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Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Department for Constitutional Affairs what plans he has to make representations to the Chief Justice of Germany concerning the case of Catherine Meyer	Question for written answer	125527	19-Jly-03	Mr Lammy
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, LCD, what steps have recently been taken by her Department to provide and improve statistics of cases of child abduction	Question for written answer	102237	14-Mch-03	Rosie Winterton
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Keith Vaz, MP	The Prime Minister will know the case of Catherine Meyer, whose two sons were abducted by her German husband nine years ago. My right hon. Friend kindly wrote to the German Chancellor about the case, but received a very unhelpful reply. Will he please write again to Chancellor Schröder and remind him that it is wrong in principle for individuals to use the German courts to deny a mother access to or contact with her children for almost a decade? Surely we expect better from an EU partner	Parliamentary Question	111513 - Hansard - Column 60	7-Mch-03	The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair
The Prime Minister	My hon. Friend has made numerous representations on Lady Meyer's behalf and, as he rightly says, I have raised the case with Chancellor Schröder.	Parliamentary Question	111513 - Hansard - Column 690	7-Mch-03	
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, LCD, what steps her Dept takes to discharge its obligation...under Article 21 of the Hague Convention on Intl Child Abduction...	Question for written answer	98250	24-Feb-03	Rosie Winterton
Keith Vaz, MP	..calls for the UK Government to urgently redouble the efforts to assist Lady Meyer on this sad and serious matter	Motion	731	12-Feb-03	

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David Cameron, MP	In connection with raising awareness, may I draw the Minister's attention to an organisation called PACT—Parents and Abducted Children Together—with which I have recently become associated? It was set up by Lady Meyer, the wife of our ambassador in Washington, and it makes the point that, of the 546 children abducted last year, some 40 per cent. were abducted by their parents. That is a very serious matter, as the Minister has said. Will she stand ready to meet PACT representatives to discuss how awareness can be raised and what can be done about a problem that is becoming increasingly serious	Parliamentary Question	93564 - Hansard Column 137	4-Feb-03	Rosie Winterton
Bill Cash, MP	The Minister rightly refers to awareness as regards vulnerable cases. Does she yet have evidence that the new Council regulation, which is intended to complement The Hague convention, will ensure the prompt return of children to their country of habitual residence? Will it reverse the numerous cases, such as that of Lady Meyer, which involve German jurisdiction?	Parliamentary Question	93564 - Hansard Column 137 onwards	4-Feb-03	Rosie Winterton
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what follow-up action will be taken to contact British parents who have reported prevention of access to their children in Germany to British Consulates, in order to identify the common problems they are experiencing and give them assistance in the future.	Question for written answer	89025	8-Jan-03	Mr O'Brien
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if the Lord Chancellor's Department will produce a yearly report presenting the results of legal proceedings abroad sought to settle disputes related to child abduction	Question for written answer	89053	8-Jan-03	Rosie Winterton
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if she will take actions against countries that deny British parents reasonable access to their children held abroad	Question for written answer	89054	7-Jan-03	Rosie Winterton
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if she will take steps to contact parents who have reported prevention of access to their children in Germany to the Child Abduction Unit, to determine if their problems remain and offer them assistance as appropriate; and what progress has been made on Lady Meyer's case	Question for written answer	89055	7-Jan-03	Rosie Winterton

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Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department whether the Government will be making a contribution to the Hague Conference Supplementary Budget XLVIII (2002–2003) for the conference's continuing work on international child abduction; and if he will make a statement.	Question for written answer	88185	7-Jan-03	Rosie Winterton
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department what the Government's policy is on the EU proposal for a Council Regulation on Mutual Recognition of Decisions on Parental Responsibility	Question for written answer	87246	18-Dec-02	Rosie Winterton
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Prime Minister when he sent the letter to the Chancellor of Germany concerning the case of Catherine Meyer; and when the reply was received. [86723]	Parliamentary Question	86723 - Hansard Column 282W	12-Dec-02	
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (1) what plans he has to raise the case of Catherine Meyer in an international forum; (2) what plans he has to raise child abduction issues in an EU forum	Question for written answer	75651 & 75652	31-Oct-02	Prime Minister
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Prime Minister if he has had a reply to the letter he sent to Chancellor Schröder concerning Catherine Meyer	Correspondence	81499 - Hansard Column 21W	25-Nov-02	Prime Minister
Keith Vaz, MP	Was he (the Prime Minister) able (to raise) her case with Chancellor Schroeder...	Oral Question - Debate on European Council	554	28-Oct-02	Prime Minister
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department how many cases of prevention of access to children of British Nationals living in Germany have been reported to the Child Abduction Unit in the last five years	Question for written answer	79518	7-Nov-02	Rosie Winterton
Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department, if he will make a statement on the number of people in the Child Abduction Unit.	Question for written answer	77370	29-Oct-02	Rosie Winterton
Sandra Gidley	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if she will list, by country, the number of child abduction cases dealt with by his Department which exceeded the six week deadline for a hearing (a) in each year since 1998 and (b) in 2002 to date.	Question for written answer	76408	24-Oct-02	Rosie Winterton

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Keith Vaz, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department, pursuant to her answer of 20 June 2002, Official Report, column 530W, on child abductions, to which countries the children were abducted.	Question for written answer	65277	1-Jul-02	Rosie Winterton
Keith Vaz, MP	Motion made, and Question put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145(3) (Liaison Committee) - Catherine Meyer - I am grateful for the opportunity to raise in the House the case of Catherine Meyer, whose two sons were abducted by her former husband eight years ago, in 1994....	Adjournment Debate	Hansard - Column 840 onwards	11-Jun-02	Dennis Mc Shane
Keith Vaz, MP	Motion made, and Question put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145(3) (Liaison Committee) To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what steps his Department has taken since 1 January to assist Catherine Meyer regain custody of her sons through the German courts.	Question for written answer	51503	1-May-02	Mr Bradshaw
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, LCD, what amendments the Government is seeking to the Proposal for a Council regulation on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matters of parental responsibility...	Question for written answer	29531	21-Jan-02	Michael Wills
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if she will list the actions that the Government may take to further the implementation and financing of the conclusions and recommendations of the March 2001 Meeting of the Special Commission to Review the Operation of the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.	Question for written answer	29530 - Column 1026W	24-Jan-02	Rosie Winterton
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Dept what steps he will take to ensure that police forces place details of missing children on the uk.missingkids. Website..	Question for written answer	29529	25-Jan-02	John Denham
Keith Vaz, George Osborne, Peter Bottomley, Harry Barnes, Brian Sedgemoor, Bob Russell	Catherine Meyer and the abduction of her children	Motion	No. 76 2301 Column 640	15-Jan-02	

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Bill Cash, MP	First, I thank the Minister not only for his concluding remarks but for his generous offer on child abduction, an issue about which he knows I feel strongly...For the record, in the light of what the Minister had to say, I shall also not press amendment No. 233 on child abduction to a Division. I beg to ask leave to withdraw the amendment.	Parliamentary Question	Hansard - Column 243 onwards	17-Jly-02	Peter Hain
Bill Cash, MP	Amendment 233 tabled by Bill Cash to the European Communities Bill to deal with child abduction - I know that the Minister will be good enough to respond to my amendment No. 233, which deals with child abduction...	Debate - European Communities Bill	Hansard - Column 836 onwards	11-Jul-01	Peter Hain
Sir John Stanley, MP	Motion made, and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn - Child Abduction - Will there be Ministerial attendance at the Special Review Commission on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction; will the British Government support the god practice guide; and what provision will it take to improve enforcement of access rights	Parliamentary Question	Hansard - Column 1083 onwards	3-May-02	Jane Kennedy
Sir John Stanley, MP	The Parliamentary Secretary will remember that we last met on 24 October last year, when I secured an Adjournment debate in Westminster Hall before the special commission meeting in The Hague to review the operation of the 1980 Hague convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction. I am very glad to return to that extremely important subject now that the special commission meeting has taken place.	Parliamentary Question	Hansard - Column 1083 onwards	3-May-01	Jane Kennedy
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if she will place a copy of the Central Authority for England and Wales' working paper submitted to the Permanent Bureau for the forthcoming Special Commission to review the operation of the Hague Convention on child abduction in the Library	Question for written answer	154318	19-Mch-01	Jane Kennedy
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if she will place in the Library the Government's response to the questionnaire concerning the practical operation of the Hague Convention on Child Abduction and views on possible recommendations, drawn up by Mr. William Duncan, Deputy Secretary-General, and dated October 2000.	Question for written answer	150890	28-Feb-01	Jane Kennedy

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Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs if he will list the countries which have acceded to The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction but whose accession has not yet been declared as accepted by the Government under Article 38; what are the dates of the accession to the Convention of each of these countries; and for which of these countries it is his intention to make a declaration of acceptance in due course.	Question for written answer	139012	21-Nov-00	Peter Hain
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, LCD, what his policy is towards the Initiative of the French Republic for a draft Council Regulation on the mutual enforcement of judgements on rights of access to children	Question for written answer	135730	30-Oct-00	Mr David Lock
Sir John Stanley, MP	Child abduction - This is a timely moment for a short debate on the Hague convention on international child abduction. First, child abduction beyond the boundaries of the country in which the child is normally resident is, regrettably, an increasing violation of human rights...	Parliamentary Question	Hansard - Column 24WH onwards	24-Oct-00	Jane Kennedy
Sir John Stanley, MP	Review of the Hague Convention on Child Abduction	Early Day Motion - 118 signatures	980	1-Jul-00	
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department what response the Government have made to the recent request from the Secretariat for the Hague Convention on Child Abduction for an increase in funding from states who are parties to the Convention.	Question for written answer	95479	27-Oct-99	Jane Kennedy
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Minister of State, Lord Chancellor's Department if he will place in the Library all information available to him about (a) the deliberations of the Special Commission to review the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction which took place in March 1997 and (b) the Special Commission's conclusions.	Question for written answer	56686	28-Oct-98	Jeff Hoon
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Minister of State, Lord Chancellor's Department if he will list the improvements he wishes to see in the operation of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and if he will make a statement	Question for written answer	56680	28-Oct-98	Jeff Hoon

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Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department what was the outcome of the international review meeting in 1997 of the Hague Convention on Child Abduction; and what follow-up action the British Government are taking	Question for written answer	44906	11-Jun-98	Jeff Hoon
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if it is his Department's policy that legal aid should be provided under the terms of Regulation 14 (1) of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations 1989 to overseas citizens whose Governments fail to provide legal aid on the same terms to UK citizens in child abduction cases; and if he will make a statement	Question for written answer	32074	05-Mch-98	Jeff Hoon
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if he will list (a) the number of unresolved cases of child abduction from the United Kingdom, (b) the countries in which the children concerned are believed to be residing and (c) the number of children concerned in each country	Question for written answer	31933	05-Mch-98	Jeff Hoon
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department if he will list in respect of each country that is a signatory to the Hague Convention on Child Abduction, the number of cases where the judicial or administrative authority of the requested state has (a) ordered the return of the abducted child and (b) declined to order the return of the abducted child when requested to do so by the UK Central Authority	Question for written answer	31932	05-Mch-98	Jeff Hoon
Sir John Stanley, MP	The second issue that I want to raise relates to one of the most difficult parts of the convention, but it is critical. It is the extent to which the wishes of an abducted child should be taken into account in determining to which parent he or she should be returned. The relevant provisions of the convention are set out in article 13, which state...	Parliamentary Question	Hansard - Column 272 onwards	12-Jun-96	Gary Streeter
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department what is the number of children known to his Department to have been abducted out of the United Kingdom in each of the last five year	Written Question	32302	11-Jun-96	Gary Streeter

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Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department (1) what assessment he has made in relation to his Department's responsibilities of whether The Hague convention of the civil aspects of international child abduction requires either amendment or clarification of the working practices under the convention; and what steps he will take to try to secure improvement	Question for written answer	32301	11-Jun-96	Gary Streeter
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department in how many new cases his Department's child abduction unit carried out work relating to The Hague convention on child abduction and the European custody convention in each year since 1990	Question for written answer	32300	11-Jun-96	Gary Streeter
Sir John Stanley, MP	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs if he will list those members of the European Union that have not ratified both The Hague convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction and the European convention on recognition and enforcement of decisions concerning the custody of children	Question for written answer	32298	11-Jun-96	Gary Streeter
Sir John Stanley, MP and Bill Oler, MP	Child abduction and the Hague Convention and Catherine Laylle's case	Adjournment Debate	Hansard - Column 272 onwards	12-Jun-96	Gary Streeter
Sir Nicholas Scott, Kate Hoey, William Cash, Bernard Jenkin, Ian Duncan Smith	Catherine Laylle - I am grateful for the opportunity to draw the attention of the House to the case of Catherine Laylle, who holds dual British and French nationality and whose case has been raised in the press on more than one occasion in recent months. The importance of her case is underlined by the presence today of a number of right hon. and hon. Members on both sides of the House who have taken an interest in her case and who, I understand, may wish to intervene, albeit briefly, in this short debate. I will therefore seek to abbreviate my remarks on what is at once a complicated and a highly emotional case	Adjournment Debate	Hansard - Column 355 onwards	5-Jul-95	John Taylor