500m consumers can bring to grow their businesses. It is not to impose these changes

when none is required. Further, I have no love for the EU 'Tower of Babel'. I abstained on a statement on public consultations and their availability in all EU languages. It's important that every citizen be able to address the EU institutions in any EU official language and that all consultations are given the same treatment so that they are accessible. But I do not support the multi-lingual system for MEPs and officials as this is too expensive and inefficient. Three working languages should suffice: English, French and German.



Chairing a meeting, on behalf of the ECR group, with the representatives of the two Sakharov prize laureates, Nasrin Sotoudeh, an Iranian human rights lawyer, and Jafar Panahi, an Iranian film director. Both are currently incarcerated by the Iranian Government, and were prevented from coming to Strasbourg to receive this most prestigious human rights award



Addressing a group of students from King's College, London University, Conservative Society. I am always keen to be given the chance to talk to students about the work I do as a London MEP and the challenges facing the UK in its workings within the EU



With Boris Zala MEP hosting an exhibition on Bratislava whilst celebrating the Jewish festival of Chanukah



Attending the East Barnet ward Christmas Dinner as guest speaker with local Conservative Association Officers, Councillors and activists. The traditional Christmas food was delicious and there was a lively discussion on the future of the Eurozone



Top Tannock speeches this month

Charles on: live transport of animals
<http://goo.gl/BZbP4>

Charles on: Financial Transactions Tax
<http://goo.gl/IZ2M9>

Charles on: the Multiannual framework for the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
<http://goo.gl/a5fbv>

Charles on: The Israeli government's decision to expand settlements in the West Bank
<http://goo.gl/lcMGW>

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<http://goo.gl/PRF35>

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