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Flooding threat is 'very real' in many constituencies

MANAGING flood risk was the theme of a recent dinner hosted by John Greenway and general insurer Royal & SunAlliance. Members attending the dinner were given maps generated using the insurer's Geographical Risk Assessment tool which showed in detail the extent and nature of flood risks in parts of their constituencies.

R&SA chief executive Bridget McIntyre explained what the company itself was doing to reduce its own carbon footprint and then set out the case for specific action on flooding.

While acknowledging that progress had been made by government in building and maintaining flood defences, Bridget warned that there was no scope for complacency and urged increased spending on flood defences in order to meet the risk posed by climate change.

The dinner took place on the day of the publication of the Stern report and the government's pledge to introduce a Climate Change Bill, subsequently con-



McIntyre: flood defences plea firmed in the Queen's Speech.

If your constituency is subject to flooding and this is an area of concern for you, R&SA could use their Geographical Risk Assessment tool to produce a flood map for parts of your constituency. Please contact Jacqueline Philips, public affairs manager, R&SA on 020 7111 7052 or e-mail her at jacqueline.philips@gcc.royalsun.com.

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Group membership reaches new high as its tackles key topics

THE GROUP'S membership has reached a new high. This has come as a result of its active autumn programme which has touched on a wide range of key policy and constituency issues.

Pensions, flooding and home information packs are among the topics that the group has discussed that are right at the top of the broader political agenda. With the group's unparalleled access to expertise in the insurance and financial services sector, it has gained a reputation for informative and thought provoking meetings.

Among the new members are: Rt Hon Michael Jack (Con), Norman Lamb (Lib Dem), James Paice (Con) and Mark Todd (Lab) from the House of Commons and Lord Gilbert and Baroness Hollis of Heigham (both Labour) from the House of Lords.

Greenway to stand down

JOHN Greenway has announced that he will be standing down at the next General Election following his failure to win selection for the newly formed Thirsk & Malton seat.

He has pledged to continue as chairman of the group until the election, a post he has held since 1992.

Blog will cover group

WHEN it was launched the core mission of the group was to create a better channel of communication between the industry and Parliament, so adding a 'blog' to the group's website is a natural move.

It will be written and up-dated by David Worsfold and can be found at <http://blog.appgifs.org.uk/>. People will be able to add their own comments.