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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

President: Lord Hunt of Wirral

Chair: Ian Lavery MP

Hon Secretary: Jo Stevens MP

***Mesothelioma Research Update***<sup>1</sup>

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. / Tuesday, 22 March 2016  
Room 10, House of Commons  
London, SW1A 0AA

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**Objectives:**

This extraordinary meeting of MPs and invited guests will consider the controversy over the UK's failure to provide research funding for the asbestos cancer: mesothelioma.<sup>2</sup> On the one hand, the Government claims that funding is available, but mesothelioma research proposals are "unworthy," while on the other, the cutting edge work of UK scientists has resulted in the world's most prestigious mesothelioma conference being held in May 2016 in Birmingham. Who is right? Patients, medical experts and researchers will seek to enlighten MPs and interested parties.

**Agenda:**

- 3:00 **Welcome:** Chair Ian Lavery MP.
- 3:05 **Living with Mesothelioma.** Trevor Barlow, Manchester Patient and Carer Support Group, Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group.
- 3:15 **A Patient's Perspective on Mesothelioma Treatment.** Mavis Nye, Mesothelioma Warrior, diagnosed 2009.
- 3:25 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION. Dawn of a New Era for Effective Mesothelioma Therapy.** Dean Fennell, Professor of Thoracic Medical Oncology, University of Leicester, President, International Mesothelioma Interest Group.
- 3.50 **Research in Mesothelioma Nursing:** Liz Darlison, Mesothelioma UK
- 4.05 **Q & A**
- 4:15 **Funding and Strategies for UK Mesothelioma Research: Where Now?**  
Dr. Kate Hill, Visiting Senior Research Fellow at Leeds Institute for Health Sciences, University of Leeds; Ian Jarrold, Head of Research, British Lung Foundation; Professor Bill Cookson, Head of Respiratory Sciences, Imperial College
- 4:40 **Q & A**
- 5:00 **Conclusion:** Chair Ian Lavery MP

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<sup>1</sup> An information seminar held under the auspices of the Asbestos Sub-Group of The All Party Parliamentary Occupational Safety and Health Group

<sup>2</sup> The HSE estimates that there are around 5,000 asbestos-related deaths per year in the UK, of which 2,538 are due to mesothelioma. <http://www.hse.gov.uk/Statistics/causdis/mesothelioma/index.htm>