2023/2024 Activity Summary

The All-Party Parliamentary Group Data Analytics

# January 2023

**Event:** Evidence Session 1 - An Ethical AI Future Inquiry

**Chair**: Lord Clement-Jones

**Speakers included:**

* Dr Adrian Weller, The Alan Turing Institute
* Rachel Coldicutt, Careful Industries
* Rashik Parmar, The British Computer Society
* Sue Daley, TechUK

The APPG on Data Analytics began a third inquiry into AI and data ethics, following its successes from ‘Trust, Transparency and Technology’ and ‘Our Place Our Data’. The first evidence session took place in January 2023 and focussed on looking holistically at where the UK is now with regards to the ethical use of data and AI. The session explored which sectors are leading in ethical AI innovation and what are the lessons that can be learnt and replicated for the sectors that are lagging on this front.

# February 2023

**Event:** Evidence Session 2 - An Ethical AI Future Inquiry

**Chair**: Lord Clement-Jones and Lord Chris Holmes

**Speakers included:**

* Or Lenchner, Bright Data
* Ansgar Koene, Ernst & Young
* Dr Aisha Naseer, Responsible AI Expert Panel MIT
* Roger Taylor, Former Chair of CDEI
* Marina Jirotka, University of Oxford
* Carly Kind, Ada Lovelace Institute

The second evidence session focussed on identifying key developments and gaps in the UK in establishing governance and regulatory frameworks to support ethical AI innovation. The session also explored AI regulatory developments in other jurisdictions, particularly the EU and US, as well examining cross-jurisdictional supply chain standards.

# March 2023

**Event:** Evidence Session 3 - An Ethical AI Future Inquiry

**Chair**: Daniel Zeichner

**Speakers included:**

* Lord Clement-Jones, House of Lords
* Penny Jones, Zurich Insurance
* Tom Moule, Jisc

The third evidence session focussed on looking ahead at what should be the key features of a well-run AI governance and regulatory system in the UK. The session also explored key developments that need to happen in the next five years for the UK to achieve their ambition.

# April 2023

**Event:** AI White Paper – First Reactions Roundtable

**Chair**: Lord Clement-Jones

**Speakers included:**

* Carly Kind, Ada Lovelace Institute
* David Leslie, The Alan Turing Institute
* Stuart Holland, Equifax
* Adam Leon Smith, Chair of Fellows Technical Advisory Group at BCS

Following on from the UK Government’s AI White Paper published on 29 March 2023, Policy Connect held a first reactions roundtable as part of the AI and Ethics inquiry. The session focussed on capturing thoughts on and reactions to the proposed regulation.

# May 2023

**APGDA Annual General Meeting**

**Chair:** Daniel Zeichner

To elect officers of the group for the next 12 months and discuss inquiry options.

**Lord Clement-Jones was officially elected as another officer of the APGDA.**

# June 2023

**Report Launch – An Ethical AI Future**

**Chair:** Lord Clement-Jones

**Speakers included:**

* Daniel Zeichner MP, House of Commons
* Lord Chris Holmes, House of Lords
* Oona Muirhead, Policy Connect
* Ansgar Koene, Ernst & Young
* Noa Gal, Bright Data
* Penny Jones, Zurich Insurance
* Roger Taylor, Former Chair of CDEI

Policy Connect and the APGDA hosted a parliamentary event to launch its latest report, ‘An Ethical AI Future: Guardrails & Catalysts to make Artificial Intelligence a Force for Good’. Author of report, Oona Muirhead, discussed the findings from the report which aim to set out key practical and implementable elements of a standards system for the ethical use of data and AI. The design of the standards system needs to provide transparency and accountability to users and citizens while helping business to innovate and grow within the UK and across jurisdictions.

Policy Connect also submitted a response to the AI White Paper consultation with the key findings from the report.

# September 2023

**Event:** Generative AI and Higher Education – Changing Landscape of Assessment and Feedback

**Chair**: Daniel Zeichner

Policy Connect along with APGDA collaborated with the Higher Education Commission to gather senior members of HEIs, educators and key stakeholders from the Tech industry for a parliamentary roundtable to discuss how the landscape of the Higher Education sector is changing as a result of Generative AI.

# October 2023

**Event:** AI and Climate Change

**Chair**: Daniel Zeichner

**Speakers included:**

* Dr Gabrielle Samuel, King’s College London
* Emily Clough, Ada Lovelace Institute

Policy Connect and the APGDA partnered with Carbon Connect to host a roundtable discussion on the dual relationship between artificial intelligence and climate change. The session considered both the positive ways in which artificial intelligence (AI) can be used to combat the climate crisis as well as exploring the environmental costs of Large Language Models (LLMs).

# January 2024

**Event:** Public Use of AI

**Chair**: Lord Clement-Jones

**Speakers included:**

* Daniel Zeichner MP, House of Commons
* Lord Chris Holmes, House of Lords
* Alex Lawrence-Archer, AWO Legal
* Elliot Jones, Ada Lovelace Institute
* Mia Leslie, Public Law Project
* Stephen Almond, Information Commissioner's Office
* Roger Taylor, Former Chair of CDEI

Policy Connect and the APGDA partnered with Public Law Project to host a panel event on the ‘Public Use of AI’. The session discussed the use of AI and automation across the public sector, from welfare to health and social care to immigration. Joined by experts from across civil society, academia, and parliament, speakers discussed what the future Government use of data and automation should look like, and how we can ensure it is used safely and fairly. The session also discussed the progress and implications of the AI White Paper and the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill.

# APGDA Media Outputs

* Policy Connect and the APGDA had a Guardian article released alongside Lord Clement-Jones on the theme of AI Regulation.