The Committee of Public Accounts

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Membership

Rt Hon Margaret Hodge (Labour, Barking) (Chair)
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Mr Stephen Barclay (Conservative, North East Cambridgeshire)
Guto Bebb (Conservative, Aberconwy)
Jackie Doyle-Price (Conservative, Thurrock)
Chris Heaton-Harris (Conservative, Daventry)
Meg Hillier MP (Labour, Hackney south and Shoreditch)
Fiona Mactaggart (Labour, Slough)
Mr Austin Mitchell (Labour, Great Grimsby)
Chloe Smith MP (Conservative, Norwich North)
Nick Smith (Labour, Blaenau Gwent)
Ian Swales (Liberal Democrats, Redcar)
Justin Tomlinson (Conservative, North Swindon)

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Committee staff

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14 May 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon                      Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay                       Meg Hillier
Jackie Doyle-Price                    Mr Austin Mitchell
Matthew Hancock                      Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris                   Ian Swales
Mr Stewart Jackson

1. Declaration of Interests
Meg Hillier declared her interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

2. Immigration points system – student based
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to: Immigration points system – student based inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: The Chief Executive, The London School of English, The Imperial College London, The London School of Economics and the Permanent Secretary, Home Office.

Simeon Underwood, Academic Registrar, London School of Economics, Timothy Blake, Chief Executive, London School of English, Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, HMRC, Dame Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Robert Whiteman, Chief Executive, UK Boarder Agency and Jeremy Oppenheim, Temporary Migration Lead, UK Border Agency, gave oral evidence. (HC 101-i)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 May 2012 at 3.00pm.]
16 May 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon  Mr Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price  Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris  Ian Swales
Mr Stewart Jackson  James Wharton
Meg Hillier

1. **Government procurement card**
Draft Report (*Government procurement card*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 101-i.

*Ordered*, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 134

2. **Mobile technology in policing**
Draft Report (*Mobile technology in policing*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 129-i.

3. **Regional growth fund**
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and David Cohen, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Regional growth fund be reported to the House for publication on the internet: The Permanent Secretary, Department for Business Innovation and Skills and the Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities and Local Government and further written evidence from The Permanent Secretary, Department for Business Innovation and Skills and the Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities and Local Government.
Professor Steven Broomhead, Liverpool University, Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence. (HC 104 -i).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 May 2012 at 3.00pm.

22 May 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon          Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price        Meg Hillier
Matthew Hancock           Mr Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris       Nick Smith
Mr Stewart Jackson        James Wharton

1. Declaration of Interests
Meg Hillier declared her interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

2. Fraud within the welfare to work providers
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and David Clarke, Director, were in attendance.

Paula Diggle, Treasury officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Fraud within the welfare to work providers inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: The Department for Work and Pensions; and The Employment Related Services Association.

Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions, Alan Cave, Delivery Director, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence (HC 103 – i).
23 May 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Matthew Hancock
Chris Heaton-Harris

Fiona Mactaggart
Mr Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
James Wharton

1. Implementing the transparency agenda
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Nick Sloan, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Implementing the transparency agenda inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: The Information Commissioner’s Office and the Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government.

Spencer Chainey, Principal Research Assistant, Department of Security and Crime Science, University College London, Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, Local Government Association, Jim Killock, Executive Director, Open Rights Group, Matthew Sinclair, Director, TaxPayers’ Alliance, Tim Kelsey, Executive Director, Transparency and Open Data, Cabinet Office, Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for communities and Local Government and Dame Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, gave oral evidence (HC 102 – i).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 3.00pm.]
12 June 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart

Meg Hillier
Mr Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales

1. **Management of adult diabetes in the NHS**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and David Moon, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Management of adult diabetes in the NHS be reported to the House for publication the internet: Diabetes UK and Association of British Clinical Diabetologists.

Professor Roy Taylor, Newcastle University, Baroness Young, Chief Executive, Diabetes UK, Dr Rowan Hillson MBE, National Clinical Director for Diabetes, Sir Bruce Keogh, NHS Medial director for England, Sir David Nicholson KCB CBE, Chief Executive of the NHS in England and Una O’Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, gave oral evidence (HC 289 – i)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June 2012 at 3.00pm.]
13 June 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Matthew Hancock
Chris Heaton-Harris
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Meg Hillier
Mr Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales

1. Improving the efficiency of central government property
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Keith Davis, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ian Watmore, Accounting Officer, Cabinet Office, Stephen Lovegrove, Chief Executive Officer, Shareholder Executive, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Neil Warsop, Deputy director, Government Property Unit, gave oral evidence (HC 288 – i)

[Adjourned till Monday 25 June 2012 at 3.00pm.

Sunday 17 June 2012

The Chair, Richard Bacon, Meg Hillier, Mr Stewart Jackson, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Austin Mitchell and Nick Smith visited Boston and Washington D.C, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 17 November 2011.
25 June 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  Meg Hillier
Stephen Barclay  Mr Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price  Ian Swales
Matthew Hancock  James Wharton
Mr Stewart Jackson

1. **Assurance of High Risk projects**
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Keith Davis, Director, were in attendance.

Paula Diggle, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Dr Marc Van Grondelle, Head of Joint ventures at KPMG and Ex-Shell, David Pitchford, Executive director, Major Projects Authority, Cabinet Office and Sharon White, Director general, Public Spending in HM Treasury, gave oral evidence (HC 384 – i)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 June 2012 at 3.00pm.

27 June 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay  Meg Hillier
Jackie Doyle-Price  Nick Smith
Matthew Hancock  Ian Swales
Chris Heaton-Harris
Mr Stewart Jackson

1. **Settling Large Tax Disputes**
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Paul Keane, Director, were in attendance.
Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, Dave Hartnett, Permanent Secretary for Tax, and Jim Harra, Director General for Business Tax, HMRC, gave oral evidence (HC 385 – ii)

2. Efficiency and reform in government corporate functions through shared service centres

Draft Report, (Efficiency and reform in government corporate functions through shared service centres), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Third report of the Committee, HC 463

3. The completion and sale of High Speed 1

Draft Report, (The completion and sale of High Speed 1), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fourth report of the Committee, HC 464

[Adjourned till Monday 2 July 2012 at 3.00pm.

2 July 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon, Jackie Doyle-Price, Matthew Hancock, Chris Heaton-Harris, Mr Stewart Jackson, Fiona Mactaggart, Meg Hillier, Austin Mitchell, James Wharton

1. The government’s long-term plans to deliver secure, low carbon and affordable electricity
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Ed Humpherson, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Laszlo Varro, Head of the Gas, Coal and electricity Division, International Energy Agency, Moira Wallace, Permanent Secretary, Department for Energy and Climate Change, Simon Virley, Director General for Energy Markets and Infrastructure, Department for Energy and Climate Change, Ravi Gurumurthy, Director of Strategy, Department for Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence (HC 386 – i)

[Adjourned till Monday 9 July 2012 at 3.00pm.

9 July 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  
Stephen Barclay  
Matthew Hancock  
Chris Heaton-Harris

Stewart Jackson  
Meg Hillier  
Austin Mitchell

1. Financial viability of the social housing sector: introducing the Affordable Homes Programme

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Chris Sharcott, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

David Montague, Group Chief Executive, L&Q, David Lunts, Executive Director, Housing and Regeneration, GLA, David Orr, Chief Executive, National Housing Association, Professor Christine Whitehead, London School of Economics, Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government,
and Pat Ritchie, Chief Executive, Homes and Communities Agency, gave oral evidence (HC 388 – i)

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 July 2012 at 3.00pm.

11 July 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Chris Heaton-Harris
Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Meg Hillier
Austin Mitchell

1. **Securing the future financial sustainability of the NHS**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and David Moon, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Professor John Appleby, Chief Economist, Health Policy, The King’s Fund, and Sue Jacques, President of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and Chief Executive of Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, gave oral evidence (HC 389 – i)

2. **Improving the efficiency of central government property**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Management of adult diabetes in the NHS be reported to the House for publication the internet: HM Treasury; Cabinet office and Government Property Unit

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 July 2012 at 10.00am.

12 July 2012
Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  Meg Hillier
Jackie Doyle-Price  Austin Mitchell
Matthew Hancock  Nick Smith
Stewart Jackson  James Wharton
Fiona Mactaggart

1. The Regional Growth Fund

Draft Report, (*The Regional Growth Fund*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifth report of the Committee, HC 104*

2. HM Revenue and Customs: Renewed alcohol strategy-progress report

Draft Report, (*HM Revenue and Customs: Renewed alcohol strategy-progress report*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Sixth report of the Committee, HC 504*

3. Immigration: points based system-student routes

Draft Report, (*Immigration: points based system-student routes*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Seventh report of the Committee, HC 101*

4. Managing Early departures in central government

Draft Report, (*Managing Early departures in central government*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Eighth report of the Committee, HC 503*

5. The BBC’s efficiency programme: The BBC’s Response to the Seventy Third Report from the Committee, Session 2010-12
Special Report, (The BBC’s efficiency programme: The BBC’s Response to the Seventy Third Report from the Committee, Session 2010-12), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The report was agreed to; as the First Special report of the Committee, HC 527

[Adjourned till Monday 16 July 2012 at 3.00pm.

16 July 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Matthew Hancock
Chris Heaton-Harris

Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Meg Hillier
Nick Smith

1. Paperless working

Resolved, That the Committee move to electronic only distribution of committee papers.

2. Off-payroll public sector pay arrangements

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Steve Corbishley, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Carolyn Downs, Local Government Authority, Zarin Patel, Chief Financial Officer and, David Smith, Head of Employment Tax, BBC, Sir Nicholas MacPherson KCB Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, HMRC, Howard Orme, Finance Director, BIS, and William Hague, Executive Director, Civil Service Workforce Reform, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence (HC 532 – i)

3. Preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
Draft Report, (Preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Ninth report of the Committee, HC 526.

4. Implementing the Transparency Agenda

Draft Report, (Implementing the Transparency Agenda), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Tenth report of the Committee, HC 102.

5. Improving the efficiency of central government property

Draft Report, (Improving the efficiency of central government property), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Eleventh report of the Committee, HC 288.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 September 2012 at 3.00pm.

5 September 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay    Meg Hillier
Jackie Doyle-Price Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris Nick Smith
Fiona Mactaggart   Ian Swales

1. Transforming the UK Border Agency and Border Force

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.
Dame Helen Ghosh DCB Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Rob Whiteman, Chief Executive, UKBA, and Brian Moore, Head of Border Force, gave oral evidence (HC 550 – i)

2. **Assurance for Major Projects**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to **Assurance for Major Projects** inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: National Audit Office and Tim Manning

3. **Settling Large Tax Disputes**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to **Settling Large Tax Disputes** inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Revenue & Customs

4. **The government’s long-term plans to deliver secure, low carbon and affordable electricity**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to **The government’s long-term plans to deliver secure, low carbon and affordable electricity** inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Energy and Climate Change

5. **Securing the future financial sustainability of the NHS**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to **Securing the future financial sustainability of the NHS** inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Neurological Alliance and the Association of British Neurologists

6. **Off-payroll public sector pay arrangements**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to **Off-payroll public sector pay arrangements** inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: BBC, HM Revenue & Customs, Department for business, Innovation and Skills, Local Government Association and Government Equalities Office

7. **Management of adult diabetes in the NHS**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to **Management of adult diabetes in the NHS** be reported to the House for publication the internet: Chief Executive of the NHS in England and Dr Rowan Hillson MBE.
17 September 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  Meg Hillier
Jackie Doyle-Price  Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris  Ian Swales
Stewart Jackson  James Wharton
Fiona Mactaggart

1. **The Creation and Sale of Northern Rock Plc**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and John Ellard, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Nicholas Macpherson KCB, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury Tom Scholar, Second Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury Robin Budenburg, Chairman, UKFI Keith Morgan, Former Head of Wholly-Owned Investments, UKFI, gave oral evidence (HC 552 – i)

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *The creation and sale of Northern Rock Plc* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: UKFI

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 September 2012 at 10.00am.

18 September 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay  Meg Hillier
Stewart Jackson  Ian Swales

1. **NHS financial Resilience and neurological conditions**
8. **Securing the future financial sustainability of the NHS**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to NHS financial Resilience and neurological conditions inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Monitor, Department of Health and Foundation Trust Network.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 October 2012 at 3.00pm.]

15 October 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

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1. **National Offender Management Services**

Resolved, That the Committee visit HM Prison Wandsworth in connection with this inquiry.

2. **Ministry of Justice Language Services**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.
Geoffrey Buckingham, Chair, The Association of Police and Court Interpreters Alan Thompson, Secretary, The Association of Police and Court Interpreters Ann Beasley, Director General, Finance and Corporate Services, Ministry of Justice Martin Jones, Deputy Director (Sentencing), Ministry of Justice Peter Handcock CBE, Chief Executive, Her Majesty's Court Tribunal Services, gave oral evidence (HC620 – i).

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Ministry of Justice Language Services inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Dr Frances Beresford, Jan Cambridge, B. L. Pells and Orsolya Mance.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 October 2012 at 3.00pm.

17 October 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales

1. Offshore Energy Transmission

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and David Finlay, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Maf Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Renewable UK, Dr Chris Veal, Transmission Capital, Moira Wallace OBE, Permanent Secretary, Department for Energy and Climate Change, and Alistair Buchanan, Chief Executive, OFGEM gave oral evidence (HC621 – i).

[Adjourned till Monday 22 October 2012 at 3 p.m.]
22 October 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Meg Hillier
Fiona Mactaggart
Mr Austin Mitchell

Stewart Jackson
Nick Smith
Ian Swales

1. **HM Treasury’s 2011/12 Accounts**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Steve Corbishley, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Nicholas MacPherson KCB, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, Tom Scholar, Second Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, and Julian Kelly, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

3. **Settling Large tax disputes**

The Committee considered this matter

4. **Nuclear decommissioning**

Resolved, That the Committee visit Sellafield in connection with its inquiry into nuclear decommissioning.

5. **Securing the future financial sustainability of the NHS**

Draft Report, (Securing the future financial sustainability of the NHS), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Sixteenth report of the Committee, HC389.

6. **Managing Adult diabetes**

Draft Report, (Managing Adult diabetes), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Seventeenth report of the Committee, HC289.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 October 2012 at 3.00pm.

24 October 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon               Mr Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price              Nick Smith

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter

2. Securing Value for Money from Funding of Multilateral Organisations

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Phil Gibbey, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Owen Barder, Senior Fellow and Director for Europe, Center for Global Development, and Alison Evans, Director, Overseas Development Institute, gave oral evidence.

Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary, Department for International Development, Liz Ditchburn, Director, Value for Money, Department for International Developmen, and Anthony Smith, Director, International Relations Division, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 29 October 2012 at 3 p.m.]
29 October 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon              Mr Austin Mitchell
Meg Hillier                   Nick Smith
Fiona Mactaggart

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Ministry of Justice Language Services**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Aileen Murphie, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Andy Parker, Joint Chief Operating Officer, Capita plc and Sunna Van Loo, Public Service Director, Applied Language Service, gave oral evidence.

3. **Managing Budgeting in Government**

Sir Nicholas MacPherson KCB, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, Sharon White, Director General Public Services, HM Treasury, and Sir Bob Kerslake, Head of the Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary, DCLG, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 October 2012 at 3 p.m.

**Wednesday 31 October 2012**

*Richard Bacon, Mr Austin Mitchell and Nick Smith visited HM Prison Wandsworth, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 October 2012.*
31 October 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon  Mr Austin Mitchell
Stephen Barclay  Nick Smith
Jackie Doyle-Price  Ian Swales
Meg Hillier

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Settling Large Tax Disputes

Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, was in attendance.

Paula Diggle, Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Resolved, That the Committee provide the C&AG with the Committee brief on Settling Large Tax Disputes.

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, National Audit Office, and gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Monday 5 November 2012 at 3 p.m.
5 November 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon  Fiona Mactaggart
Meg Hillier  Mr Austin Mitchell
Mr Stewart Jackson  Nick Smith

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **PAC Award for service delivery and value for money**

*Resolved*, That that the PAC award for service delivery and value for money would be given to the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA).

3. **HMRC’s 2011/12 Accounts**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Paul Keane, Director, were in attendance.

Paula Diggle, ’Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, Nick Lodge, Director General, Benefits & Credits, Simon Bowles, Chief Finance Officer (CFO), and Edward Troup, Tax Assurance Commissioner, HM Revenue and Customs, gave oral evidence.

3. **The creation and sale of Northern Rock**

Draft Report, (The creation and sale of Northern Rock), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Eighteenth report of the Committee, HC552.*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 3 p.m.]
7 November 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Meg Hillier, Mr Austin Mitchell
Mr Stewart Jackson, Nick Smith
Fiona Mactaggart, Ian Swales

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Reducing Costs and Transforming Delivery in the National Offender Management Service

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Aileen Murphie, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Liz Calderbank, HM Inspector of Probation and Nick Hardwick, HM Inspector of Prisons, gave oral evidence.

Michael Spurr Chief Executive, and Andrew Emmett Director of Finance and Analysis, NOMS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 November 2012 at 3 p.m.

12 November 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair
1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **HMRC’s 2011/12 Accounts**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Paul Keane, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Troy Alstead, Starbucks Global Chief Financial Officer, Matt Brittin, Google Vice President for Sales and Operations, Northern and Central Europe, and Andrew Cecil, Director, Public Policy, Amazon, gave oral evidence.

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence relating to: HMRC’s 2011/12 Accounts based inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Starbucks, Google, Amazon E.U. Sarl and HMRC

[Adjourned till Monday 19 November 2012 at 3 p.m.]

**19 November 2012**

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  
Guto Bebb  
Jackie Doyle-Price  
Meg Hillier  

Mr Stewart Jackson  
Fiona Mactaggart  
Mr Austin Mitchell  
Justin Tomlinson

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.
2. **ATOS Medical Services**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Neil Sayers, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Neil Coyle, Disability UK, and Gillian Guy Chief Executive, Citizens Advice Bureau, gave oral evidence.

Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, and Dr Bill Gunnyeon, Chief Medical Adviser and Director for Health and Wellbeing, Department for Work and pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 November 2012 at 3 p.m.

21 November 2012

Members present:

Mr Richard Bacon, in the Chair

Guto Bebb
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Mr Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Richard Bacon was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Defence Inventory**

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence relating to: Defence Inventory based inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: ministry of Defence.
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Lee Summerfield, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Jon Thompson, Director General Finance, Bernard Gray, Chief of Defence Materiel Major General Ian Copeland, Director Joint Support Chain, Ministry of defence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 22 November 2012 at 9.30 a.m.]

22 November 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  
Stephen Barclay  
Guto Bebb  
Meg Hillier  

Fiona Mactaggart  
Mr Austin Mitchell  
Ian Swales  
Justin Tomlinson

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Off-payroll public sector pay arrangements follow up**

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence relating to: Off-payroll public sector pay arrangements follow up based inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: BBC.

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Peter Gray, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Anthony Fry, BBC Trust, Zarin Patel, Chief Financial Officer, and Bal Samra, Director, BBC Rights & Business Affairs, BBC, gave oral evidence.
Sunday 25 November 2012

The Chair, Richard Bacon, Mr Austin Mitchell and Ian Swales visited Sellafield in connection with its inquiry into nuclear decommissioning, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 22 October 2012.

26 November 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Meg Hillier
Mr Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Nuclear Decommissioning

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to: Nuclear Decommissioning based inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria county Council and Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Jill Goldsmith, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

George Beveridge, Deputy Managing Director (Sellafield Ltd), John Clarke, Chief Executive, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Phil Wynn Owen, Acting Permanent Secretary, Mark Higson, Office for Nuclear Development, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.
28 November 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  Mr Austin Mitchell
Guto Bebb      Nick Smith
Jackie Doyle-Price  Ian Swales
Fiona Mactaggart  Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Tax Avoidance schemes

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Settling large tax disputes

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Funding for Local Transport

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Geraldine Baker, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Councillor David Sparks OBE, Vice-Chairman, Local Government Association, Stephen Glaister, RAC Foundation, Tony Travers, London School of Economics, gave oral evidence.

Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary, John Dowie, Director of Local Directorate, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

5. HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC): Report on HMRC’s 2011-12 Accounts
Draft Report, (HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC): Report on HMRC’s 2011-12 Accounts), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Nineteenth report of the Committee, HC 716.*

[Adjourned till Monday 3 December 2012 at 3.00 p.m.]

3 December 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier
Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Mr Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Expansion of the Academies Programme**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, Julian Wood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Paula Diggle, Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Henry Stewart, Co-founder, Local Schools Network, and Rachel Wolf, Director, New Schools Network, gave oral evidence.

Chris Wormald, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, and Peter Lauener, Chief Executive, Education Funding Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 6 December 2012 at 9.30 am.]
6 December 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  Mr Austin Mitchell
Stephen Barclay  Nick Smith
Guto Bebb  Ian Swales
Meg Hillier  Justin Tomlinson
Fiona Mactaggart

3. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Olympic and Paralympic Games**

*Ordered*, That Mr Nick Buckles attend the Committee on Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 3.15pm.

5. **Contracted medical services**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee treat as confidential data provided by the Department for Work and Pensions on contracted medical services should be treated.

6. **Ministry of Justice Language Services**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Ministry of Justice Language Services* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Courts and Tribunals Service and Capita.

Draft Report, (Ministry of Justice: Report on Ministry of Justice’s Language Services), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty first report of the Committee, HC 620.*

7. **Off shore energy transmission**
Draft Report, (Department of Energy and Climate Change: Report on Off shore energy transmission), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twentieth report of the Committee, HC .

8. **Tax Avoidance Schemes**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Rob Prideaux, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Aiden James, Director, Tax Trade, Patrick McKenna, Chief Executive, Ingenious Media, and Tim Levy, Director, Future Capital Partners, gave oral evidence.

Lin Homer Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, Edward Troup, Tax Assurance Commissioner, Jim Harra, Director General, Business Tax, and Jennie Granger, Director General, Enforcement and Compliance, HMRC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 December 2012 at 3.00 p.m.]

10 December 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Meg Hillier
Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Mr Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The franchising of Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust/Peterborough and Stamford NHS Trust**
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and David Moon, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

David Bennett, Chief Executive, Monitor, Peter Reading, Chief Executive, Peterborough Hospital, Sir Neil McKay Chief Executive, East of England Strategic Health Authority, Una O’Brien Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, David Flory Chief Executive designate of the NHS Trust, Ali Parsa Former Chief Executive, Circle 2, and Steve Melton Chief Executive, Circle Holdings PLC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 3.00 p.m.]

12 December 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon  
Guto Bebb  
Chris Heaton-Harris  
Meg Hillier  

Fiona Mactaggart  
Mr Austin Mitchell  
Nick Smith  
Ian Swales  
Justin Tomlinson

1. **London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic games: Post-Games review**

   Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Keith Hawkswell, Director, were in attendance.

   Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

   Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary, DCMS, Dame Helen Ghosh, former Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Neil Wood, Chief Financial Officer, LOCOG, Nick Buckles, Chief Executive Officer, G4S, General Sir Nick Parker, Commander UK
Land Forces, Denis Hone, Chief Executive London Legacy Development Corporation, and Richard Heaton, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 December 2012 at 9.30 a.m.]

13 December 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon   Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb       Mr Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier

1. **Rail franchising**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Geraldine Baker, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport, and Clare Moriarty, Director General (Corporate) Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

2. **British Broadcasting Corporation: Off-Payroll contracting and severance package for the Director General**

Draft Report, (British Broadcasting Corporation: Report on Off-Payroll contracting and severance package for the Director General), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty second report of the Committee, HC 774.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 December 2012 at 3.00 p.m.]
17 December 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Fiona Mactaggart
Mr Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Managing the impact of Housing Benefit reform

3. Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to: Managing the impact of Housing Benefit reform based inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Work and Pensions and L&Q.

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Max Tse and David Clarke, Directors, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.
Professor John Hills, London School of Economics, and Mike Donaldson, L&Q Group Director—Strategy and Operations, gave oral evidence.

Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, and Andrew Parfitt, Head of Housing Policy Division, Department of work and pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 January 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

14 January 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair
1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Progress in making NHS efficiency savings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Progress in making NHS efficiency savings* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department of Health, Patients Association and Royal College of Surgeons.

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Laura Brackwell, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Katherine Murphy, Chief Executive, Patients Association and Mike Farrar, Chief Executive, NHS Confederation, gave evidence.

Sir David Nicholson, Chief Executive of the NHS in England, David Flory, Chief Executive, NHS Trust Development Authority, Sir Bruce Keogh NHS Medical Director, and Hugh Porter, Chair, Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group, gave oral evidence.

3. **Securing Value for Money from Funding of Multilateral Organisations**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Securing Value for Money from Funding of Multilateral Organisations* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for International Development and Adam Smith International.

4. **Restructuring the National offender Management Service**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Restructuring the National offender Management Service* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Chief Inspector of Probation and Ministry of Justice.

5. **Contract management of medical services**
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Contract management of medical services inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department of Work & Pensions.

6. **Funding for Local Transport**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Funding for Local Transport inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Transport and Tony Travers.

7. **Expansion of the Academies Programme**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Expansion of the Academies Programme inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Education and Education Funding Agency.

8. **Tax Avoidance Schemes**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Tax Avoidance Schemes inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ingenious, HM Revenue & Customs, Future Capital partners and Tax Trade Advisors Limited.

9. **The franchising of Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust and Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The franchising of Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust and Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Circle, NHS Midlands & East and Department of Health.

10. **London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: London Legacy Development Corporation, Cabinet Office and Department for Culture, Media & Sport.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]

16 January 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair
1. **Forward programme**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The effectiveness of consumer credit regulation**

   *Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *The effectiveness of consumer credit regulation* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Consumer Finance Association, Finance and Leasing Association, Veritec and Fair Finance.

   Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Alex Scharschkin, Director, were in attendance.

   Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

   Mark Hannam, Chair, Fair Finance, David Rees, Director, Legal Affairs, Provident Financial, and Henry Raine, Head of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Wonga, gave evidence.

   [Adjourned till Monday 21 January 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

**21 January 2013**

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair
1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee take visit and take evidence in Barking in connection with the inquiry into Funding New School Places on Monday 25 March.

2. **Whole of Government Accounts 2010/11**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Steve Corbishley, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Mark Hannam, Chair, Fair Finance, David Rees, Director, Legal Affairs, Provident Financial, and Henry Raine, Head of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Wonga, gave evidence.

Sir Nicholas Macpherson Permanent Secretary, Sharon White, Director General Public Services, and Karen Sanderson, Deputy Director to the Whole of Government Accounts, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]

**23 January 2013**

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay  
Guto Bebb  
Jackie Doyle-Price  
Mr Stewart Jackson  
Fiona Mactaggart  
Austin Mitchell  
Nick Smith  
Ian Swales  
Justin Tomlinson
The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The effectiveness of consumer credit regulation**

   Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The effectiveness of consumer credit regulation* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Wonga, Fair Finance, Provident Financial and Office of Fair Trading.

   Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Alex Scharschkin, Director, were in attendance.

   Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

   Clive Maxwell, Chief Executive, Office of Fair Trading, and Lesley Titcomb, Acting Chief Operating Officer, FSA, gave oral evidence.

3. **Department for International Development: The Multilateral Aid Review**

   Draft Report, *(Department for International Development: The Multilateral Aid Review)*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty sixth report of the Committee, HC 660.*

4. **Funding for local transport: an overview**

   Draft Report, *(Funding for local transport: an overview)*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty fifth report of the Committee, HC 747.*

5. **Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Managing risk reduction at Sellafield**

   Draft Report, *(Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Managing risk reduction at Sellafield)*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty fourth report of the Committee, HC 746.*

6. **Department for Work and Pensions: Contract management of medical services**
Draft Report, (Department for Work and Pensions: Contract management of medical services), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty third report of the Committee, HC 744.*

[Adjourned till Monday 28 January 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

### 28 January 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb, Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris, Nick Smith
Meg Hillier, Justin Tomlinson
Fiona Mactaggart

1. **Forward programme**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **HMRC Customer Service Performance**

   Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and David Clarke, Director, were in attendance.

   Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

   Lin Homer, Chief Executive, HMRC and Ruth Owen, Director General, Personal Tax, HMRC, gave oral evidence.

3. **HM Treasury Report and Accounts 2011-12**

   Draft Report, (HM Treasury Report and Accounts 2011-12), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty seventh report of the Committee, HC 659.*
4. **Tackling marketed tax avoidance schemes**

Draft Report, (Tackling marketed tax avoidance schemes), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty ninth report of the Committee, HC 788.*

5. **The franchising of Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS trust and Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

Draft Report, (The franchising of Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS trust and Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty eighth report of the Committee, HC 789.*

[Adjourned till Thursday 31 January 2013 at 9.30 a.m.]

**31 January 2013**

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon  
Meg Hillier  
Mr Stewart Jackson  

Austin Mitchell  
Ian Swales  
Justin Tomlinson

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Tax Avoidance**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Rob Prideaux, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.
Jane McCormick, UK Head of Tax, KPMG, Bill Dodwell, Head of Tax Policy, Deloitte LLP, Kevin Nicholson, Head of Tax, PWC, and John Dixon, Head of Tax, Ernst and Young, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 February 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]

4 February 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier
Fiona Mactaggart

Nick Smith
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. MoD Major Projects and Equipment Plan

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Tim Banfield, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Jon Thompson, Permanent Secretary, Bernard Gray, Chief of Defence Materiel, and Air Marshall Stephen Hillier, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, Military Capability, David Williams Director General Finance, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

3. Ministry of Defence: Managing the Defence Inventory

Draft Report, (Ministry of Defence: Managing the Defence Inventory), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty second report of the Committee, HC 745.

4. Excess Votes 2011–12
Draft Report, (Excess Votes 2011–12), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

_The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirtieth report of the Committee, HC 959._

5. **Department for Transport: Lessons from cancelling the InterCity West Coast franchise competition**

Draft Report, (Department for Transport: Lessons from cancelling the InterCity West Coast franchise competition), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

_The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty first report of the Committee, HC 813._

[Adjourned till Monday 6 February 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]

**6 February 2013**

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb                                      Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price                             Nick Smith
Meg Hillier                                    Ian Swales
Fiona Mactaggart                              Justin Tomlinson

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Planning Economic Infrastructure**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and David Finlay, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Joanne Segars, Chief Executive, National Association of Pension Funds, and Richard Abel, Managing Director, Macquarie infrastructure and Real Assets (MIRA), gave oral evidence.
13 February 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier
Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Travel in a representative capacity**

*Resolved*, That Austin Mitchell have leave to visit Australia in April to attend the ACPAC conference in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee in connection with the visit.

3. **Treasury Minutes Follow-up**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Ashley McDougall, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Mark Sedwill, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Rob Whiteman, Chief Executive, UKBA, Stephen Rimmer, Director General, Crime and Policing, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

Sir Nicholas MacPherson, Permanent Secretary, and Paula Diggle, Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

4. **Managing budgeting in Government**
Draft Report, (Managing budgeting in Government), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty fourth report of the Committee, HC 611.


Draft Report, (Department for Work and Pensions: Work Programme outcome statistics), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty third report of the Committee, HC 814.

6. Restructuring the National Offender Management Service

Draft Report, (Restructuring the National Offender Management Service), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty fifth report of the Committee, HC 717.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 February 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

25 February 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Financial sustainability in local authorities

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Stephen Fitzgerald, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Tony Travers, London School of Economics (LSE), and Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, and Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]
27 February 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon  Meg Hillier
Stephen Barclay  Mr Stewart Jackson
Guto Bebb  Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price  Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris  Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Early Action Landscape Review

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Sally Howes, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Tony Travers, London School of Economics (LSE), and Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, and Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 March 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]

4 March 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon  Mr Austin Mitchell
Meg Hillier  Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson
1. **Forward programme**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The impact of Government’s ICT savings initiatives**

   Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Sally Howes, Director, were in attendance.

   Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

   Mike Greatwich, MoD Defence Equipment & Support, Commercial Director, Ministry of Defence, Andy Nelson, Chief Information Officer, Department of Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

   Richard Heaton, Permanent Secretary, and Stephen Kelly, Chief Operating Officer, Cabinet Office, and David Shields Managing Director, Government Procurement Service, Mike Bracken, Executive Director, Government Digital Service/Government Chief Technology Officer, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Wednesday 6 March 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]

6 March 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Meg Hillier
Mr Austin Mitchell
Mr Stewart Jackson
Justin Tomlinson
Fiona Mactaggart

1. **Forward programme**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Tax Credits fraud and error**

   *Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Tax Credits fraud and error* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Citizens Advice and HM revenue & Customs.
Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and John Thorpe, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sue Royston Policy Officer, Welfare Policy Team, Citizens Advice, gave oral evidence.

Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, and Nick Lodge, Director General Benefits and Credits, HMRC, gave oral evidence.

3. Whole of Government Accounts 2010-11

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Whole of Government Accounts 2010-11 inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Treasury.

4. Customer Service Performance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Customer Service Performance inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Revenue & Customs.

5. Planning Economic Infrastructure

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Planning Economic Infrastructure inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Macquarie Group.

6. Treasury minutes follow-up

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Treasury minutes follow-up inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Home Office.

[Adjourned till Thursday 7 March 2013 at 9.30 a.m.]

7 March 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair
1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **SFO qualification of Accounts**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *SFO qualification of Accounts* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Richard Alderman, PCS, Cabinet Office and the Serious Fraud Office.

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Richard Alderman, Former Director, Serious Fraud Office, David Green CB QC, Director, Serious Fraud Office, gave oral evidence.

Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, and Nick Lodge, Director General Benefits and Credits, HMRC, gave oral evidence.

3. **The Cup Trust**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *The Cup Trust* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Charity Commission and HMRC.

William Shawcross, Chair, Charity Commission, Sam Younger, Chief Executive, Charity Commission; Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, David Richardson, Director, Specialist Personal Tax, HMRC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 7 March 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

11 March 2013

Members present:
1. **Forward programme**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Responding to changes in jobcentres**

   Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Max Tse, Director, were in attendance.

   Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

   Katie Shaw, Citizens Advice, gave oral evidence.

   Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, and Neil Couling, Work Services Director, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

3. **HMRC Customer Service**

   Draft Report, (HMRC Customer Service) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty sixth report of the Committee, HC 869.*

4. **Whole of Government Accounts**

   Draft Report, (Whole of Government Accounts) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty seventh report of the Committee, HC 867.*

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

13 March 2013
Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon  Mr Stewart Jackson
Stephen Barclay  Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb  Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price  Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris  Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier

1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Cyber Security**

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Sally Howes, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Dr Thomas Rid, Reader, Kings College London, Mark Hughes, Managing Director of Security, BT, Professor Sadie Creese, Professor of Cybersecurity, Oxford University, gave oral evidence.

Oliver Robbins, Deputy National Security Adviser (Intelligence, Security and Resilience), James Quinault, Director, Office of Cyber Security and Information Assurance, Cabinet Office, Ken McCallum, Head of Cyber Security, BIS, gave oral evidence.

3. **Department for Work and Pensions: Managing the impact of Housing Benefit reform**

Draft Report, Department for Work and Pensions: Managing the impact of Housing Benefit reform), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty eighth report of the Committee, HC 814.*

4. **Department of Health: progress in making NHS efficiency savings**

Draft Report, (Department of Health: progress in making NHS efficiency savings), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty ninth report of the Committee, HC 865.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 March 2013 at 3.00 p.m.]

18 March 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Management of Hospital Consultants

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and David Moon, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.


3. The London 2012 Olympic games and Paralympic games: post-Games review

Draft Report, (The London 2012 Olympic games and Paralympic games: post-Games review), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fortieth report of the Committee, HC 812.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 March 2013 at 3.15 p.m.]
25 March 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Funding new school places

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Julian Wood, Director, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Chris Wormald, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 April 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

Friday 5 April

Mr Austin Mitchell visited Sydney, Australia, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 13 February 2013.

15 April 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair
1. **Forward programme**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Civil Service Reform**

   Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Keith Davis, Director, were in attendance.

   Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

   Lord Browne of Madingley, Lead Non-Executive Director, Efficiency and Reform Board, Cabinet Office; Stephen Kelly, Chief Operating Officer, Efficiency and Reform Group; Sir Bob Kerslake, Head of the Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government; and Katherine Kerswell, Director General, Civil Service Reform, gave oral evidence.

3. **Department for Education: Managing the expansion of the Academies Programme**

   Draft Report, (Department for Education: Managing the expansion of the Academies Programme), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-first report of the Committee, HC 787.*

4. **Planning for Economic Infrastructure**

   Draft Report, (Planning for Economic Infrastructure), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

   *The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-second report of the Committee, HC 872.*

5. **Tax avoidance: the role of large accountancy firms**

   Draft Report, (Tax avoidance: the role of large accountancy firms), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-fourth report of the Committee, HC 870.

6. Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan

Draft Report, (Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the First report of the Committee, 2013-14, HC 53.

[Adjourned till Monday 22 April 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

22 April 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price  Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris  Ian Swales
Meg Hillier  Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Case study on integration: Measuring the costs and benefits of Whole-Place Community Budgets and Integration across Government

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, Keith Davis, Director, and Angela Hands, Director, were in attendance.

Paula Diggle, Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Joanna Killian, Chief Executive, Essex County Council, and Geoff Little, Deputy Chief Executive (Performance), Manchester City Council, gave oral evidence.

Richard Heaton, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office, Sharon White, Director
General, Public Services, HM Treasury, Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Jon Rouse, Director General, Social Care, Department of Health, gave evidence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 May 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

24 April 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon, Guto Bebb, Jackie Doyle-Price, Meg Hillier, Mr Stewart Jackson, Fiona Mactaggart, Austin Mitchell, Ian Swales, Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Civil Service Reform

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General, and Laura Blackwell, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Valerie Michie, Managing Director, Serco, Jeremy Stafford, Chief Executive Officer, Serco, and Dr Warren, Contract Director, Serco, gave oral evidence.

Sir Ian Carruthers, Acting Chief Executive, SHA, Gavin Larner, Director of Professional Standards, Department of Health, Steve Moore, Chief Executive, Cornwall and Scilly Isles Primary Care Trust, and Joy Youart, Managing Director, Kernow CCG, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]