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London's chairmen come to Brussels



CONSERVATIVE Association chairmen from across London visited the capital's three Tory MEPs in Brussels to experience at first hand their work in the European Parliament.

Marina, Charles Tannock and Syed Kamall each spoke about their respective areas of responsibility. There was an intensive question and answer session

and a chance for the chairmen to visit the Parliament's main chamber. One of the chairmen commented: "It was a great opportunity to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of our MEPs and a chance to see the European Parliament at work."

Marina intends to host further visits for the chairmen who missed this opportunity to attend.

TAKING THE LEAD ON E. COLI CRISIS

MARINA took the lead in keeping the European Parliament informed on the recent E. coli outbreak that led to 43 deaths within the EU.

She spoke in Strasbourg in her role as the contact point for the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and highlighted how cross-border co-operation can prevent the spread of diseases.

The E .coli outbreak originated in Northern Germany and has since been attributed to seeds imported from Egypt. It was second largest reported outbreak in history, with more than 1,500 people infected.

Marina said: "For citizens to have the best chance of protecting themselves and their families' health it is essential to communicate accurate and helpful information. ECDC has been on hand from the beginning of the outbreak to monitor the situation and inform EU countries.



ACTION: Marina at the HPA lab in Colindale

In the UK we only had three reported cases, but we must remain vigilant." Marina and MPs Bob Blackman and Matthew Offord also visited the Health Protection Agency (HPA) in Colindale to find out about their work on the E.coli outbreak.

Marina out and about in London

CAMPAIGNING AND CANVASSING: COUNCIL by-elections have taken Marina across the capital, canvassing for candidates from Enfield to Kensington and Chelsea. In Wandsworth Marina supported candidate Mike Ryder, who won the **Thamesfield** by-election. Marina joined the campaign to see Marilyn Ashton re-elected as a councillor in the **Stanmore Park** by-election for Harrow Council, joining Bob Blackman MP on the doorsteps. Marina attended a fundraising event in **Maida Vale** hosted by Cllr Lindsay Hall, to launch the London 2012 re-election campaign for Deputy Mayor Kit Malthouse.

CONSTITUENCIES: MARINA has had a busy month. She took part in a question and answer session at **West Lewisham and Penge** Conservatives' Salmon and Strawberries day. Marina said: "The most topical question was how I feel about the Greek economy!"

Marina also attended the **Ealing Central and Acton** Conservative

barbecue and **Richmond Park** Conservatives questioned Marina for 45 minutes on the EU - which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Lancaster Gate Ward Conservatives came out to support The Lord Mayor of Westminster - Councillor Susie Burbridge - at the Annual Civic Service in Westminster Abbey. Meanwhile Councillor Mike Mogul from **Croydon** welcomed Marina to his constituency.

Marina said: "I feel strongly that an important part of being an MEP is meeting activists across London and reporting back to them on my work in the European Parliament."



STREETWISE: Marina with Bob Blackman MP, Marilyn Ashton and the team in Harrow West



WORK BEGINS: Marina with Kit Malthouse in Maida Vale



QUESTIONING: West Lewisham and Penge



PATRIOTIC: Union Jack tableware at the Ealing barbecue

If you would like Marina to attend a London event email marinayannakoudakis@europarl.europa.eu

Procuring a better deal for Britain

MARINA has been involved in revising the rules on the way goods and services are ordered for the public sector – known as the Modernisation of Public Procurement Directive.

She believes this should generally be left to individual countries and UK spending should not be dictated by EU officials. It is estimated that the UK public sector spends over £150 billion a year on goods and services. Marina voting against any mandatory quotas for contracts and has opposed all recommendations imposing new restrictions on UK authorities. Instead, Marina wants to increase the chances of smaller businesses winning contracts.

Briefing on fake medicines



MARINA'S fourth event at Europe House in London's Smith Square was a briefing on pharmaceuticals and fake medicines. Lawrence Berry from Datapharm – a not-for-profit information organisation – shared his expertise.