

All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Microplastics Annual Report

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Registered Secretariat: The National Federation of Women's Institutes

Purpose and focus

Following the 2024 General Election, the APPG was re-established in November 2024.

During the reporting year, the APPG worked to further the discussion and raise awareness of microplastic pollution and the potential harms of microplastics and provide suggestions for how they can be mitigated.

Meetings, parliamentary engagement and correspondence

The APPG held its inaugural meeting on 19 November 2024, where Alberto Costa MP was elected as Chair, and Deirdre Costigan MP, John McDonnell MP and The Lord Brennan KC were elected as Officers.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on 22 October 2025 following the resignation of Deirdre Costigan MP as an Officer, after her appointment as a Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS). The EGM confirmed the election of The Lord Bach as an Officer.

Throughout the year, the Officers and the Secretariat met online and in person to discuss the Group's work, set priorities and identify opportunities for parliamentary engagement.

In January 2025, the APPG and a cross-party group of MPs and Peers wrote to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs calling on the Government to support the Microplastic Filters (Washing Machines) Bill.

In October 2025, the APPG agreed that the Secretariat would prepare a report examining the sources of microplastic pollution and potential solutions, with the aim of developing a new set of recommendations for the Government.

It is hoped that the report would be published in 2026, five years after the Group's first report.