Formal Minutes of the Justice Committee

Tuesday 13 July 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair^1

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Chris Evans         Claire Perry
Mrs Helen Grant     Mrs Linda Riordan
Mrs Siân C James   Anna Soubry
Jessica Lee         Karl Turner

1. Declaration of Interests

Members declared their interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix ).

2. Committee working methods

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the role of the probation service and into the working of the family courts.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State, and Lord Chancellor, Ministry of Justice.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 July at 10.30am.

^1 Sir Alan Beith was elected as the Chair of the Committee on 9 June 2010, in accordance with Standing Order No. 122B (see House of Commons Votes and Proceedings, 10 June 2010).
Tuesday 20 July 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Chris Evans          Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant      Mrs Linda Riordan
Mrs Siân C James     Karl Turner
Jessica Lee

1. Declaration of Interests

Yasmin Qureshi declared her interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she was a Barrister who had previously undertaken legal aid work but did not expect to do so in the future.

2. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 July at 4.45pm.

Wednesday 21 July 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Claire Perry
Chris Evans         Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant     Mrs Linda Riordan
Mrs Siân C James    Anna Soubry
Jessica Lee         Karl Turner
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would invite Baroness Prashar, Chairman of the Judicial Appointments Commission, to give oral evidence.

Resolved, That the Committee would visit the London Probation Service as part of its inquiry into the work of the probation service.

Resolved, That the Committee would invite the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice to give oral evidence.
2. **The work of the Ministry of Justice**

Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 September at 10.30am.

**Tuesday 7 September 2010**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Claire Perry
Chris Evans  Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant  Anna Soubry
Mrs Siân C James  Karl Turner
Jessica Lee

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The role of the probation service**

*Ordered*, That Professor Robert Canton and Ms Helen Boocock be appointed as specialist advisers to assist the Committee with its inquiry into the **role of the probation service**.

Professor Robert Canton declared that he was a member of the Howard League and the British Society, both of which associations are campaigners for penal reform. Professor Canton works for De Montfort University, Leicestershire, which is involved in the education of probation staff and gains Government funding from that work. De Montfort University submitted written evidence to the Committee’s inquiry into the role of the probation service to which Professor Canton was contributor.

Ms Helen Boocock declared nil interests.

3. **Future Programme**

*Resolved*, That the Legal Services Commission be invited to give oral evidence.

4. **Judicial Appointments Commission**

   a) **Declaration of Interests**

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he was a practising Barrister and a Recorder of the Crown Court.

Mrs Helen Grant declared that she was a solicitor.
Jessica Lee declared that she was a solicitor.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she was a Barrister who had previously practised criminal law and that she had also worked for the Crown Prosecution Service as a prosecutor.

Karl Turner declared that he was a practising barrister.

b) Oral evidence


[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 October at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 12 October 2010**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland, Claire Perry
Chris Evans, Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant, Mrs Linda Riordan
Mrs Siân C James, Anna Soubry
Mr Elfy Llywd, Karl Turner

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Office of the Public Guardian would be invited to give oral evidence.

2. The role of the Probation Service

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the role of the Probation Service inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Jill Stuchfield JP; B McGown; Will Watson; Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust; Napo; Ray Ashley; Confederation of British Industry; Mike Guilfoyle; The Griffin Society; Rachel Lipscomb; Christine Lawrie; Hertfordshire Probation Trust; Clinks; Make Justice Work; Northumbria’s Magistrates; Wiltshire Probation Trust; Probation Chiefs Association; Association of Retired Chief Officer and Inspectors of Probation; Magistrates’ Association; Thames Valley Restorative Justice Service; Community and Criminal Justice Division, De Montfort University; Avon and Somerset Criminal Justice Board Office; West Yorkshire Probation Trust; Lee Bailey; Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Trust; Thames Valley Probation; Bail for Immigration Detainees; Centre for Mental Health; Rethink; Professor Anne Worrell and Dr Rob C Mawby; Christopher Hignett; Together; Jeremy Britton; Malcolm Lacey; Blue Bay Support Services; Ministry of Justice; Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust; Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust; Northumbria Probation Trust; Criminal Justice Alliance; Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Trust; Humberside
Probation Trust; London Probation Trust; Catch 22; Avon and Somerset Probation Trust; Transition to Adulthood; UNISON; Justice Unions Parliamentary Group; G4S Care and Justice Services; Judges at Birmingham Crown Court; National Audit Office; Local Government Group; Women in Prison; Bedfordshire Probation Trust; Greater London Authority; Howard League for Penal Reform; South Yorkshire Probation Trust; and the York and North Yorkshire Probation Trust.

Daniel Mitchell, Brett Hawksley, Angela Prince, Daniel Coriat and Tina Braithwaite, Director of service user involvement, Revolving Doors Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 October at 10.15am.]

**Tuesday 19 October 2010**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  
Mrs Siân C James  
Mr Elfyn Llwyd  
Claire Perry  

Yasmin Qureshi  
Mrs Linda Riordan  
Anna Soubry  
Karl Turner

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Petition**

   The Committee noted the public petition from Christine, Kevin and Victoria Shields and others, concerning sentences for drivers who cause death by dangerous driving.

   *Ordered*, that the Chairman write to the Ministry of Justice to seek its views on the matters raised in the petition.

3. **Sentencing guidelines**

   *Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the draft sentencing guidelines relating to assault.

4. **Court closures and other issues within the Minister’s remit**

   Mr Jonathan Djanogly MP, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Tuesday 26 October at 10.00am.]
Tuesday 26 October 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  
Mrs Helen Grant  
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Yasmin Qureshi  
Anna Soubry

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The work of the Lord Chief Justice


[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 November at 10.15am.

Tuesday 2 November 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  
Chris Evans  
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Claire Perry  
Linda Riordan  
Anna Soubry

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would visit the Military Corrective Training Centre, Colchester, in connection with its inquiry into the role of the Probation Service.

Resolved, That the Committee would invite the Director of Public Prosecutions to give oral evidence in a one-off session.

2. The role of the Probation Service

Chris Evans declared that his sister was employed by the probation service.

Mark Mitchell, Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth, Barrie Crook, Chief Executive, Hampshire Probation Trust and Learning and Development lead for the Probation Chiefs’ Association, Lesley Thompson, Director, North West Training Consortium, Robin Wilkinson, Director, NOMS Human Resources, and Alan Woods, Chief Executive, Skills for Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 November at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 9 November 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Chris Evans  
Mrs Siân C James

Mr Elfyn Llwyd  
Yasmin Qureshi

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The work of the Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses

Louise Casey, Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 November at 10.15am.

Tuesday 16 November 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Chris Evans  
Claire Perry

Mrs Helen Grant  
Mrs Linda Riordan

Mrs Siân C James

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Petition

The Committee noted the public petition from the people of Croydon and South London, and the observations made by the Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, on the shortage of burial space for the Islamic community.

3. The operation of the Family Courts

a) Appointment of a Specialist Adviser

Ordered, That Professor Judith Masson be appointed as a specialist adviser to assist the Committee with its inquiry into the operation of the Family Courts.

Professor Masson declared that she was a Member of the Family Justice Council, (non-remunerated position), and that she had previously worked for the Ministry of Justice.
b) Memoranda for publication on the internet


c) Declarations of Interests

Mrs Helen Grant declared that she was a family lawyer and a recipient of legal aid.

Mr Elfyhn Llwyd declared that he had, for 30 years, practised family law, both private and publicly funded.

d) Oral evidence

Craig Pickering, Chief Executive, Families Need Fathers, Lynn Chesterman, Chief Executive, The Grandparents’ Association, Nicola Harwin, Chief Executive, Women’s Aid, Dr Julia Brophy, Oxford University, and Dr Lynne Harne, Bristol University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 November at 10.00am.

Tuesday 23 November 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland Mrs Helen Grant
Chris Evans Mr Elfyhn Llwyd

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, That the Committee would invite the Secretary of State for Justice to give oral evidence.

Resolved, That the Committee would invite the Director of Public Prosecutions to give oral evidence.

2. Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Mental Capacity Act 2005

Mr Martin John, Public Guardian and Chief Executive, Office of the Public Guardian, and Mr David Thompson, Director, Royal Courts of Justice Group, Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunal Service Office, gave oral evidence.

3. Draft Sentencing Guideline on Assault

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the draft sentencing guideline on assault inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Nicola Padfield; The Co-Operative Group; Transition to Adulthood Alliance; and the Criminal Justice Alliance.

Mr John Thornhill, Chairman, Magistrates’ Association, Ms Diana Barran, Chief Executive, coordinated Action against Domestic abuse, and Javed Khan, Chief Executive, Victim Support, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 November at 4.15pm.

Tuesday 30 November 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Chris Evans  Mrs Linda Riordan
Mrs Helen Grant  Claire Perry
Ben Gummer  Yasmin Qureshi

1. Declaration of Interests by a new Member

Ben Gummer MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Sponsorships: Donations were received from numerous donors; Mr Andrew J. Cook (£25,000); Ransome’s Dock Ltd (£5,000); Anglia Countrywide Management Ltd (£5,000); Abdul Majid-Jafar (£5,000); Michael Peacock (£2,000); IPGL Ltd (£5,000)

Shareholdings: Sancroft International Ltd (corporate responsibility and environmental services consultancy); ICWL Ltd (licensing and development of water-cooled refrigerators for use in retail and wholesale markets) (Registered 4 June 2010).
2. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The work of the Legal Services Commission

a) Memoranda for publication on the internet

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the work of the Legal Services Commission inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Citizen’s Advice Bureau; Rights of Women; Southall Black Sisters; Law Society; Immigration Law Practitioners’ Association; Legal Services Commission

b) Declarations of interests

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he was a practising criminal legal aid barrister and was still in receipt of fees as a result of work done prior to the election and that it had been over 10 years since he had practised in family legally-aided work.

Mrs Helen Grant declared that she was a solicitor and that she held a legal aid contract.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had practised family law, both private and publicly funded, but had never been involved in a tendering process.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she had been practising as a family law barrister and had done some immigration and criminal work and had therefore received legal aid payments and would receive more in the future.

c) Oral evidence

Sir Bill Callaghan, Chair, Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, and Ruth Wayte, Legal Director, Legal Services Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 December at 4.30pm.

Monday 13 December 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland    Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer           Karl Turner
Claire Perry

1. Declaration of Interests by a new Member

Elizabeth Truss MP disclosed her interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:
Sponsorships A donation was received from Richard Johnston (£2,000) (Registered 4 June 2010).

2. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The work of the Ministry of Justice

Sir Suma Chakrabarti KCB, Permanent Secretary, Helen Edwards CBE, Director General Justice Policy Group, and Ann Beasley CBE, Director General Finance, Ministry of Justice gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 December at 10.15am.

Tuesday 14 December 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Chris Evans  Claire Perry
Mrs Helen Grant  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Sentencing Guideline on Assault

Lord Justice Leveson, Chairman, Sentencing Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 December at 10.00am.

Wednesday 15 December 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Claire Perry
Chris Evans  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer  Karl Turner
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Access to Justice: Government’s proposed reform for legal aid

Resolved, That the Committee would hold further evidence sessions on the Government’s proposed reforms of Legal Aid.

3. Access to Justice and Sentencing

a) Memoranda for publication on the internet

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Access to Justice and Sentencing inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Association of British Insurers; ZZK; Honourable Society of the Inner Temple; Claims Standards Council; Law Society of England and Wales; Association of Personal Injury Lawyers; Medical Protection Society; Prince’s Trust; Irwin Mitchell Solicitors; Legal Expenses Insurance Group; Thompsons Solicitors; Resolution; Box Legal Limited; Legal Services Board; Consumer Justice Alliance; Family Law Bar Association; Criminal Bar Association; Citizens Advice Bureau; Immigration Law Practitioners’ Association.

b) Declarations of interests

Mr Robert Buckland declared that for 20 years he has been a legal aid barrister and that he was still in receipt of payments for criminal legal aid for cases completed before the election, and that he is a recorder of the Crown Court.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had practised as a solicitor and barrister, had done legal aid work, both civil and criminal but had been non-practising since April.

Karl Turner declared that he had practised as a solicitor and before being elected had been a barrister in his local chambers in Hull.

c) Oral evidence

Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 January at 10.15am.

Tuesday 11 January 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant  Mrs Linda Riordan
Ben Gummer  Elizabeth Truss
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. **Draft Sentencing Guideline on Assault**

Mrs Nicola Padfield, University of Cambridge, Professor Neil Hutton, University of Strathclyde, and Professor Andrew Ashworth, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 January at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 18 January 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Claire Perry
Chris Evans         Yasmin Qureshi
Ben Gummer          Karl Turner
Mr Elfyn Llwyd      Elizabeth Truss

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Draft Sentencing Guideline on Assault**

Draft Report (*Revised Sentencing Guideline: Assault*), proposed by the Chairman, 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 637.*

3. **The work of the DPP**

a) **Declarations of Interests**

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he had been a criminal barrister for 20 years, that he was not currently conducting any cases and that he sat as a Recorder of the Crown Court.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had prosecuted for the CPS as a barrister but had been non-practising since April 2010.

Karl Turner declared that he had prosecuted for the CPS as a barrister, that he was still a member of his chambers in Hull, but that he had not undertaken any work recently.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she used to work for the Crown Prosecution Service as an in-house lawyer, that she had a family member who works for the Crown Prosecution Service and that the last time she was employed by the CPS was over seven years ago, although when she was in chambers she had instructions from the CPS to prosecute as an agent.
b) Oral evidence

Keir Starmer QC, Director of Public Prosecutions and Peter Lewis, Chief Executive, Crown Prosecution Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 January at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 25 January 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Chris Evans Karl Turner
Ben Gummer Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would invite the Criminal Cases Review Commission, and organisations with an interest in the work of the Commission to give oral evidence.

2. Petition

The Committee noted the public petition from Supporters of Families fighting for Justice and others in Wirral, Cheshire and Merseyside.

3. The operation of the Family Courts

a) Declaration of Interests

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had practised family law, both as a solicitor and a barrister but that he had not practised since April 2010.

b) Oral evidence

Jonathan Ewen, Director, Barnardo’s North East, and Director of Family Placement, Barbara Esam, Policy Lawyer, NSPCC, and Fiona Weir, CEO, Gingerbread, Stephen Cobb QC, Chairman, Family Law Bar Association, Jane Wilson, Member of Resolution National Committee and Chair of the Resolution Domestic Abuse Committee, and Linda Lee, President, Law Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 31 January at 4.30pm.]
Monday 31 January 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland        Claire Perry
Mr Elfyn Llwyd             Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission

a) Declaration of Interests

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he was a Crown Court Recorder, applications for such posts being within the remit of the JAC.

b) Oral evidence

Mr Christopher Stephens, preferred candidate, gave oral evidence.

c) Appointment of the Chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission

Draft Report (Appointment of the Chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission), proposed by the Chairman, 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 770.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 February at 10.15am.

Tuesday 1 February 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland        Claire Perry
Chris Evans               Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant           Elizabeth Truss
Mr Elfyn Llwyd            Karl Turner

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Access to Justice: the Government's proposed reforms of Legal Aid

a) Memoranda for publication on the internet

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Access to Justice and Sentencing inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Professor Richard Moorhead; Legal Action Group; Community Links; Santé Refuge Mental Health Access Project; Advice Network & Advice Centres for Avon; National Accident Helpline; Money Advice Trust; Greenwich Housing Rights; Brighton Housing Trust; Young Legal Aid Lawyers; Citizen's Advice Bureau; Riverside Advice; Advice UK; MASS; Shelter; David Jockelson; Youth Access; Action Against Medical Accidents; FOIL (Forum of Insurance Lawyers); SCOPE; Law Centres Federation; Legal Aid Practitioners Group; Rochdale Law Centre; PCS; Advice Services Alliance; Junior Lawyers Division; ILPA; Helen Williams, Ty Arian Lt (Solicitors); Association of Lawyers for Children; Ministry of Justice.

b) Declarations of Interests

Mrs Helen Grant declared that that she was a senior partner of an existing legal aid firm which held a legal aid contract.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had practised in family law, publicly funded, both as a solicitor and a barrister, but that he had no intention to practise at the moment and had not practised since April 2010.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she was a barrister who had practised and received legal aid receipts and that she occasionally still received them. She also declared that she used to volunteer for the Free Representation Unit.

Karl Turner declared that he had not practised publicly funded work since before the election, but that he was still a member of his local chambers in Hull.

c) Oral evidence

Emma Baldwin, Free Representation Unit, Rebecca Scott, Legal Advice Manager, Royal Courts of Justice Advice Bureau, and Sally Denton, Senior Solicitor, Nottingham Law Centre, Julie Bishop, Director, Law Centres Federation, Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice, and Paul Newdick CBE, Trustee, National Pro Bono Centre, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 7 February at 4.30pm.]
Monday 7 February 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland

Ben Gummer

Yasmin Qureshi

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Access to Justice: the Government’s proposed reforms of Legal Aid

a) Declarations of Interests

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he had been a practising barrister for nearly 20 years, primarily in the field of criminal legal aid, and that he still had a practising certificate and sat as a Recorder in the Crown Court.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she had been a barrister before becoming a Member of Parliament but had returned her practising certificate. Prior to that she had received receipts from criminal legal aid and civil work.

b) Oral evidence

Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Wall, President, Family Division, Rt Hon Sir Anthony May, President, Queen’s Bench Division, and HHJ Robert Martin, President, Social Entitlement Chamber, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February at 10.15am.

Tuesday 8 February 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland

Ben Gummer

Claire Perry

Elizabeth Truss

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair and Clerks visit Northumbria Probation Trust in a representative capacity, as part of the inquiry into the work of the probation service.
2. **Access to Justice: the Government’s proposed reforms of Legal Aid**

   a) **Declarations of Interests**

   Mr Robert Buckland declared that he had been a criminal legal aid barrister for about 20 years prior to the election, receiving payments from the LSC, that he was not currently conducting any live cases and that he is a Recorder of the Crown Court.

   Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had been a Member of the Law Society and the Family Law Bar Association and had received payments for publicly funded work. Since April 2010 he had reverted to non-practising status.

   b) **Oral evidence**

   Christina Blacklaws, Chair, Law Society’s Legal Affairs and Policy Board, Steve Hynes, Director, Legal Action Group (LAG), Laura Janes, Chair, Young Legal Aid Lawyers, and Paul Mendelle QC, Member of the Bar Council, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Monday 14 February at 4.30pm.

   **Monday 14 February 2011**

   Members present:

   Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

   Mr Robert Buckland    Mr Elfyn Llwyd
   Ben Gummer            Elizabeth Truss

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Access to Justice: the Government’s proposed reforms of Legal Aid**

   c) **Declarations of Interests**

   Mr Robert Buckland declared that as a barrister he had conducted legal aid work in the past but although he didn't have any current cases he was still due some outstanding payments from previous legal aid work.

   Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had undertaken publicly funded work in civil and criminal law as a solicitor and member of the Bar.

   d) **Oral evidence**

   Professor Roger Bowles, University of York, Sarah Albon, Director for Civil, Family and Legal Aid Policy, Ministry of Justice, and Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, Legal Services Commission, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Wednesday 16 February at 10.15am.
Wednesday 16 February 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland                        Claire Perry
Chris Evans                                Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant                            Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer                                 Karl Turner
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Access to Justice: the Government’s proposed reforms of Legal Aid

   a) Declarations of Interests

   Mr Robert Buckland declared that he had been a criminal legal aid practitioner at the Bar for 20 years, in receipt of payments, most latterly for criminal legal aid and that he had no live cases.

   Mrs Helen Grant declared that she continued to be in receipt of legal aid funds and was a partner in a legal aid practice.

   Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had undertaken legal aid work both as a solicitor and a member of the Bar but had been non-practising since April 2010.

   Yasmin Qureshi declared that she was a barrister and had received both civil and criminal legal aid in the past but had not practised since the general election.

   Karl Turner declared that he was a member of the criminal Bar, practising from his local chambers in Hull, that he had not undertaken any publicly funded work since the general election but had recently done private paying work.

   b) Oral evidence

   Jonathan Djanogly MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Sarah Albon, Director for Civil, Family and Legal Aid Policy, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 1 March 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mrs Helen Grant  Claire Perry
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Elfyn Llwyd was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The operation of the Family Courts

a) Declarations of Interests

Mrs Helen Grant declared that she had been a legal aid family lawyer for the last 23 years.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had been a legal aid family lawyer both as a solicitor and a member of the Bar but was currently non-practising.

b) Oral evidence

Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Wall, President of the Family Division, The Hon Mrs Justice Pauffley, The Hon Mr Justice Ryder, Dr Judith Freedman, Consortium of Expert Witnesses to the Family Courts, Judith Timms OBE, Policy Adviser, Nagalro, and Harry Fletcher, Assistant General Secretary, Napo, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 March at 1.45pm.

Wednesday 2 March 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Claire Perry
Chris Evans  Elizabeth Truss
Mr Ben Gummer Karl Turner
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. **Spring Supplementary estimates**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *spring supplementary estimates* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice

3. **Access to Justice: Government proposed reform for Legal Aid**

a) **Declarations of Interests**

Mrs Helen Grant declared that she had been a legal aid family lawyer for the last 23 years.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had been a legal aid family lawyer both as a solicitor and a member of the Bar but was currently non-practising.

b) **Oral evidence**

Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March at 10.15am.]

**Tuesday 8 March 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Chris Evans  
Mr Ben Gummer  
Mr Elfyn Llwyd  
Claire Perry  
Yasmin Qureshi

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Role of the Probation Service**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *the role of the probation service* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice; Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust; Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust; Northumbria Probation Trust; Criminal Justice Alliance; Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Trust; Humberside Probation Trust; London Probation Trust; Catch 22; Avon and Somerset Probation Trust; Transition to Adulthood; UNISON; Justice Unions Parliamentary Group; G4S Care and Justice Services; Judges at Birmingham Crown Court; National Audit Office; Local Government Group; Women in Prison; Bedfordshire Probation Trust; Greater London Authority; Howard League for Penal Reform; South Yorkshire Probation Trust; York and North Yorkshire Probation Trust; Restorative Justice Council; Mark Mitchell; Nacro; Revolving Doors Agency; Hertfordshire Probation Trust; Prince’s Trust; West Yorkshire Probation Trust; A4e Ltd; Transition to Adulthood Alliance; Probation Association; London Probation Trust; and Professor Martin Chalkley.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 15 March 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  
Claire Perry  
Ben Gummer  
Yasmin Qureshi  
Mr Ellyn Llywyd

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Government’s proposed reform of legal aid**

Draft Report (*Government’s proposed reform of legal aid*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 681-I.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 March at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 22 March 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  
Claire Perry  
Ben Gummer  
Yasmin Qureshi  
Mr Ellyn Llywyd

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Role of the Probation Service: declaration of interests**

Helen Boocock, specialist adviser to the Committee in its inquiry into the *role of the Probation Service*, declared that she had been selected to sit on a panel of Associate Inspector for HM Inspectorate of Probation.
3. **Operation of the Family Courts**

Martha Cover, Interdisciplinary Alliance for Children, Baroness Howarth OBE, Chair, Anthony Douglas CBE, Chief Executive, and Bruce Clark, Director of Policy, Cafcass, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 March at 10.15am.]

**Tuesday 29 March 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mrs Helen Grant
Ben Gummer
Claire Perry

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Petition**

The Committee noted the public petition from residents of Alyn and Deeside concerning sentencing guidelines in cases on “one punch” manslaughter.

*Resolved*, that the Committee would write to the Sentencing Council to ask when it next intended to look at this area.

3. **Role of the Probation Service**

Andrew Bridges CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Probation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 April at 10.45am.]
Tuesday 26 April 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mrs Helen Grant  Claire Perry
Ben Gummer

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Operation of the Family Courts

Jonathan Djanogly, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Catherine Lee, Civil, Family and Legal Aid Director, Ministry of Justice, and Tim Loughton, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 May at 10.15am.

Tuesday 10 May 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Chris Evans  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mrs Helen Grant  Yasmin Qureshi
Ben Gummer  Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Operation of the Family Courts

Dr Rae Kaspiew, Senior Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Family Research and Dr Maggie Atkinson, Children’s Commissioner for England, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May at 9.15am.
Wednesday 11 May 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Claire Perry
Chris Evans  Elizabeth Truss
Mr Elfy Llyyd

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-appointment hearing: HM Chief Inspector of Probation

a) Declaration of Interests

Mr Robert Buckland and Claire Perry declared that they knew personally Diana Fulbrook OBE, as she was head of Wiltshire Probation Trust which operated in their constituencies.

b) Oral evidence

Diana Fulbrook OBE, preferred candidate, HM Chief Inspector of Probation, gave oral evidence.

Ordered, That the Chair would write to the Secretary of State for Justice setting out the Committee’s views on the proposed appointment.

3. Role of the Probation Service

Christine Lawrie, Chief Executive and Sebert Cox, Chair, Probation Association, and Sue Hall, Chair and Tessa Webb, Vice-Chair, Probation Chiefs’ Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 May at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 17 May 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland Claire Perry
Jeremy Corbyn Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Evans Karl Turner
Ben Gummer Elizabeth Truss

1. Declaration of interests by a new Member

Jeremy Corbyn MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Nil interests.

2. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

3. HMP and YOI Doncaster

Resolved, That the Committee would visit HMP and YOI Doncaster in July in relation to its inquiry into the role of the probation service.

4. Pre-appointment hearing: Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales

Nigel Newcomen CBE, preferred candidate, Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report, (Appointment of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 1022.

5. Role of the Probation Service

Jonathan Ledger, General Secretary, NAPO and Matthew Lay, Chair Probation Committee, UNISON, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May at 9.15am.]
Wednesday 18 May 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland               Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn                    Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Evans                      Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer

1. **Committee's programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Role of the Probation Service**

Clive Martin, Director, Clinks, Rob Smith, Chief Executive, YSS, Chris Wright, Director of Operations, Catch22, and Andrew Neilson, Assistant Director for Public Affairs and Policy, Howard League for Penal Reform, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 May at 4.15pm.

Monday 23 May 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland               Claire Perry
Mrs Helen Grant                   Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer

1. **Committee's programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Role of the Probation Service**

Martin Narey, Former Chief Executive Officer, NOMS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 May at 9.20am.]
Tuesday 24 May 2011

The Committee met at Brighton and Hove Town Hall, Brighton

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Jeremy Corbyn
Chris Evans
Ben Gummer
Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Role of the Probation Service

Sonia Crozier, Chief Executive, John Steele, Board Chair, and Leighe Rogers, Operational Director, Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust, Linda Beanlands, Brighton and Hove City Council, Chief Superintendent Graham Bartlett, Sussex Police, Jason Mahoney, Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust, and Lisa Dando, Director, Brighton Women’s Centre, and Claire Brown JP, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 June at 10.15am.

Tuesday 7 June 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Mr Robert Buckland
Jeremy Corbyn
Chris Evans
Mrs Helen Grant
Ben Gummer
Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Elizabeth Truss
Karl Turner

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Role of the Probation Service

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the role of the probation service inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Greater Manchester Probation Trust; Probation Association; UNISON

John Thornhill, Magistrates’ Association, Cllr Mehboob Khan, Local Government Association, Jane Coyle, Director, Blue Bay Support Services, Roger Hill, Director, Community and Partnerships, Soxedo, and Peter Neden, Corporate Development Director, G4S, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June at 9.15am.
Wednesday 8 June 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland           Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn                Claire Perry
Chris Evans                  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer                   Karl Turner

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Role of the Probation Service**

Professor Ken Pease OBE, Professor Hazel Kemshall and Professor Carol Hedderman, David Chantler, Chief Executive, West Mercia Probation Trust, Assistant Chief Constable John Long, Avon and Somerset Police, John Quick, Assistant Chief Officer, Merseyside Probation Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June at 10.00am.]

Tuesday 14 June 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland           Claire Perry
Jeremy Corbyn                Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Evans                  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer                   Karl Turner

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Petitions**

The Committee noted the public petition from residents of Milton Keynes regarding the abduction of two children.

The Committee noted the Ministry of Justice’s observations on the petition of supporters of Families Fighting for Justice and others in Wirral.

3. **Appointment of HM Chief Inspector of Probation**

Draft Report, *(Appointment of HM Chief Inspector of Probation)*, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.
The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 1021.

4. Role of the Probation Service

Crispin Blunt MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Colin Allars, Director, Probation and Contracted Services, NOMS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June at 9.15am.

Wednesday 15 June 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Chris Evans        Yasmin Qureshi
Mrs Helen Grant    Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Sentencing Guidelines: drug offences and burglary

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the draft Sentencing Guidelines: drug offences and burglary inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Transition to Adulthood Alliance; School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent; Magistrates’ Association Sentencing Committee; Criminal Justice Alliance; Dawn Gregory; Sentencing Council; Prison Reform Trust.

Mike Trace, International Drug Policy Commission, Tamar Good, Hibiscus, Roger Howard, CEO UK Drug Policy Commission, Dr James Treadwell, University of Leicester, Javed Khan, Victim Support, and Professor Mike Hough, Institute for Criminal Policy Research, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 23 June at 9.00am.]
Thursday 23 June 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Jeremy Corbyn Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Chris Evans Claire Perry
Mrs Helen Grant Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Sentencing Guidelines: drug offences and burglary

Lord Justice Leveson, Chairman, Sentencing Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 June at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 28 June 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Jeremy Corbyn Claire Perry
Mrs Helen Grant Yasmin Qureshi
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would:

• Hold one-off evidence sessions in September with:
  • the Attorney-General; and
  • the Information Commissioner; and

• Hold inquiries into:
  • the budget and structure of the Ministry of Justice (to include the incorporation of the LSC and, possibly other bodies, into the mainstream MoJ);
  • joint enterprise;
  • presumption of death; and
  • youth justice;

• Visit Edinburgh as part of its inquiry into the Ministry of Justice and youth justice.
2. **Operation of the Family Courts**

Draft Report, *(Operation of the Family Courts)*, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 518-I.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 5 July 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Draft sentencing guidelines: drugs and burglary offences**

Draft Report, *(Draft sentencing guidelines: drugs and burglary offences)*, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1211.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 July at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 12 July 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Jeremy Corbyn  
Ben Gummer  
Claire Perry

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The role of the Probation Service**

Draft Report, *(The role of the Probation Service)*, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.
The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 519-I.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September at 9.15am.

Wednesday 7 September 2011

Members present:
Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn    Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Evans  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to the Legal Services Commission, Tyneside

Resolved, That the Committee would visit the Legal Services Commission, Tyneside, in the Autumn.

3. The work of the Attorney General

a) Declarations of interests

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had previously prosecuted on behalf of the CPS and other bodies and that he had also carried out publicly funded legal aid work.

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he had previously been a prosecutor for the CPS, that he had been a member of the Attorney-General’s Unified List until its abolition a few months ago and that he is a practising Crown Court Recorder.

b) Oral evidence

Dominic Grieve QC MP, Attorney General, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 September at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 13 September 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Jeremy Corbyn
Chris Evans
Yasmin Qureshi

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The work of the Information Commissioner

Christopher Graham, Information Commissioner, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 October at 10.15am.

Tuesday 11 October 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Jeremy Corbyn
Claire Perry
Yasmin Qureshi

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth Justice

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Future of the Youth Justice Board and Youth Offending Teams inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Association of Panel Members; Barnardo’s; Prison Reform Trust; Local Government Group; Norfolk YOT; Ministry of Justice; Greater Manchester YOTs; Rob Allen; Transition to Adulthood Alliance; Standing Committee for Youth Justice; The Communication Trust; Youth Justice board for England and Wales; HM Inspectorate of Probation; Norfolk Constabulary; Catch 22; Centre for Mental Health; Leicestershire Youth Offending Service Management Board; Association of Directors of Children’s Services; Public and Commercial Services Union; British Association of Social Workers; YOT Managers, Cymru.

Enver Solomon, Chair, Standing Committee for Youth Justice and Policy Director, The Children’s Society, and Penelope Gibbs, Prison Reform Trust, Lorna Hadley, Chair, Association of Youth Offending Teams, Gareth Jones, Head of Service,
Halton and Warrington Youth Offending Team and Vice-Chair of the Association of YOT Managers, and Eddie Isles, Manager, YOT, Cymru, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 October at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 18 October 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Claire Perry
Jeremy Corbyn  Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Evans  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer  Karl Turner
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The work of the information Commissioner**

Draft Report (*Referral fees and the theft of personal data: evidence from the Information Commissioner*), 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 Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 1473._

3. **The budget and structure of the MoJ**

   a. _Ordered,* That Mrs Jo James be appointed as a specialist adviser to assist the Committee with its inquiry into the *budget and structure of the MoJ.*

Mrs Jo James declared nil interests.

   b. The Committee agreed that it would visit the MoJ at a future date in connection with its inquiry.

4. **Youth Justice**

_Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to the Future of the Youth Justice Board and Youth Offending Teams inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: the Magistrates’ Association; and the Youth Courts Committee, Magistrates’ Association.

Frances Done, Chair, and John Drew, Chief Executive, Youth Justice Board, Crispin Blunt MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Michelle Dyson, Deputy Director, Youth Justice, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 October at 10.15am.
Tuesday 25 October 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn  Yasmin Qureshi
Ben Gummer  Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to Brussels

Resolved, That the Committee would visit Brussels in connection with its ongoing scrutiny of the Ministry of Justice.

3. Joint enterprise

   d) Memoranda for publication on the internet

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the joint enterprise inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Dennis Demery; Dr Peter Freeman; JENGba; Professor Lee Bridges; Deborah Madden; Janet Cunliff; Tim Molony QC and Simon Natas; Jacqueline Long; Professor Graham Virgo; Gloria Morrison; Progressing Prisoners Maintaining Innocence; Prison Reform Trust; Ministry of Justice; Howard League for Penal Reform; Committee on the Reform of Joint Enterprise; and the Crown Prosecution Service.

   e) Declarations of Interests

The Chair declared that he was the president of the Liberal Democrat Friends of Israel.

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he had been a criminal barrister for 20 years, both prosecuting and defending, had not taken on any cases since the general election, but sat as a recorder in the Crown Court.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had prosecuted and defended cases both as a solicitor and barrister but had not done any prosecution work since April 2010.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she had prosecuted and defended cases but had not done any work to do with law since February 2010, that she had worked for the Crown Prosecution Service for about 10 years, having been a special case worker for a few years, and that a member of her family was a higher court advocate currently working for the Crown Prosecution Service.

f) Oral evidence

Keir Starmer QC, DPP, Jean Taylor and Christine Jones, Families Fighting for Justice, Gloria Morrison and Dr Andrew Green, Joint Enterprise-Not Guilty by Association (JENGba), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 November at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 1 November 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair
Mr Robert Buckland     Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn          Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois           Elizabeth Truss
Chris Evans            Karl Turner

1. Declaration of Interests by a new Member

Nick de Bois MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

That he was the Chair of Rapier Design Group (non-executive), and subsidiaries Rapier Group Inc (US division), Joan Carol Inc, Hampton Medical Conferences (exhibition management), OPUS CREATEES Ltd and Rapier Design Ltd.

That he held shares in Rapier Design Group Ltd.

2. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petition

The Committee noted the public petition from the people of Enfield concerning knife crime. The Committee further noted that this issue would be addressed as part of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill scheduled for consideration on the floor of the House this week.

4. Presumption of Death

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the joint enterprise inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Dr R Nelson; Rachel Elias; Hugh Eddowes; Ministry of Justice; Claire Chandler; Stephanie Hynard; Missing People; Clifford Chance LLP; UK Missing Persons; Bureau; Judy Lancaster; Vicki Derrick; All Party Parliamentary Group for Runaway and Missing Children and Adults; Association of British Insurers; Kirsten Bennett; Anastasia Romanos.

5. Budget and structure of the Ministry of Justice

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the joint enterprise inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice; Criminal Justice Alliance; The Legal Ombudsman; Prison Reform Trust; Law Society; and the Howard League for Penal Reform.
6. **Joint enterprise**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the joint enterprise inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Wrongly Accused Person Organisation; Gillian Phillips; and the Law Commission.

Professor Jeremy Horder, Kings College London, Crispin Blunt MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Keir Hopley, Deputy Director, Criminal Law and Legal Policy, and Michael des Tombe, Senior Legal Adviser, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 November at 10.15am.]

**Tuesday 22 November 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd  
Jeremy Corbyn  Yasmin Qureshi  
Nick de Bois  Elizabeth Truss  
Chris Evans  Karl Turner

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Budget and Structure of the MoJ and Youth Justice**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Denmark and Norway in connection with its inquiries into the budget and structure of the MoJ and Youth Justice.

3. **Petition**

The Committee noted the petition presented by Jeremy Corbyn MP from the Community Law Partnership on behalf of Gypsies and Travellers in relation to Legal Aid for Gypsies and Travellers

4. **Proposed abolition of the Youth Justice Board**

Draft Report (*The proposed abolition of the Youth Justice Board*), 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 Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1547.*

5. **Presumption of death**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the presumption of death inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Dr R Nelson; Rachel Elias; Hugh Edowes; Ministry of Justice; Claire Chandler; Stephanie Hynard; Missing People; Clifford
Chance LLP; UK Missing Persons Bureau; Judy Lancaster; Vicki Derrick; APPG for Runaway and Missing Children and Adults; Association of British Insurers; Kirsten Bennett; Anastasia Romanos.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 November at 10.15am.]

**Tuesday 29 November 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland
Jeremy Corbyn
Nick de Bois
Chris Evans

Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Yasmin Qureshi
Elizabeth Truss

1. **Committee's programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Presumption of death**


[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 December at 10.15am.]

**Tuesday 6 December 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine
Mr Robert Buckland
Jeremy Corbyn

Ben Gummer
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. **Declaration of Interests by a new Member**

Steve Brine MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

That his father-in-law was a judge in the Court of Appeal.

2. **Committee's programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.
3. **Budget and structure of the MoJ**


[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 December at 9.45am.

**Tuesday 13 December 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd Yasmin
Jeremy Corbyn       Qureshi
Nick de Bois        Karl Turner
Ben Gummer

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.


Lord Justice Leveson, Chairman, Sentencing Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January at 10.15am.

**Wednesday 11 January 2012**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Steve Brine         Yasmin Qureshi
Jeremy Corbyn       Elizabeth Truss
Nick de Bois

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Petitions**

The Committee noted:

a) The petition from Ian Coleman and Ex-Service Personnel in Blackpool in relation to war memorials, presented by Gordon Marsden MP; and
b) Observations from the Secretary of State for Justice on petitions presented by:

i. Nick de Bois MP on behalf of residents of the London Borough of Enfield; and

ii. Jeremy Corbyn MP on behalf of the Community Law Partnership.

3. Joint enterprise

Draft Report (Joint enterprise), 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 Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 1597.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 January at 10.15am.

Tuesday 24 January 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine  Ben Gummer
Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Ellyn Llywyd
Jeremy Corbyn  Elizabeth Truss
Chris Evans

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth Justice

Resolved, That the Committee would further inquire into Youth Justice.

3. Budget and structure of the MoJ

Rt Hon Jack Straw MP, former Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, and Phil Wheatley CB, former Director-General, National Offender Management Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 31 January 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland         Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn               Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois                Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Budget and structure of the MoJ

Sir Suma Chakrabarti KCB, Permanent Secretary, Ann Beasley CBE, Director General, Finance and Corporate Services, Helen Edwards CBE, Director General, Justice Policy Group, and Antonia Romeo, Director General, Transforming Justice, Ministry, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 February at 10.15am.

Tuesday 7 February 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine         Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland  Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn       Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois        Elizabeth Truss
Chris Evans         Karl Turner

1. Declaration of interests by a new Member

Seema Malhotra MP disclosed her interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

That she owned residential property in London SW3 and also a residential property in Brentford from which rental income is received. (Registered 22 December 2011)

2. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Presumption of Death

Draft Report (Presumption of death), 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 Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 1663.


The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would not make any recommendation under section 11 of the Public Bodies Act 2011 in relation to the draft Order.

5. Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sophie Barnes; Neil Craig; Debbie Pugh-Jones; David Holland; David Smith; Adrian Kerton; Newcastle University; Dr Julia Hines; Lord Lucas; Dr Rodger Patrick; ACPO; Nottingham University; Alistair Sloan; Trevor Craig; Robert Wyllie; University of Bath; Nuclear Information Service; Durham University; John Campbell; Peter Silverman; Understanding Animal Research; Paul Gibbons; Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust; Ron Aroskin; Colin Peek; Keele University; Birmingham City Council; NHS Business Services Authority; University of London; University of Salford; London Evening Standard; The Sunday Telegraph; Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust; The Russell Group; University of Bedfordshire; Derek Dishman; Audit Commission; NHS South of England; Foundation Trust Network; University of Westminster; University of Oxford; Newsquest Worcester; NAT; Financial Times; Rotherham Primary Care Trust; Republic; Herald & Times Group Scotland; Northumbria University; University of Surrey; 1994 Group; King’s College London; British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection; West Midlands Police Constabulary; BBC; Tender Management Consultancy Ltd; Teesside University; Local Public Data Panel; David Higginson; Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; University of Sussex; Bradford Telegraph & Argus; University of Manchester; Kent County Council; University of Bristol; University of Lincoln; Universities UK; Prison Reform Trust; NHS North Lincolnshire; Constitution Unit; University of Leicester; Kent Messenger Group; NHS Bassetlaw; Northern Ireland Civil Service Departments; Telegraph Media Group; Packet Newspapers; University of the Arts London; Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen NHS Trust; Campaign Against Arms Trade; Cranfield University; Whadtotheyknow; Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS FT; University of Reading; Information Commissioner; University of Cambridge Colleges; Index on Censorship; Newspaper Society; Liberty; Newsquest Somerset; Request Initiative; Leeds City Council; Society of Editors; The Press Newspaper, York; GM Freeze; Centre for Public Scrutiny; Ofcom; University of Sheffield; Andrew Watson; Andrew Montford; Gary Shipsey; Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust; Richard Taylor; Greg Muttitt; Ganesh Sittampalam; John Cross; and Helen Cross.

6. Budget and structure of the MoJ

The Committee agreed that it would visit the National Offender Management Service in connection with its inquiry into the Budget and structure of the MoJ.

Richard Morris, Group Managing Director, G4S Care and Justice Services; Tony Leech, Managing Director, Sodexo Justice Services; Charlie Bruin, Business Director, Central
Government, Liberata; Andy Keen-Downs, Chief Executive, Prison Advice & Care Trust; Sarah Payne, Chief Executive, Wales Probation Trust; Ian Barrow, Head of Business Development, Wales Probation Trust; Bernadette Byrne, Group Client Services Director; and Diane Cheesebrough, Chief Operating Officer, thebigword, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 February at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 21 February 2012**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland  Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer  Karl Turner

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Budget and structure of the MoJ**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *Budget and structure of the MoJ* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice; Liberata; G4S; Prison Advice and Care Trust; and PCS.

3. **Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Tom Boyd; Chaminda Jayanetti; Chris Boocock; Equanomics-UK; Wellcome Trust; University of Essex; Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trusts; Andy Macdonald; and the National Union of Journalists.

Maurice Frankel, Director, Campaign for Freedom of Information, Alexandra Runswick, Deputy Director, Unlock Democracy, Alex Skene, Volunteer, What Do They Know?, Professor Robert Hazell, Director, Dr Ben Worthy, Senior Researcher, and Jim Amos, Honorary Senior Research Associate, UCL Constitution Unit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 February at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 28 February 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine
Mr Robert Buckland
Jeremy Corbyn
Nick de Bois
Ben Gummer

Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Yasmin Qureshi
Elizabeth Truss
Karl Turner

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.


Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: John Davies; Ron Hughes; and Loughborough University.

Written evidence relating to the Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 inquiry was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives: Dr Jonathan Alltines.

Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair, declared that he was a member of the Court of Newcastle University.

Professor Ian Diamond, Vice-Chancellor of University of Aberdeen, Chair of Research Policy Network, Universities UK, Dr Rodney Eastwood, Registrar, Imperial College, (on behalf of the Russell Group), Professor Trevor J McMillan, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research, Lancaster University, Chair of the 1994 Group Research and Enterprise Policy Group, Martin Rosenbaum, BBC News, Doug Wills, Managing Editor, Evening Standard, i, Independent, Independent on Sunday, David Higgerson, Digital Publishing Director, Trinity Mirror Regionals (on behalf of the Newspaper Society), David Hencke, Senior Investigative Journalist for ExaroNEWS (on behalf of the National Union of Journalists), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 March at 10.15am.]
Tuesday 6 March 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland  Yasmin Qureshi
Jeremy Corbyn  Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer  Karl Turner

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Budget and structure of the MoJ

Mr Robert Buckland MP, declared that he is a Crown Court Recorder.

Frances Done CBE, Chair, Youth Justice Board, John Drew, Chief Executive, Youth Justice Board and Peter Handcock CBE, Chief Executive, Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunals Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 March at 10.15am.]

Wednesday 14 March 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland  Chris Evans
Jeremy Corbyn  Ben Gummer
Nick de Bois  Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.


Draft Special Report (Joint Enterprise: Government Response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2010–12), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2010–12 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.
3. *Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Act 2006: Post-legislative scrutiny*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would not conduct post-legislative scrutiny of this Act.

4. *Budget and Structure of the MoJ*

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to the budget and structure of the MoJ be reported to the House for publication on the internet: G4S; thebigword; the Lord Chief Justice; and HMCI of Prisons and Probation.

5. *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*

Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair, declared that he was a member of the Court of Newcastle University.

Christopher Graham, Information Commissioner, and Graham Smith, Deputy Information Commissioner and Director of Freedom of Information, Information Commissioner’s Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 March at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 27 March 2012**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine, Chris Evans
Mr Robert Buckland, Ben Gummer
Jeremy Corbyn, Seema Malhotra
Nick de Bois

1. *Committee’s programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Petition*

The Committee noted the petition from Citizens of Walsall in respect of Walsall Council’s plans to remove borders around all graves at cemeteries in Walsall, presented by Valerie Vaz on 1 February 2012.


Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Avril T Jackson; Universities UK; and BUAV.
Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair, declared that he was a member of the Court of Newcastle University.


[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 April at 10.15am.

**Tuesday 17 April 2012**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine  Ben Gummer
Mr Robert Buckland  Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn  Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois  Elizabeth Truss
Chris Evans

1. **Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Petitions**

The Committee noted the Government’s observations on petitions from Antoinette Mary Tricker, presented on 9 February 2012, on the subject of Mentally Incapacitated Persons (Rights of Carers to Financial Information) and from Citizens of Walsall presented on 1 February 2012, in respect of Walsall Council’s plans to remove borders around all graves at cemeteries in Walsall.

3. **Main estimates memoranda**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to main estimates be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice.

4. **Budget and structure of the MoJ**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Budget and structure of the MoJ inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Probation Chief’s Association; Legal Services Commission; Applied Language; Spurgeon; Liberata; MoJ.

5. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Sir Alan Beith MP, Chair, declared that he was a member of the Court of Newcastle University.
Rt Hon Jack Straw MP, Dr Nick Palmer, Director of International and Corporate Relations, Michelle Thew, Chief Executive, and David Thomas, Legal Consultant, British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, gave oral evidence.

[The Committee adjourned.]
Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith declared the following interests:

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Gave an after dinner talk to friends of Harris Manchester College, and received book tokens. (Registered 16 July 2009); Received £250 for a seminar with students of Wroxtton College. (Registered 10 February 2010); Received £50 for writing an article for John Wiley and Sons Ltd (Registered 3 June 2010)

Sponsorship or financial or material support: Donations were received from Lord Alliance and Mr and Mrs R Parker.

Other support in the capacity of an MP: the services of an intern for two days a week provided by CARE (Registered 21 January 2010)

Overseas visits: I visited Finland 4-8 May 2009 to meet Finnish Members of Parliament for discussions on issues affecting both countries and the Finnish prison service relating to the training of prison officers. My accommodation, hospitality and local travel within Finland was provided by the Finnish Parliament. (My travel to Finland was funded under the House of Commons European Travel scheme.) (Registered 11 May 2009)

Miscellaneous: I am Chairman of the Historic Chapels Trust.

Mr Robert Buckland declared the following interests:

Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc: I sit as a crown Court Recorder (part time Circuit Judge) and am a practising Barrister. Have received fee receipts of £4161.01 (excluding VAT) for work done prior to 12 March 2010. (Registered 12 July 2010)

Christopher Evans declared nil interests.

Mrs Helen Grant declared the following interests:

Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc: I declare a financial interest as a self-employed Designated Member of a legal practice known as Grants Solicitors LLP, registered at The Old Tithe Barn, 520 Purley Way, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 4RE. Registration No. OC335641. My husband is the firm’s other equity holder and Designated Member. I do not consider my involvement with my firm as a ‘job’ but I do intend to retain and protect my financial interest. I have also always made it clear that I intend to maintain my links with my profession, staying up to date with training and developments and possibly practising, very occasionally, in order to retain a level of knowledge and expertise. As the majority equity member of the firm I receive a share of profits arising from the operations of the practice by way of Member’s Drawings. These drawings are not conditional upon hours worked, i.e. I am not required to be employed in any fee-earning work for clients of the firm. I receive some of my drawings directly into my personal bank accounts. My other drawings arise from regular direct debits and standing orders, which pay our domestic monthly bills and provisions for income tax, directly from my firm’s office account. The total amount of drawings I have received since May 6 until the final business day in May (Friday 28) is £13,796.10. (Registered 3 June 2010)
Sponsorships: Donations were received from numerous donors, Mr Miles Q Morland (£5,000), Mrs Caroline Nash (£5,000), Mr Ian Firmin (£2,500) and Claygate Distribution Ltd, (£3,000). *(Registered 3 June 2010)*

Land and property: I own Commercial Offices and Storage as an asset within my Self Invested Pension Plan from which I receive a rental income. *(Registered 3 June 2010)*

Miscellaneous: I am a qualified solicitor and a member of the Law Society of England and Wales with a current practising certificate. I ran in the Virgin London marathon on 25 April 2010 as patron of the Maidstone branch of the charity ‘Tomorrow’s People’ and raised sponsorship totalling £2,051.50 for this cause as at the time of the submission of this declaration. *(Registered 3 June 2010)*

**Mrs Siân C James declared the following interests:**

Land and Property: I own a House in Neath, West Glamorgan.

**Jessica Lee declared the following interests:**

Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc: I am a self employed Barrister and have received the sum of £10,400.22 in respect of work carried out prior to being elected an MP which was only received after 6 May 2010. *(Registered 4 June 2010)*

Sponsorships were received from numerous donors, Mrs P Rose (£2,000), Forsters LLP (£7,500) and The Spring Lunch (£2,000). *(Registered 4 June 2010)*

Land and Property: I own a residential flat in London from which a rental income is received. *(Registered 4 June 2010)*

**Elfyn Llwyd declared the following interests:**

Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc.: I am a practising Barrister at Law and received £568.87 (inc. VAT) on 20 August 2009 for legal work in the family court. *(Registered 14 September 2009)*; received payment of £300 (plus £35 VAT) from the Legal Services Commission on behalf of solicitors E. A. Harris and Co. *(Registered 7 October 2009)*; and £3,769.50 on 18 June 2010 for a Family Law Case at Caernarfon County Court on 29, 30 and 31 July 2009 *(Registered 22 June 2010).*

Miscellaneous: I have received various payments for interviews and participation in programmes on: BBC Radio, Cymru, (£20); BBC Wales, (£20) *(Registered 11 August 2009) (£50) *(Registered 6 October 2009); S4C Programme (£150) *(Registered 25 November 2009); “Y Byd Ar Bedwar”, The Media Centre (£50) *(Registered 15 March 2010); and for completing various Parliamentary Panel surveys and opinion panel questionnaires from: COMRES (£50) *(Registered 9 July 2009), (£50) *(Registered 21 August 2009), (£75) *(Registered 12 January 2010), (£75) *(Registered 07 July 2010); and BPRL (£75) *(Registered 3 September 2009), (£75) *(Registered 25 November 2009), and (£75) *(Registered 9 December 2009).*
Claire Perry declared the following interests:

Sponsorships: Donations were received from numerous donors, Mrs Carol W Prentice (£2,000), Mr Henry Keswick (£2,500 received 27 February 2009) and (£2,500 received 7 January 2010), Mrs Tessa Keswick (£2,500 received 27 February 2009) and (£2,500 received 7 January 2010), Mr Kenneth A Carter (£3,000 received 11 March 2009) and (£5,000 Received 19 January 2010), Martin Arbib (£2,000) and Gillian E Fallon (£4,500) (Registered 2 June 2010)

Linda Riordan declared the following interests:

Sponsorships: Donations were received from numerous donors, Unite the Union (£2,000), FBU (£3,000) and RMT (£2,000) (Registered 9 June 2010)

Employment of family members: I employ my partner as a Senior Research Assistant whose remuneration is paid for through parliamentary allowances.

Anna Soubry declared the following interests:

Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc: I am a self employed Barrister and have received no remuneration since 6 June 2010.

Sponsorships: Donations were received from numerous donors, Mr R S Benson (£1,000), Mr J P Mitchell (£1,000), Lady J M Barber (£2,000), Mr J Tyler (£8,500), Mr R C N Davidson (£13,000), Mr A N Rudd (£500), Mr Neville Baxter (£12,000), Mr D Wilson (£2,000, Safety Problem, Solutions UK Ltd (£500) and RMT (£2,000) (Registered 3 June 2010)

Karl Turner declared the following interests:

Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc.: I am a junior member of Wilberforce Chambers.

Miscellaneous: I rent a one bedroom flat situated in Clapham Common which is owned by the RMT. I understand that the monthly rent of £900 is a commercial rate and it is not discounted especially to me. (Registered 16 June 2010)