

## Joint Ministerial Council 2013 - Progress on Implementation of Agreed Actions

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The political leaders and representatives of the UK and Overseas Territories agreed to report on progress made in implementing the commitments made during the 2013 Joint Ministerial Council meeting in December in London.

The UK's progress report is as follows.

### Economic Diversification

	Commitment	Progress
1	Promote globally the investment and trade opportunities in the Territories, including through cooperation between Territory investment agencies, UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) teams and UK Embassies, High Commissions and other Posts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UKTI through its network of regional offices and the <a href="#">Overseas Market Introduction Service (OMIS)</a> are helping Territories to explore external markets. UKTI has, following a visit by the Regional Director provided the OMIS service for Falkland Islands Companies.</li> <li>• Teams from UKTI regional offices visited Anguilla, Montserrat, British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands and have met with Bermuda in 2014 to provide investment and trade advice. A visit to Cayman is currently being arranged.</li> <li>• UKTI is providing a two week attachment in the UK to the new Anguillan Inward Investment Officer in October.</li> <li>• UKTI are inviting Overseas Territory companies to take part in expos and trade events.</li> <li>• The Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS), the Foreign &amp; Commonwealth Office (FCO) and HM Treasury are working closely to decide on an approach to extending further Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) to the Overseas Territories.</li> </ul>
2	Inform UK companies of investment opportunities in the Territories and encourage them to explore the opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public tenders in the Overseas Territories are now routinely posted on the <a href="#">UKTI Business Opportunities website</a>.</li> <li>• The UK hosts an <a href="#">annual Overseas Territories Investment Forum</a> alongside the Joint Ministerial Conference to introduce UK companies to opportunities in the Territories. The next Forum will be held in December.</li> </ul>

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3	Promote Territory exports and service industries, including in emerging markets and in countries where the Territories are not currently recognized.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK supported the <a href="#">British Virgin Islands</a> in their efforts to open a trade office in Hong Kong.</li> <li>• UKTI regional office in Santiago is assisting Fortuna Ltd, a Falkland Islands Fishing Company to explore new markets.</li> <li>• FCO and Tristan da Cunha’s commercial agency met the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to promote the sale of Tristan Lobster.</li> <li>• Turks and Caicos Islands will be seeking UKTI support for tourism promotion in New York, and other US or Canadian cities.</li> </ul>
4	Explore further opportunities to boost inter-Territory trade and investment and the sharing of best practice.	<p>Action principally for Territories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UKTI has drawn up Terms of reference to assist Montserrat to establish a National Business Council</li> </ul>
5	Publish Territory investment policies setting out clearly the offer to inward investors.	Action principally for Territories
6	Commission independent advice on enhancing competitiveness, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UKTI offered advice on enhancing competitiveness in the Territories during visits to Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands, Anguilla and the Falkland Islands.</li> </ul>
7	Promote entrepreneurship and the development of small businesses, including through the Caribbean regional EU-funded Small and Medium-sized Enterprises project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British Virgin Islands is leading an EU funded regional European Development Fund Round 10 project on SMEs that is now in its implementation stage.</li> <li>• UKTI provided advice on SMEs to the Chambers of Commerce in Montserrat and Anguilla during their visits.</li> <li>• British Embassy Lisbon has invited a British Virgin Islands fashion company to participate in a ‘Fashion is GREAT’ event in Lisbon.</li> </ul>

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### Employment and Education

	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Progress</b>
8	Share good practice on workforce planning, skills training and addressing the specific needs of young people, older people and the disabled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department for Work and Pensions and Job Center Plus stand ready to offer policy advice on accessing the job market, identifying skills needs and incorporating less represented groups.</li> </ul>
9	Develop efficient and professional public employment services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While the action is primarily for Territories, Job Centre Plus will offer advice and assistance on request.</li> </ul>
10	Develop immigration policies that take into account the interests of local people and businesses, and minimise risks for the UK.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation between Home Office and Overseas Territories took place at a conference organised in Miami during week of 19 October. The Conference brought together key contacts across the Overseas Territories and discussed key cross-cutting issues in migration and immigration.</li> </ul>
11	Explore further how the people of the Territories can access vocational training in all parts of the UK and in other Territories;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current eligibility rules mean that Overseas Territories' students are able to access vocational education as long as they have been resident in the UK/EEA or Overseas Territory for 3 years on the first day of learning and the learning takes place in England.</li> </ul>

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### Links with the Wider World

	Commitment	Progress
12	Strengthen Territory engagement with international partners with support from the UK's network of diplomatic posts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK continues to support Territory engagement with international organisations. The UK Mission in Vienna facilitated Overseas Territories' attendance at IAEA training events in Nov/Dec in Vienna.</li> <li>• FCO is exploring Overseas Territory engagement with the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).</li> <li>• The UK Mission to UNESCO has proposed that the UK National Commission for UNESCO assist the Territories.</li> </ul>
13	Make full and effective use of new trade opportunities with the EU and increased EU funding streams including the European Development Fund (EDF) and its regional programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The European Commission will host a meeting in February to discuss the EDF 11 regional funding programmes.</li> <li>• The FCO has informed Territories of the opportunities for funding available under the <a href="#">ERASMUS student exchange programme</a>, the <a href="#">LIFE Plus programme</a> for environmental financing, the Development and Cooperation Instrument and <a href="#">Horizon 2020</a> for research and innovation.</li> <li>• Turks and Caicos Islands received funding from EU for housing reconstruction project following Hurricane Ike, which will be completed in 2014.</li> </ul>
14	Encourage the Commonwealth Secretariat and the chairs of Commonwealth fora to invite the Territories directly to participate in relevant meetings and programmes, particularly the Commonwealth small states meetings.	<p>The UK continues to support better engagement between the Territories and the Commonwealth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK has included Territory participants in the UK delegation at Commonwealth Ministerial meetings on Health, Finance, Sports and Law Officers.</li> <li>• The UK also encouraged the participation of the Territories at the Commonwealth Small Island Developing States Conference in St Lucia.</li> <li>• The UK supported the participation of the Territories in the Commonwealth Games, including the participation of the Overseas Territories in the Queen's Baton Relay.</li> </ul>

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### Green Energy and Environment

	Commitment	Progress
15	Increase the use of renewable energy sources, including enabling production and removing barriers to use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK is exploring what technical support the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) can offer the Overseas Territories. The Caribbean Territories were also invited to take part in the Marine Energy forum , organised with the FCO and partners in 2014.</li> <li>• Turks and Caicos Islands and British Virgin Islands have signed up to Sir Richard Branson’s Carbon War Room initiative in the Caribbean</li> </ul>
16	Establishing workshops in order to assist Territory Governments in capacity-building, technical assistance and renewable energy financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Energy and Climate Change will deliver a renewable energy workshop to Overseas Government representatives on 4<sup>th</sup> November. The workshop will focus on the renewable technologies that are likely to be best suited to meeting the short term energy needs of the Territories.</li> </ul>
17	Promote the development of, and investment in, sustainable fishing industries, particularly in Territories where potential resources are underutilised or illegally exploited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCO and Department for Food and Rural Affairs continue to provide technical advice to a number of Territories including Ascension, Turks and Caicos Islands, Anguilla and St Helena on the establishment of sustainable fisheries.</li> <li>• In April 2014, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) led a technical workshop on the establishment of Marine Protected Areas. The workshop was well attended by Territory officials and the post-workshop report is available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• In June 2014, the JNCC organised a technical workshop on Ascension, bringing together the South Atlantic Territories, NGOs and academia to discuss the scientific requirements for Marine Protected Areas designation. Post-workshop report is available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• In July 2014, the FCO hosted a technical workshop on tackling illegal, unregulated and unlicensed fishing, with a specific focus on enforcement.</li> </ul>
18	Publish road maps by end of May 2014 setting out plans to implement our environmental commitments and demonstrate our contribution to the UK-Overseas Territories Biodiversity	The majority of Territories have submitted roadmaps. The UK will continue to support those Territories who have not yet done so to produce road maps by May 2015.

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	Strategy.	
19	Ensure the continuation of relevant funding programs for Overseas Territories environment, conservation, biodiversity and climate-related projects.	Round 3 of Darwin Plus was launched on 22 May with a further £2m available to support projects in the Territories aimed at protecting and enhancing their biodiversity or addressing wider environment or climate-related issues. Applications were reviewed in September and the successful projects will be announced at the Joint Ministerial Council in December. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a>

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### International Financial Services Regulation

	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Progress</b>
20	Explain the contribution of well-regulated international financial centres to the global economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Overseas Territories have taken concrete steps to continue to deliver on the commitments they made on tax and transparency in the lead up to the 2013 G8 Summit.</li> <li>• Minister for the Overseas Territories discussed their role in global economy and the progress the Territories have made on the tax and transparency agenda with UK Non Governmental Organisations in March 2014.</li> </ul>
21	Promote the application of high regulatory standards to deliver conditions in which legitimate financial services business can flourish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FCO arranged for the Premier of the Cayman Islands to be the lead speaker at a Chatham House anti corruption workshop in February</li> <li>• HM Treasury and the FCO worked with Chatham House to secure attendance by British Virgin Islands and Indonesia at a workshop on how to tackle the proceeds of illegal logging being channelled through Offshore Financial Centres.</li> <li>• The FCO secured invitations for Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Gibraltar to attend the Arab Spring and Ukraine Asset Recovery meetings.</li> <li>• The FCO arranged for the British Virgin Islands Asset Recovery Guide to be translated into Ukrainian and Arabic to raise awareness of BVI's policies in the Ukraine and Arab speaking countries and to assist them in recovering stolen assets.</li> <li>• HM Treasury and British Embassy Paris supported a visit by BVI's Premier to Paris in June to explain the progress they have made in relation to tax information exchange.</li> <li>• FCO and UKRep Brussels secured positive language on financial services in the Overseas Association Decision adopted January 2014, recognising Overseas Territories' commitment to meet international standards.</li> <li>• Overseas Territories ministers were invited to attend the 2014 Commonwealth Finance Ministers' meeting in October as part of the UK Delegation.</li> <li>• The FCO supported a consultancy study of Turks and Caicos Islands' financial services sector.</li> </ul>
22	Discuss evolving standards in the provision of financial services and actively engaging with international standard setting bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular dialogue at official level with Overseas Territories on beneficial ownership.</li> <li>• UK taking a leading role in helping Financial Action Task Force (FATF) develop guidance on beneficial ownership</li> <li>• The FCO is in regular touch with Overseas Territories so that new sanctions orders can be</li> </ul>

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		<p>implemented quickly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCO supported engagement between Overseas Territories and the European Commission leading to an instructive Partnership Working Party meeting on financial services in February 2104.</li> <li>• Overseas Territories participated in meetings of the early adopters initiative on automatic tax exchange and will be attending signing ceremony in Berlin on 29 October.</li> <li>• The Governor’s Office in Anguilla is funding Anguilla Community College training for private sector and FSC practitioners to achieve Certificates of Compliance and Certificates in Offshore Finance and Administration (COFA).</li> </ul>
23	<p>Challenge other jurisdictions to match our commitments to transparency and tax information exchange.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK continues to encourage international partners to match our ambition on company beneficial ownership transparency by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working to deliver the G20 St. Petersburg commitment to lead by example in implementing the FATF standards on beneficial ownership.</li> <li>- Advocating the EU showing leadership on beneficial ownership in ongoing negotiations over the Fourth Money Laundering Directive.</li> <li>- Bilateral engagement, including with G7 partners, who all published Action Plans following the 2013 Lough Erne Summit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Financial Secretary to the Treasury spoke with independent Caribbean countries at the June UK-Caribbean Forum on the benefits of matching the commitments of the Overseas Territories and adopting automatic exchange of tax information and to take action on beneficial ownership..</li> <li>• The Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury lobbied independent Caribbean countries at the June UK Caribbean Forum to adopt automatic exchange of tax information and to take action on beneficial ownership.</li> </ul>

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### Governance

	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Progress</b>
24	Engage in peer review processes to improve regulation and get rid of red-tape, and further strengthen procurement, public financial management frameworks and codes of conduct and integrity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCO funds an annual Heads of Public Service meeting in London for Overseas Territories Heads of Public Service to meet their counterparts from UK Government and from the Crown Dependencies to exchange ideas and offer support to each other in order to improve governance in their respective territories. The next meeting is scheduled for spring 2015.</li> <li>• The Governor's Office in Anguilla has held discussions with the Department of Public Administration about modernisation of the appraisal system and the current HR systems in place.</li> </ul>
25	Increase secondments between the Territories and the UK where appropriate including through reviewing the effectiveness of the UK Government's Jubilee Programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK departments stand ready to provide secondments opportunities for Overseas Territories civil servants and vice versa upon request, where the Territories judge that these are the most effective way of bridging their skills gaps.</li> <li>• FCO arranged with Civil Service Resourcing for Overseas Territories governments to be able to advertise secondment vacancies on the Civil Service Jobs website for free.</li> <li>• FCO funds 1750 places annually on the Civil Service Learning portal for Overseas Territories civil servants.</li> <li>• Anguilla funded visits for a BBC media consultant to provide training to enhance the Public Relations capacity within the public service, the media and the police.</li> </ul>
26	Extend to the Territories international treaties on tackling corruption, bribery and the financing of terrorism and of organised crime (the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC); the OECD Anti Bribery Convention; the UN Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (UNSFT); and the UN Convention on Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNTOC and UNSFT have been extended to Bermuda.</li> <li>• The Home Office is conducting a compliancy review of transposition tables for UNSFT and UNTOC submitted by Turks and Caicos Islands.</li> <li>• Home Office has provided comments to Anguilla on their compliance with the obligations under UNSFT and are considering Anguilla's legislation against the obligations under UNTOC .</li> <li>• The Cayman Islands consider that they are compliant with the obligations under UNCAC as outlined in the Executive Summary of a Department for International Development (DFID) funded independent consultant's report. The full report notes that there are some areas where further work is required. FCO and DFID are consulting to see how this can be resolved.</li> <li>• DFID funded consultant's report highlighted areas where Turks and Caicos Islands did not yet meet the criteria for extension to UNCAC and OECD Anti-Bribery. Report submitted to TCI for them to take forward.</li> <li>• A Roadmap was submitted and noted as fully implemented at OECD Working Group meeting in June.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFID in process of identifying suitable consultant and will fund Montserrat UNCAC and OECD Anti-Bribery compliancy review.</li> <li>• FCO providing funds for 2 day Anti-Bribery workshops in Bermuda and Turks and Caicos Islands in February 2015. The workshops will be delivered by the Ministry of Justice</li> </ul>
27	<p>Fulfill our commitment to extension of the core human rights conventions<sup>1</sup> where these have not been extended already.</p> <p>Footnote<sup>1</sup>: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESR); the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination; the Convention Against Torture and Overseas Territoriesher Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</p>	<p><b>CEDAW</b> (Anguilla, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St Helena (Tristan da Cunha and Ascension Island))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In June 2014 the Government Equalities Office (GEO) established a CEDAW project team to scrutinise requests received from Bermuda, Gibraltar, Cayman Islands and Anguilla, and established a Cross-Government Group to oversee progress. Work on the project commenced in August.</li> <li>• The Governor’s Office in Anguilla has funded a Gender Mainstreaming project in support of the request to have CEDAW extended, and funded the new head of the Gender Affairs Unit to visit established unit in British Virgin Islands.</li> </ul> <p><b>ICCPR and ICESCR</b> (Anguilla)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Justice and the FCO are reviewing compliance requirements with a view to supporting Anguilla in working towards the extension of the Covenants.</li> </ul> <p><b>CRC</b> (Gibraltar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK Government continues to encourage the government of Gibraltar to request the extension of the CRC, which is due to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this year. The Department for Education has provided guidance to Government of Gibralt and stands ready to provide further support.</li> </ul>
28	<p>Strengthen the work of audit bodies and public accounts committees or their equivalents, with the support of the UK National Audit Office (NAO).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NAO hosted a workshop in January 2014 for audit officials from the Territories. As a follow up to the workshop, the NAO is working with the Territories to develop a model framework for audit, which the Overseas Territories can draw on in planning their audit processes.</li> </ul>

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### Security

	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Progress</b>
29	Enhance support provided by the UK Association of Chief Police Officers, UK College of Policing and the newly formed National Crime Agency (NCA).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Caribbean Territories and Bermuda signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the NCA 'Regarding operational assistance and competency &amp; capability development opportunities in the investigation of serious and organised crime' on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014</li> <li>• UK Caribbean Overseas Territories &amp; Bermuda Commissioner of Police Training &amp; Development Business Area Lead and FCO-Overseas Territories LEA visit to College of Policing in January 2014 and single point of contact established.</li> <li>• Single point of contact established with UK Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) (Chief Executive) who attends Commissioner of Police meetings.</li> <li>• Information Sharing Agreements between Caribbean Overseas Territories &amp; Bermuda with ACPO Criminal Record Office (ACRO) being progressed with target date for implementation of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015</li> <li>• Secure communications link using new UK Public Service Network Police (PSNP) being progressed with target date for implementation 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.</li> </ul>
30	Enhance support for judicial and prosecution services, building upon the relationships already established with the Ministry of Justice and UK Crown Prosecution Service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between February 2013 and May 2013, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) deployed a prosecutor as a Criminal Justice Adviser (CJA) to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in the British Virgin Islands (BVI). Subsequently, the Governor and the DPP in the BVI identified a need for support in the priority areas of money laundering and asset recovery, as these directly linked into the need to improve BVI's performance and its standing with the international community. Arrangements were made for the CPS to deploy a Crown Prosecutor to act as CJA, in the period February 2014 to May 2014, for this purpose.</li> <li>• A mix of prison, probation and education staff from Anguilla were trained to Foundation and Practitioner level in restorative justice. The 3-day course was also completed by the Chief Magistrate from Montserrat, a Magistrate from Bermuda, the Rehabilitation manager from the British Virgin Islands and several prison and probation staff from the Cayman Islands. In October 2014, TCI undertook the same training. These courses also included briefings on Restorative Justice to senior local officials (Chief Justice, DPP, Attorney General, Governor etc) as well as several days spent assisting with preparation for the first meetings between victims and offenders.</li> </ul>

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31	<p>Implement disaster risk reduction initiatives; robust and effective disaster preparation and response planning, including exercising and engagement with regional and international disaster response agencies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly Working Group established to explore collaborative ways of working; share best practice e.g. through training and job shares, and explore how Caribbean Overseas Territories can help each Overseas Territoriesher with capacity building.</li> <li>• Job exchange programme introduced for FY14/15, enabling Disaster Management Officers from each Territory to share best practice and expertise.</li> <li>• Disaster Management Directors for Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, and Turks and Caicos Islands have been registered for and undertaken initial training on the Emergency Management Accreditation Programme (EMAP), an internationally recognised process which fosters excellence and accountability in emergency managers.</li> <li>• Annual stakeholder discussions held in Miami in May with Territory representatives, Governors’ Offices, the Senior Command team of the Royal Navy deployment to the Caribbean and external speakers.</li> <li>• Almost all Territories attended for the first time the Annual (Florida) Governor’s Hurricane Conference in Orlando in May pre-hurricane season.</li> <li>• Cayman Islands participated in the FCO Crisis Management Exercise (‘Sunseeker’) June 2014, with attendance by Bermuda and Turks and Caicos Islands.</li> <li>• Turks and Caicos Islands representative attended Bournemouth University Disaster Management course (July 2014).</li> </ul>
32	<p>Take advantage of the expertise of the UK Ministry of Justice (MOJ), National Offender Management Service (NOMS) and HM Prison Service to progress alternatives to custody, prison reform, restorative justice and protection of vulnerable witnesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restorative Justice processes now operating in Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands &amp; Montserrat and working group set up in Bermuda following UK-led training course in July 2014. Training for Turks and Caicos Islands to take place in November 2014.</li> <li>• Parole processes continue to develop, with improved risk assessment and decision making tools. British Virgin Islands Parole Board will hold first hearings in late 2014, being the last Territory to implement parole. Parole Board of England &amp; Wales will assist with training and provision of specialist advice.</li> <li>• NOMS trainers have delivered further UK-accredited offending behaviour programmes in cognitive skills and victim awareness to British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands in 2014.</li> <li>• In October 2014, British Virgin Islands will be the first Overseas Territory to be trained by UK specialists to deliver a family-focussed programme aimed at reducing reoffending.</li> <li>• Advisory visits by Youth Justice Board took place in British Virgin Islands (June 2014) and Turks and Caicos Islands (July 2014).</li> <li>• One prison now has a specialist search team trained by a NOMS trainer, and one Territory prison will</li> </ul>

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		<p>shortly commence a cell phone blocking pilot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A significant increase in secondments to UK prisons has taken place over the last 12 months, with over 15 individuals spending an average of 4 weeks there.</li> </ul>
33	Put in place robust and reliable extradition arrangements, including through extension of the 2003 Extradition Act;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCO legal advisers are in regular contact with Territory Attorneys General in support of their review of their Acts. Orders in Council will be made for each Overseas Territory.</li> </ul>

### Health [carried over from 2012 Communiqué]

	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Progress</b>
34	<p>Improve treatment and care for people suffering from chronic non-communicable diseases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve the sharing of information on UK health strategies and practices to the Territories;</li> <li>• share expertise on the audit and review of healthcare standards;</li> <li>• improve treatment of the mentally ill, building on work carried out by the Royal College of Psychiatry.</li> </ul>	<p>The Department of Health (DH) stands ready to respond to requests from the Overseas Territories for information on how to improve treatment and care for people suffering from specific chronic non-communicable diseases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DH and Care Quality Commission representatives shared expertise on audit and review of healthcare standards with the Overseas Territories in September.</li> <li>• DH working with UK Government departments to address mental health issues in the Overseas Territories, and in particular in the prisons.</li> <li>• Forensic Psychiatrists from Oxleas Trust carried out an advisory visit to British Virgin Islands in February to review processes in the justice system for dealing with the mentally ill. (Follows earlier visits to Anguilla and Montserrat). Proposal being taken forward for a visit to Turks and Caicos Islands.</li> <li>• Health Action Partnership International (HAPI), Oxleas Trust and DH are working with Montserrat, Anguilla and The British Virgin Islands to build on visits undertaken to the islands by forensic psychiatrists, encouraging the Overseas Territories to take practical steps to improve care, support and rehabilitation for mentally ill offenders.</li> <li>• Oxleas Trust remains ready to provide a support and advice line to Montserrat and Anguilla.</li> </ul>

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35	Use telemedicine and other distance support arrangements where this can improve healthcare in the Territories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DH holds regular teleconferences with the Overseas Territories, both on specific issues and as an opportunity for the Overseas Territories to raise any concerns that they may have. The teleconference in September focussed on Ebola.</li> <li>• DH provides information to Overseas Territories as requested and sign posts to relevant organisations for support on technical issues e.g. DH and the National Health Service organised a visit for the Turks and Caicos Ministerial delegation to a Public Private Partnership/Private Finance Initiative (PPP/PFI) hospital in London in the first week of September 2014.</li> </ul>
36	Address gaps identified by situation analysis of International Health Regulation (IHR) compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK reported to the WHO earlier this summer that all UK territory, including OTs and Crown Dependencies (CDs), are considered broadly compliant with IHR. Points of entry under IHR have now been designated in mainland UK. UK Overseas Territories are considered broadly compliant with IHR given their specific and sometimes unique contexts, although surveillance and response systems could be further strengthened</li> </ul>
37	Improve representation of the Territories and linkages with the work of global and regional health bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DH continues to play an active and central coordination role for Overseas Territories in relation to the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) Directing Council, the World Health Assembly (WHA) and other World Health Organisation (WHO) meetings. We contacted the Overseas Territories prior to WHA and the Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting (CHMM) in May to share papers and ask for any comments. Turks and Caicos Islands attended the PAHO meeting in September.</li> </ul>
38	Review health care support for the people of the Territories including the NHS quota arrangement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of Overseas Territories have quotas of four places per year for residents to be treated in the UK. There have been ongoing discussions on whether these quotas could be increased both with the Overseas Territories and within DH. DH and FCO officials have agreed that this requires a steer from Ministers. A ministerial meeting is due to take place in December.</li> </ul>
39	Assistance for the cost-effective procurement of medicines and professional training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2013, a questionnaire was sent to all Overseas Territories, seeking information on their current procurement arrangements, and asking whether they would be interested in DH potentially playing a central role. DH compiled all of this data, which is a useful source of information.</li> <li>• A call was organised in May between the Overseas Territories and experts from within DH, Public Health England (PHE) and the Commercial Medicines Unit, to allow further discussion and those Overseas Territories that did want assistance from the UK had specific asks, largely around the procurement of particular vaccines. There was no demand for a radical overhaul of systems. The only Overseas Territory that deemed this area to be a priority is St Helena. As a result of this, PHE will be including St Helena in a Procurement process piloting OT involvement. Plans for the Procurement will be finalised shortly.</li> <li>• DH and FCO are currently working together on issues relating to Overseas Territories' professional training requirements.</li> </ul>