**Supplementary material**

**Appendix: Survey text**

This appendix provides the main text of the survey. There were very slight differences in the text wording for denominational and ‘other Christian’ groups, as indicated in square brackets below.

This questionnaire asks about [church / Christian (and closely related)] groups’ engagement with UK government policy. This refers to policy matters that fall within the remit of the government led by the UK prime minister and of the Westminster parliament. Please disregard any engagement with devolved or local governments and legislatures (e.g. the National Assembly for Wales, the Scottish government, local councils, etc.).

**Part 1: General information**

1. What is the name of your [church] organisation? (Please amend if incorrect.)

2. Is your [church] organisation formally represented by any other body that seeks on your behalf to inform, influence or engage with government policy?

* Yes
* No

If you selected Yes, please specify any that apply (e.g. the Churches’ Legislation Advisory Service).

3. Thinking about [those who attend congregations that are part of your church organisation / your organisation’s supporters], which other Christian organisations that broadly represent their views on UK government policy matters?

4. Does your [church] organisation itself ever seek directly to inform, influence or engage with UK government policy?

* Yes
* No

If you answered No to Question 4, there is no need to answer any further questions. You may if you wish provide any additional comments in Part 4 (page 6).

**Part 2: General policy work**

5. Do you consider your organisation to be ‘Christian’? (Please select one.) [This question was asked only to ‘other Christian’ groups.]

* Yes: Christianity is integral to our work and ethos
* Yes: Christianity is part of our work and/or ethos, but not integral
* Yes: Christianity is part of our heritage, though does not greatly affect our work today
* No: But we believe that a majority of our supporters are drawn from the churches
* No: we do not consider ourselves to be Christian in any way
* Other (please specify)

6. Does your [church] organisation have an individual or a team (whether paid or volunteers) that is formally responsible for engaging with government policy on your behalf?

* Yes
* No

If you selected Yes, roughly how many individuals comprise this team (full time persons or equivalent), and roughly how many years has it been active?

7. What are the most important topics on which your [church] organisation actively seeks to inform, influence or engage with government policy? (Please specify up to five topics.)

* 1:
* 2:
* 3:
* 4:
* 5:

8. How does your [church] organisation typically determine which policy issues it is active on? (E.g. by church leadership, lay staff, a governing body, views of individual members.)

9. Have you engaged with any specific pieces of proposed legislation (e.g. bills considered by parliament), or any other specific government policy developments, in recent years? Please give details.

10. Have there been any cases in recent years when you have achieved a ‘success’ (however defined) when engaging with government policy? Please give details.

**Part 3: Policy engagement mechanisms**

11. Which of the following activities has your organisation used when seeking to influence government policy? [Boxes for: Major use, Minor use, Not used]

* Contact with government civil servants or ministers
* Response to a government consultation
* Contact with MPs or peers (Lords), other than ministers
* Participation in formal parliamentary proceedings (e.g. select committees)
* Issuing press releases or holding a press conference
* Arranging publication of own content in media (e.g. op-eds, paid adverts)
* Encouraging supporters to contact elected representatives of officials about a specific policy matter
* Organising, or encouraging your supporters to participate in, demonstrations or rallies
* Litigation through the courts (e.g. to influence policy implementation)
* Promoting supportive candidates in Westminster elections

12. How would you rank the following four types of activity, in order of importance to your organisation, when seeking to influence government policy? (1= most important; 4= least)

* Direct contact with government (e.g. departments, civil servants, ministers)
* Direct contact with parliament (e.g. MPs, peers (Lords), select committees)
* Influencing media reporting
* Mobilising supporters to take action

13. To what extent do you agree with the following statements? (Boxes for: Strongly disagree, Moderately disagree, Neither agree not disagree, Moderately agree, Strongly agree, No view/unsure)

* The government is open to engagement from Christian groups on policy matters
* The government’s openness to engagement from Christian groups has improved over recent years/decades
* MPs and peers are open to engagement from Christian groups on policy matters
* MPs’ and peers’ openness to engagement from Christian groups has improved over recent years/decades
* The mainstream media are interested in reporting on engagement from Christian groups on policy matters
* The mainstream media’s interest in reporting on engagement from Christian groups on policy matters has improved over recent years/decades
* Christianity faces marginalisation and exclusion from the public sphere by an intolerant form of secularism
* To be influential on UK public policy, it is often necessary for Christian groups to use secular language and arguments

14. Is your organisation routinely consulted by the government on issues of interest to you?

* Yes
* No

If you selected Yes, are any departments in your experience particularly willing to consult? (please specify)

15. Thinking specifically about any engagement with the Westminster parliament, which of the following activities has your [church] organisation participated in?

* Circulated briefing material to MPs and/or peers
* Met with an MP or peer to discuss a policy matter
* Asked an MP or peer to help arrange a meeting with a minister or civil servant
* Asked an MP or peer to table a parliamentary question
* Asked an MP or peer to raise a particular issue in debate
* Asked an MP or peer to table or sign an Early Day Motion
* Asked an MP or peer to table an amendment to a bill
* Worked with an MP or peer on a private member’s bill (or private peer’s bill)
* Submitted written evidence to a public bill committee
* Submitted written evidence to a select committee
* Given oral evidence before a public bill committee
* Given oral evidence before a select committee
* Acted as secretariat to an All Party Parliamentary Group
* Asked supporters to write to MPs and/or peers
* Organised a petition to parliament, or encouraged your supporters to sign one
* Organised, or encouraged your supporters to participate in, a demonstration outside parliament
* Other (please specify)

16. As far as your contacts within parliament are concerned, how important are the following to your organisation when seeking to inform, influence or engage with government policy? (Boxes for: Major importance, Minor importance, Not important)

* Backbenchers in the Commons
* Backbenchers in the Lords
* Opposition frontbenchers in the Commons
* Opposition frontbenchers in the Lords
* Second Church Estates Commissioner in the Commons
* Lords Spiritual (bishops) in the Lords
* MPs or peers who share your Christian affiliation or beliefs
* Select committees in either chamber
* All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs)
* Other (please specify below)

If you selected Other, please specify.

17. Do you have any further comments you would like to make about this topic?