1. Insects and insecticides

Ordered, That the letter submitted by the Prime Minister relating to the Committee’s Seventh Report, Pollinators and Pesticides, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Well-being

Professor Dieter Helm, Chair, Natural Capital Committee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 May 2013 at 2.00 pm]

Sunday 12 May—Monday 13 May

The Chair visited Dublin to attend a meeting of Chairs of Environment and Energy Committees under the Irish Presidency of the EU, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 17 April 2013.
Wednesday 15 May 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton  Caroline Nokes
Katy Clark    Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith Mr Mark Spencer
Mark Lazarowicz Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas Simon Wright

1. Progress on carbon budgets

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Progress on Carbon Budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
   WWF UK

2. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the UK Overseas Territories submitted by Buglife be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Measuring well-being and sustainable development: sustainable development indicators

Draft Special Report (Measuring well-being and sustainable development: Sustainable Development Indicators), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of the Session 2012-13 was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Sentencing Council guidelines on environmental offences

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Justice Committee on the Sentencing Council guidelines on environmental offences.

5. Publication of Members’ attendance figures

The Committee discussed this matter.

6. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

Resolved, That the Chair and Dr Matthew Offord will visit the Cayman Islands as Committee Rapporteurs in June 2013.

7. Protecting the Arctic: Government response

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, That the Committee invite Shell to give evidence.

8. Energy subsidies

Peter Wooders, Programme Leader, Global Subsidies Initiative, Shelagh Whitley, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, and Charles Perry, Partner, Second Nature, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 May 2013 at 10.30 am]

Thursday 16 May 2013

Members present:

Peter Aldous  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

In the absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the chair.

Progress on carbon budgets

Professor James Hansen, Columbia University, and Professor Mark Jaccard, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 June 2013 at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 5 June 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Simon Wright

1. Progress on carbon budgets

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Progress on carbon budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
2. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the UK Overseas Territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Governor of Gibraltar
- Governor of Bermuda
- Cayman Islands Department of the Environment
- Governor of Falkland Islands
- Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
- Governor of British Virgin Islands
- Governor of Anguilla
- Environmental Management Division St Helena
- Governor of Montserrat
- Governor of Cayman Islands
- Governor of St Helena
- Falkland Islands Government Environmental Planning Department
- Anguilla Department of the Environment
- Governor of Turks and Caicos Islands

3. Energy subsidies

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Energy subsidies be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Bryan Norris
- Calor Gas Ltd
- Energy Fair

4. Embedding sustainable development: an update

Draft Report (Embedding sustainable development: an update), 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 202.

5. Outcomes of the Rio+20 Earth Summit

Draft Report (Outcomes of the UN Rio+20 Earth Summit), 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 200.

6. Transport and the accessibility of public services

Draft Report (Transport and the accessibility of public services), 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 Third Report of the Committee, HC 201.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 12 June 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Dr Matthew Offord
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Progress on carbon budgets
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Progress on carbon budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Met Office
Aubrey Meyer, Global Commons Institute

2. Green finance
Ordered, That the transcript of the Committee’s seminar at Guildhall, City of London, on 5 June relating to Green finance be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the UK Overseas Territories submitted by the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Green finance
The Committee considered this matter.

5. Protecting the Arctic: the Government’s response
The Committee considered this matter.

6. Future programme
7. Progress on carbon budgets

Aubrey Meyer, Global Commons Institute, gave oral evidence.

Professor Andrew Shepherd, University of Leeds, and Professor Myles Allen, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

Professor Julia Slingo, Chief Scientist, and Dr Jason Lowe, Head of Knowledge Integration and Mitigation Advice, Met Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 June 2013 at 2.00 pm]

Sunday 16 June—Friday 21 June

The Chair and Dr Matthew Offord visited the Cayman Islands in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 May.

Wednesday 26 June 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton  Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz  Simon Wright
Caroline Nokes

1. Energy subsidies

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Energy subsidies be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Dr David Toke
Renewable Energy Association
Association for the Conservation of Energy
Wood Panel Industries Federation
Friends of the Earth
Nuclear Industries Association
Platform
BSW Timber
Alan Simpson
RenewableUK
EDF Energy
2. **Progress on carbon budgets**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Progress on carbon budgets submitted by the Environmental Investigation Agency be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Well-being**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Well-being be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Dr Jan Eichhorn
- Royal Statistical Society
- Economic and Social Research Council
- New Approaches
- Woodland Trust
- Academy of Social Sciences
- The British Psychological Society
- Colin Green
- RSPB
- new economics foundation
- Wellbeing Programme, Centre for Economic Performance
- Cabinet Office

4. **Green finance**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Well-being**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Green finance**

James Leaton, Project Director, Carbon Tracker Initiative, and Dr Nicola Ranger, Senior Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, gave oral evidence.

Michael Liebreich, Chief Executive, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Donald MacDonald, Trustee of BT Pension Scheme and Chair of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change, and David Russell, Co-Head of Responsible Investment, Universities Superannuation Scheme Investment Management, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 July 2013 at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 3 July 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. Progress on carbon budgets

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Progress on carbon budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Met Office (further evidence)
   Andrew Montfort

2. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainability in the UK overseas territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   World Society for the Protection of Animals
   Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Foreign & Commonwealth Office

3. Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response submitted by Shell be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Well-being

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Progress on carbon budgets

David Kennedy, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 2.00 pm]
Tuesday 9 July 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Caroline Lucas
Dr Matthew Offord
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Energy subsidies
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Energy subsidies submitted by DECC and HM Treasury be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response
Mark Simmonds MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Jane Rumble, Head of the Polar Regions Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

3. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories
Mark Simmonds MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Dr Peter Hayes, Director Overseas Territories, FCO, Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, and Jeremy Eppel, Deputy Director, International Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Evidence, Defra, and Ian McKendry, Deputy Director for the Overseas Territories and the Caribbean, DfID, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 July 2013 at 9.50 am]

Wednesday 10 July (morning)

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Caroline Lucas
Dr Matthew Offord
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

Energy subsidies
Professor Paul Ekins, Director, Institute for Sustainable Resources, University College London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till today at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 10 July (afternoon)

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton  Mr Mark Spencer
Caroline Lucas  Simon Wright
Caroline Nokes

Progress on carbon budgets

Rt Hon Gregory Barker MP, Minister of State for Climate Change, Ravi Gurumurthy, Director of Strategy, and Ben Golding, Deputy Director of Strategy, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 July at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 17 July 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Mark Lazarowicz
Neil Carmichael  Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton  Dr Alan Whitehead
Zac Goldsmith  Simon Wright

1. Progress on carbon budgets

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Progress on carbon budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Sandbag
   Aubrey Meyer, Global Commons Institute (further evidence)
   Dr Ulrich Loening
   Dr Mayer Hillman

2. Energy subsidies

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Energy subsidies in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Energy UK
   Professor Paul Ekins (further evidence)

3. Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response
Draft Report (Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response), 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 Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 333.

4. **Sustainability in BIS**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Arctic Circle annual meeting**

Resolved, that the Chair or another Member have leave to visit Reykjavik in October 2013 to attend the first annual meeting of the Arctic Circle group in a representative capacity, in connection with the inquiry into Protecting the Arctic and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

6. **Well-being**

Professor Jan Bebbington, Professor of Accounting and Sustainable Development, University of St Andrews, Juliet Michaelson, Senior researcher and Programme Co-ordinator, Centre for Well-being, New Economics Foundation, Glenn Everett, Programme Director for Measuring National Well-being Programme, Office for National Statistics, and Joe Grice, Chief Economist, Office for National Statistics, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 September 2013 at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 4 September 2013**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Simon Wright

1. **Green finance**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Green finance be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

New Economics Foundation  
Northumbrian Water Limited  
Green House  
Carillion
2. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum (further evidence)
- FCO and Defra

3. **Sustainability in BIS**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainability in BIS be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- English Learning and Sustainability Alliance
- Green Alliance

4. **Progress on carbon budgets**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Transport and accessibility to public services**

Draft Special Report (*Transport and accessibility to public services: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Third Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

6. **Pollinators and pesticides**

Draft Special Report (*Pollinators and pesticides: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2012-13*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2012-13 was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.
Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

7. **Embedding sustainable development and the Outcomes of the UN Rio+20 Earth Summit**

Draft Special Report (*Embedding sustainable development and the outcomes of the UN Rio+20 Earth Summit: Government Responses to the Committee’s First and Second Reports of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s responses to the First and Second Reports from the Committee were appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

8. **Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review**

The Committee considered this matter.

9. **Sustainability in BIS**

Emma Ward, director, economic development, Howard Orme, director general, finance and commercial, Janice Munday, director, advanced manufacturing and services, Alex Wilson, deputy director, Regional Growth Fund, and Paul Williams, deputy director, student finance policy, Department for Business Innovation and Skills, and Steve Egan, deputy chief executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 September 2013 at 10.00 am]

**Wednesday 11 September 2013**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Katy Clark
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Caroline Nokes
Dr Matthew Offord
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Green finance**

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Green finance submitted by the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
2. **Energy subsidies**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Energy subsidies in the UK submitted by UK Export Finance be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- BioDiplomacy
- RSPB (further submission)

4. **Progress on carbon budgets**

Draft Report (*Progress on carbon budgets*), 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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 60.*

5. **Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Biodiversity offsetting**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Biodiversity offsetting.

7. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**

Darryl Pickthall, Director, Jason Pickthall, Chief Executive Officer, and Jamie Davies, Accounts Director, Crown Acquisitions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 10.00 am]

*Wednesday 11 September—Thursday 12 September*

*The Chair, Peter Aldous, Mark Lazarowicz, Dr Matthew Offord, Mr Mark Spencer and Dr Alan Whitehead visited the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, and the Green Investment Bank in Edinburgh in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Green finance, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 19 March.*
Thursday 12 September 2013

The Committee met at the Green Investment Bank, Edinburgh.

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair
Peter Aldous
Mark Lazarowicz
Dr Matthew Offord
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead

Green finance
Shaun Kingsbury, Chief Executive Officer, Green Investment Bank, Tessa Tennant, Non-Executive Director, Green Investment Bank, and Jonathan Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Development Capital, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 October at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 9 October 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair
Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Caroline Nokes
Dr Matthew Offord
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Transition Levenham CiC
The Blewburton Partnership
Renewable Energy Association
The Alliance for Sustainable Building Products
Paul Appleby
Leku Environmental
AA Energy Consultants
Association for the Conservation of Energy
Richard Hodkinson Consultancy
Centre for Sustainable Energy
UK Green Building Council
2. **Green finance**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Green finance submitted by the City of London Corporation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Energy subsidies**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Energy subsidies be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   United Kingdom without Incineration Network
   Overseas Development Institute
   DfID

4. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories submitted by Edison Baird be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Chair and all other Members visit a Code for Sustainable Homes site in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review.

6. **Green finance**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Biodiversity offsetting**

The Committee considered this matter.
8. **Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review**

Martin Townsend, Director, Building Research Establishment, Councillor Ed Turner, Environment and Housing Board, Local Government Association, Rachel Fisher, Head of Policy, National Housing Federation, and John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, Home Builders Federation, gave oral evidence.

Peter Schofield, Director General, Neighbourhoods Group, and Bob Ledsome, Deputy Director, Building Regulations and Standards, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 9.15 am]

**Sunday 13 October—Monday 14 October**
The Chair visited Reykjavik, Iceland, to attend the first conference of the Arctic Circle group, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Protecting the Arctic, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 17 July.

**Wednesday 16 October**
The Chair visited Drayton Park Garden Village, London, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Code for Sustainable Homes, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 9 October.

**Wednesday 23 October 2013 (morning)**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

- Peter Aldous
- Neil Carmichael
- Caroline Nokes
- Dr Matthew Offord
- Mr Mark Spencer
- Dr Alan Whitehead
- Simon Wright

**Biodiversity offsetting**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Biodiversity offsetting be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Ciwem
- Friends of the Earth
- Natural Environment Research Council
- The Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust
- Michael Hannis
- Lafarge Tarmac
- National Trust
In the absence of the Chair, Peter Aldous was called to the chair.

Sandra Bell, Campaigner (Nature and Ecosystems), Friends of the Earth, Brendan Costelloe, Senior Policy Officer, RSPB, John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, Home Builders Federation, and Frances Winder, Conservation Policy Officer, Woodland Trust, gave oral evidence.

Dr Alan Whitehead was called to the chair.

Tom Tew, Chief Executive, Environment Bank, Janice Bradley, Head of Conservation Policy and Planning, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, and Andrew Clark, Head of Policy, National Farmers Union, gave oral evidence.

Joan Walley resumed the chair.

Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP, Secretary of State of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Chris de Grouchy, Head of Biodiversity, and Will Armitage, Head of the Major Infrastructure and Environment Unit, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 23 October (afternoon)

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith  Mr Mark Spencer
Mark Lazarowicz  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas  Simon Wright

1. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**
   
   *Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Sustainability in BIS**
   
   *Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Sustainability in BIS submitted by the BIS Sustainability Champion be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review**
   
   *Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review submitted by Wienerberger Ltd be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Energy subsidies**

   Gordon Edge, Director of Policy, RenewableUK, Keith Parker, Chief Executive, Nuclear Industry Association, David Odling, Energy Policy Manager, Oil & Gas UK, Emma Hughes, Senior Policy Officer, Platform, and Alan Simpson, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 October 2013 at 2.00pm]
Wednesday 30 October 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Mark Lazarowicz
Neil Carmichael  Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton  Dr Matthew Offord
Katy Clark  Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Biodiversity offsetting

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Biodiversity offsetting be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Aldersgate Group
Professor Colin Reid, University of Dundee

2. European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy conference

Resolved, that the Chair have leave to visit Brussels on 13 November 2013 to attend the European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy conference in a representative capacity, in connection with the inquiry into Energy subsidies and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Energy Subsidies

Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, Minister for Energy, Patrick Erwin, Head, EMI Strategy and Programme Office, Department of Energy and Climate Change, David Godfrey, Chief Executive, UK Export Finance, Helen Dickinson, Deputy Director, Environment and Transport Tax, HM Treasury, and Josceline Wheatley, Acting Head, Climate and Environment Department, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 2.00pm]
Wednesday 6 November 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Nokes
Dr Matthew Offord
Mr Mark Spencer

1. **Biodiversity offsetting**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Biodiversity offsetting be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Bexley Natural Environment Forum
Mineral Products Association

2. **Sustainability in BIS**

Draft Report (*Sustainability in BIS*), 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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 613.*

3. **Biodiversity offsetting**

Draft Report (*Biodiversity offsetting*), 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 Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 750.*

4. **Future programme**

Resolved, That the Committee visit EU institutions in Brussels.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Sustainability in the Home Office.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Plastic bags.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Marine Protected Areas.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Invasive species.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Climate change adaptation.

5. **Working methods of the Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 November 2013 at 4pm]
Monday 11 November 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Energy subsidies

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Energy Subsidies in the UK submitted by RenewableUK be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review

Draft Report (Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review), 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 Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 192.

3. Green finance

Josh Ryan-Collins, Senior Researcher, New Economics Foundation, Catherine Howarth, Chief Executive Officer, Share Action, Stephanie Maier, Head of Corporate Responsibility, Aviva Investors, and Ian Simm, Chief Executive, Impax Asset Management, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 2pm

Tuesday 12 November – Wednesday 13 November
The Chair visited Brussels to attend the European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy annual policy seminar, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 30 October.
Wednesday 20 November 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous              Caroline Lucas
Neil Carmichael          Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton             Mr Mark Spencer
Mark Lazarowicz          Simon Wright

1. Green finance

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Green finance submitted by Pure Leapfrog be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Energy subsidies

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Plastic bags

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Green finance

Robert Rabinowitz, Chief Executive, Pure Leapfrog, James Vaccaro, International Head of Corporate Development, Triodos Bank, and Mike Smyth, Chair, Energy4All and Wey Valley energy co-operatives, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 November 2013 at 1.45pm

Wednesday 27 November 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous              Mr Mark Spencer
Martin Caton              Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas            Simon Wright
Dr Matthew Offord

Energy subsidies

Draft Report (*Energy subsidies*), 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 61.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 2.45pm]

Wednesday 11 December 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith

Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Nokes
Dr Matthew Offord
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office relating to Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Green finance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Green finance be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Environment Agency
   Alan Simpson
   Bank of England

3. Plastic bags

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Dr Wouter Poortinga
   Regain Polymers Limited
   Plasrecycle Limited
   Natural Environment Research Council
   Closed Loop Recycling
   British Polythene Industries
   Incpen
   Foodservice Packaging Association
   Packaging and Films Association
   British Plastics Federation
   National Federation of Retail Newsagents
   Marine Conservation Society
Axion Recycling Limited
Association of Convenience Stores
UK Travel Retail Forum
European Plastics Converters
Novamont, The Kyoto Club, The Italian Association of Bioplastics and the Italian Composting Association
The British Association for Shooting and Conservation
Centriforce Products
Keep Britain Tidy
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Colin Farrant
The OxoBiodegradable Plastics Association
Waitrose

4. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Energy subsidies**

Resolved, that the Chair write to the Treasury concerning proposed changes to the accounting and supply treatment of levy control framework transactions.

6. **Progress on Carbon Budgets**

Draft Special Report (*Progress on Carbon Budgets: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

7. **Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review**

Resolved, that the Chair and other Members have leave to visit an E.On district heating scheme in London in a representative capacity, in connection with the inquiry into the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Housing Standards Review.

8. **Green finance**

Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, Minister for Business and Enterprise, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Minister of State for Energy, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 December 2013 at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 18 December 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael  Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton     Dr Matthew Offord
Katy Clark       Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith    Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz  Simon Wright

1. Declaration of Interests

Mrs Caroline Spelman declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Plastic bags

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- British Retail Consortium
- Surfers Against Sewage
- Professor Richard Thompson
- WRAP
- Defra

3. Green finance

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Aviva Investors relating to Green finance be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Energy subsidies

Ordered, That the letter submitted by Oil and Gas UK relating to Energy subsidies be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

5. Plastic bags

Dr Richard Swannell, Director of Sustainable Food Systems WRAP, Dr Wouter Poortinga, Reader in Environmental Psychology, Cardiff University, and Matthew Quinn, Director for Environment, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

Neil Sinden, Policy Manager, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Andrew Opie, Director of Food and Sustainability, British Retail Consortium, and Barry Turner, Chief Executive, Packaging and Films Association, gave oral evidence.

Dan Rogerson MP, Minister for Water, Forestry, Rural Affairs and Resource Management, Clare Hawley, Deputy Director, Waste Strategy and Management, Karen Leper, Deputy Director, Waste Strategy and Management, and Laura Denison, Team
Leader, Carrier bag policy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 2 pm]

**Wednesday 8 January 2014**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

**1. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**

Draft Report (*Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories*), 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 332.

**2. Plastic bags**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Oxo-Biodegradable Plastics Association
- Packaging and Films Association

**3. Outcomes of the UN Rio+20 Earth Summit**

Ordered, That the letter submitted by the Secretary for International Development relating to the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development agenda be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

**4. Invasive species**

The Committee considered this matter.

**5. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**6. Plastic bags**
Mike Baxter, British Polythene Industries Ltd, David Newman, Italian Association of Bioplastics and Italian Composting Association, Michael Stephen, Chairman, Oxo-Biodegradable Plastics Association, Professor Richard Thompson, Plymouth University, and Jessican Baker, CEO, Chase Plastics, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January 2014 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 15 January 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Dr Matthew Offord
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Plastic bags

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

European Bioplastics E.V.
Chase Plastics Ltd
Oxo-Biodegradable Plastics Association
British Polythene Industries PLC
Kyoto Club, Consorzio Italiano Compostasion, Assobioplasticle and Novamont Spa
The Co-operative Group
Keep Wales Tidy
Defra

2. Invasive species

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Invasive species be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildilfe Trust
City of London Law Society
Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association
Plantlife
Repta
Katharina Dehnen-Schmutz
Wildlife and Countryside Link
Property Care Association
Cabi
3. **Plastic bags**
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Future programme**
The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Well-being**
Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society, Dr David Halpern, Head of Behavioural Insights Team and What Works Champion, Cabinet Office, and Mr Michele Pittini, Deputy Director, Sustainable Land and Rural Evidence and Analysis, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 22 January 2014**

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Invasive species**
*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Invasive Species be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- National Farmers Union
- Wildlife and Countryside Link
- Country, Land and Business Association

2. **Plastic bags**
*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
- Professor Richard Thomson
- Advanced Enzyme Science Ltd

3. **Well-being**
*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Well-being submitted by the Cabinet Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
4. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into An environmental scorecard.

5. Invasive species

Carrie Hume, Wildlife and Countryside Link, Dr Helen Bayliss, British Ecological Society and Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College, Dr Helen Roy, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Dr Richard Shaw, CABI, and Dr Mark Spencer, Natural History Museum, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 January 2014 at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 29 January 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Martin Caton  Katy Clark  Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz  Dr Matthew Offord  Mrs Caroline Spelman  Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Invasive species

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Invasive Species submitted by the National Trust be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Marine Protected Areas

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Marine Protected Areas be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Rebekah Butler
British Association for Shooting and Conservation
RenewableUK
Whale and Dolphin Conservation
Freshwater UK
British Ports Association
British Marine Aggregate Producers Association
Seabed User and Developer Group
North Sea Marine Cluster
Wildlife and Countryside Link
Institute of Fisheries Management
The Crown Estate
UK Major Ports Group
Oil and Gas UK
WWF UK
3. **Plastic bags**

Ordered, That the letter submitted by Defra relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Draft Report (*Plastic bags*), 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 861.*

4. **Future programme**

The Committee discussed this matter.

5. **Invasive species**

Professor Max Wade, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, Mark Owen, Angling Trust, Henry Robinson, President CLA, and Chris Gerrard, Climate Change and Biodiversity Manager, Anglian Water, gave oral evidence.

Dr David Bullock, Head of Nature Conservation, National Trust, Dr John David, Chief Scientist, Royal Horticultural Society, and Martin Emmett, Horticultural Trades Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 February 2014 at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 5 February 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous               Caroline Nokes
Neil Carmichael           Dr Matthew Offord
Katy Clark                Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith             Mr Mark Spencer
Mark Lazarowicz           Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas            Simon Wright

1. Marine Protected Areas

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Marine Protected Areas be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Defra
   Geological Society

2. Invasive species

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Invasive species be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Professor Chris Thomas
   Carrie Hume, Dr Helen Bayless, Dr Richard Shaw, and Dr Mark Spencer

3. Future programme

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into HS2 and the environment.

4. Witnesses and the exercise of Select Committee powers

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Sustainability in BIS

Draft Special Report (Sustainability in BIS: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.
6. **Marine Protected Areas**

Joan Edwards, Head of Living Seas at the Wildlife Trust and Chair of Wildlife and Countryside Link’s Marine Working Group, Tom Hooper, Head of Marine Policy, RSPB, and Melissa Moore, Senior Policy Officer, Marine Conservation Society, gave oral evidence.

Dr Russell Wynn, National Oceanography Centre, Dr Matt Frost, Deputy Director, Marine Biological Association, and Dr Steve Widdicombe, Head of Science, Marine Life Support System, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 February 2014 at 2.00 pm]

Monday 10 February – Tuesday 11 February

The Chair, Peter Aldous, Neil Carmichael, Mark Lazarowicz and Dr Alan Whitehead visited EU institutions in Brussels in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 6 November 2013.

Wednesday 26 February 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Invasive species**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Invasive species be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Royal Horticultural Society  
Horticultural Trades Association  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

2. **Progress on Carbon budgets**

*Ordered*, That the letter submitted by the Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change relating to carbon budget management be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

3. **Green finance**

Draft Report (*Green finance*), 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 191.

4. Energy subsidies

Draft Special Report (Energy subsidies: Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Ninth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

5. HS2 and the environment

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Dr William Sheate be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix).

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Invasive species

Professor Chris Thomas, University of York, gave oral evidence.


[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 5 March 2014

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In the absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the chair.

**Marine Protected Areas**


James Cross, Chief Executive, Marine Management Organisation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 12 March 2014**

Members present:

- Neil Carmichael
- Martin Caton
- Zac Goldsmith
- Mark Lazarowicz
- Carole Lucas
- Caroline Nokes
- Mr Mark Spencer
- Dr Alan Whitehead

In the absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the chair.

1. **HS2 and the environment**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to HS2 and the environment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Richard Crow
- Chris Eaglen
- Christopher Prideaux
- Aylesbury Park Golf Club Limited
- Richard Graham Rosser
- Peter Delow
- Historic Houses Association
- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Primavera Boman-Bahran
- Chris Eaglen (further submission)
- Marjorie Fox
- Chiltern District Council
- Chiltern Society
- Clare Thorpe
- Twyford Parish Council
- David Mumford
- Canal and River Trust
- Woodland Trust
2. Green finance

*Ordered*, That the letter sent by the Chair to Sir Jon Cunliffe, Deputy Governor, Bank of England, relating to the Committee’s Green Finance report be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Invasive species

Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Science, and Trevor Salmon, Head of Invasive Non-Native Policy and Domestic Species Conservation Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 2.00 pm]
Tuesday 18 March 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous    Dr Matthew Offord
Katy Clark      Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mark Lazarowicz Mr Mark Spencer
Caroline Lucas  Dr Alan Whitehead

1. HS2 and the environment

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to HS2 and the environment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Marilyn Fletcher (further submission)
Heathrow Hub
Greengauge 21

2. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

Draft Special Report (Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Tenth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Growing a circular economy.

4. Sustainability in the Home Office

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Energy subsidies

Ordered, That the letter sent by the Chair to Commissioner Almunia, European Commission, relating to the Committee’s Energy subsidies report and the Commission’s state aid review of Hinkley Point C be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. HS2 and the environment

Joe Rukin, Stop HS2, Councillor Nick Rose, 51m, Emma Crane, HS2 Action Alliance, and Jim Steer, Director, Greengauge 21, gave oral evidence.


[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 26 March 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mike Kane
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Nokes
Dr Matthew Offord
Mrs Caroline Spelman
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Declaration of Interests

Mike Kane declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. HS2 and the environment

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to HS2 and the environment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Stephen Plowden
Marilyn Fletcher (further submission)
HS2 Ltd (Map of ancient woodland locations)

3. Marine Protected Areas

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Marine protected areas be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

UK Major Ports Group
Countryside Alliance
Wildlife and Countryside Link
National Federation of Fisherman’s Organisations
Marinelife
North Sea Marine Cluster
Subsea Cables
Seabed User and Development Group

4. Energy subsidies

The Committee considered this matter.
5. **Biodiversity offsetting**

Draft Special Report (*Biodiversity Offsetting: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

6. **HS2 and the environment**

Robert Goodwill MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Transport, Peter Miller, Head of Environment and Planning, HS2 Ltd, Sara Eppel, Head of the Rural Communities Policy Unit, Defra, and Dave Buttery, Deputy Director of High Speed Rail Legislation, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 2.00 pm]

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**Wednesday 2 April 2014**

*Members present:*

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Zac Goldsmith

Mike Kane

Caroline Lucas

Caroline Nokes

Dr Alan Whitehead

Simon Wright

1. **HS2 and the environment**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to HS2 and the environment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Chris Eaglen (further submissions)
- Christopher Prideaux (further submission)
- Twyford Parish Council (further submission)

Draft Report (*HS2 and the environment*), 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 Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 1076.*
2. **Sustainability in the Home Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Marine Protected Areas**

George Eustice MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Farming, Food and Marine Environment, and Professor Ian Boyd, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 9 April**

*The Chair and Dr Alan Whitehead visited Bromley-by-Bow, London, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Code for Sustainable Homes, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 11 December 2013.*

**Wednesday 9 April 2014**

*Members present:*

  Joan Walley, in the Chair

  Peter Aldous  
  Zac Goldsmith  
  Mike Kane  
  Mark Lazarowicz  
  Caroline Lucas  
  Caroline Nokes  
  Dr Matthew Offord  
  Mrs Caroline Spelman  
  Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **HS2 and the environment**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to HS2 and the environment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

  Defra/ HS2 Ltd  
  Natural England (further submission)

2. **Invasive species**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Invasive species submitted by Lord de Mauley, Defra Under-secretary of State, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

  Draft Report (*Invasive non-native species*), 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 Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 913.

3. **The working methods of the Committee**
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Future programme**
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Action on air quality.
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the National Pollinator Strategy.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 April 2014 at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 30 April 2014**

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mike Kane  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Growing a circular economy**
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Growing a circular economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Chase Plastics Ltd  
Dr Stewart Barr  
Splosh Ltd  
Green Alliance  
Veolia  
Sita UK  
Tearfund  
Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC)  
Peter Jones  
Energy Technologies Institute (Eti)  
Lavery/Pennell  
DS Smith  
Desso Ltd  
BlindSpot Think Tank  
International Synergies Ltd.  
Hampshire County Council  
British Plastic Federation
2. Marine Protected Areas

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Marine protected areas be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Stop Dumping in Whitsand Bay
Terry Portman
Terry Portman (additional)

3. Sustainability in the Home Office

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainability in the Home Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

WWF-UK
Philip Duddell
Ken Pease

4. Action on air quality

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the letter sent by the Chair to Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, relating to Action on air quality be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Growing a circular economy

Ordered, That Martin Brocklehurst be appointed Specialist Advisor to assist the Committee in matters related to Growing a circular economy. (see Appendix).
6. **National Pollinator Strategy**  
The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Plastic bags**  
Ordered, That the letter from Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Defra, relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, That the letter sent by the Chair to Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Defra, relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

8. **Wildlife crime**  
Ordered, That the letter from Norman Baker MP, Minister for Crime Prevention, Home Office, relating to Wildlife Crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

9. **Sustainability in the Home Office**  
Professor Ken Pease, Professor of Crime Science, University College London, and Sarah Goddard, Species Policy Adviser, WWF-UK, gave oral evidence

Mike Parsons, Chief Operating Officer, Mary Calam, Director General, Crime and Policing Group, John Fernau, Director, Commercial, and Grant Miller, Border Force Senior Officer, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 7 May 2014**

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mike Kane  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Growing a circular economy**  
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Growing a circular economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Government  
Coca Cola Enterprises  
British Retail Consortium
2. **Action on air quality**
The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Growing a circular economy**
Jamie Butterworth, Chief Executive, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Sir Ian Cheshire, Chief Executive, Kingfisher, Liz Goodwin, Chief Executive, WRAP, and Dustin Benton, Head of Resource Stewardship, Green Alliance, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 2.00 pm]

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**Tuesday 13 May 2014**

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Zac Goldsmith        Dr Matthew Offord
Mark Lazarowicz      Mrs Caroline Spelman
Caroline Lucas       Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Nokes       

1. **Growing a circular economy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Growing a circular economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group
- Interface
- Restart Project

2. **Well-being**

Draft Report (*Well-being*), 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 Fifteenth Report of the Committee, *HC 59*.

3. **Plastic bags**

*Ordered*, That the further letter submitted by Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to Plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
4. National Pollinator Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Action on air quality

Ordered, That the letter submitted by Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, relating to Action on Air Quality, along with the reply sent by the Chair, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

7. HS2 and the environment

Ordered, That the letter sent by the Chair to Mr Robert Syms MP, Chair of the High Speed Rail Select Committee, relating to HS2 and the environment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

8. Declaration of interests

Professor Tim O’Riordan, Specialist Adviser, made a further declaration of interests (see Appendix).

9. Growing a circular economy

Professor Rob Holdway, Director, Giraffe Innovation Ltd, Dr Kate, Goldsworthy, Design for Recyclability, Textiles Futures Research Centre, University of the Arts, London, and Sophie Thomas, Director, The Great Recovery, RSA project, gave oral evidence.

Ramon Arratia, Sustainability Director, Interface Carpets, Matthew Bulley, Managing Director, Caterpillar Remanufacturing, and Mike Barry, Director of Sustainable Business, Marks and Spencer, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 June 2014 at 2.30 pm]
Appendix

Declarations of Interests

27 July 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

Peter Aldous:
Sponsorships: Mrs May Reader.
Gifts, benefits and hospitality: use of a company car provided by Strutt and Parker (chartered surveyors, Norwich), 6 May to 30 June 2010.
Land and Property: partner in a family farm near Halesworth, Suffolk. Beneficial interest in a farm near Ipswich, Suffolk.
Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Countryside Alliance and East Suffolk Travellers’ Association. Member also, through the family farm, of the National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association.

Neil Carmichael:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Charles Fisher.
Land and Property: Two farms in Northumberland, from which rental income is received.
Member of the National Farmers Union and Countryside Alliance.
Spouse of research fellow on the Built Environment at the University of the West of England.
Party to a planning application for wind turbines.

Zac Goldsmith:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: self-employed farming activity in Devon (not paid because loss-making).
Land and Property: Farmhouse and cottage in Devon owned by family trust, from which rental income is received. Land in Andalucia, Spain, owned by family trust.
Shareholdings: Fibre 7 (suppliers of treated wood), Fitzdares Holdings Ltd (bespoke bookmaker) and Ecosystems Ltd (ecology website).
Partnership in a film, provisionally entitled “War in Babylon”, from which no income has been received.
Investment in WHEB Ventures Private Equity LP, from which no income is received and over whose investments I have no influence.

Caroline Lucas:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Michael Constantine, Jonathan Porritt, Corduroy Productions Ltd (production company, London), Political Animal Lobby (animal welfare company, London) and Abbots’ Living Wood Ltd (courses in green woodwork, Bishops Frome).
Caroline Nokes:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Mrs A C L De Souza, Mr E W Pinchbeck, Mr A A Dunn, Thornwood Investments Ltd (development and selling of real estate, Braishfield, Romsey), Sir David Plastow, Caledonia Investments Plc (UK investment trust company, London) and Mr M Slade.
Member of the Countryside Alliance.

Mr Mark Spencer:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Partner in CH Spencer and Son (farmers, Mapperley Plains, Notts), which pays telephone, heating and council tax of my family home.
Member of Nottinghamshire County Council. Member of Gedling Borough Council.
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Mary and Don Brown, Jonathan Hammond, Andrew Hammond and Richard Tuxford.
Land and Property: Spring Lane Farm, Sherwood, from which rental income received.
Floralands Garden Centre, Sherwood, from which rental income received.
Shareholdings: Floralands Ltd (garden centre).
Member of the Countryside Alliance and National Farmers Union.

Joan Walley:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Unity trade union (Hanley), Unison trade union (Birmingham) and Hugh Edwards.
Other sponsorships: assistance from the Lighting Industry Federation (who pay part of the salary of a researcher in my office, who provides support to the All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group of which I am Joint Chair).
Honorary Vice-president of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. Member of Globe. Joint Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group, where Lighting Industry Federation provides the secretariat.

Dr Alan Whitehead:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Unite (London).
Land and Property: Flat inhabited by my father in Southampton.

Simon Wright:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: editor of newsletters, for East of England Liberal Democrats.
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Andrew Haisley and Liberal Democrat Group (Norwich City Council).

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Martin Caton:
Member of Socialist Environmental Resources Association and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.
Wife employed as Parliamentary assistant.
Katy Clark:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Transport and Salaried Staff’s
Association, Fire Brigades Union, GMB Union and National Union of Rail, Maritime and
Transport Workers.
Member of Friends of the Earth.

Mark Lazarowicz:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: royalties for book on the Scottish
Parliament, from Tottel Publishing; fee for completing survey for ComRes, London; fee for
completing survey for Opinion Leader, Aviva, Norwich.
Member of Faculty of Advocates (non-practising) and Friends of the Earth.
Unpaid Board Member of Leith Museum Company Limited and Edinburgh Community
Energy Co-operative Limited.

16 February 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Neil Bird:
Prior to joining the Overseas Development Institute in 2002, employed by DFID as a
technical cooperation officer in Guyana and previously had completed other contracts of
work for DFID. Since 2002, undertaken several research projects commissioned by DFID on
environmental issues.

30 March 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Farooq Ullah:
Until March 2011, a member of staff of the Sustainable Development Commission. Member
of ‘Brighter Future’, a climate change action group, and ‘Alliance for Future Generations’, a
group which seeks to bring long-term thinking into public policy.

Prof Tim O’Riordan:
Donor to Green Party and Liberal Democrat Party, and to a range of environmental, social
justice and developmental charitable organisations. Adviser to Asda’s corporate responsibility
board. Consultant to Anglian Water. External examiner for several universities.

7 April 2011: declaration of Members’ interests

Peter Aldous:
Member of the Aldersgate Group.

Zac Goldsmith:
Trustee of Green Alliance.
Paid for a paper from the International Institute for Environment and Development
submitted to the Committee’s inquiry on Overseas Aid (memorandum OAE 09b).
Caroline Lucas:
Member of the Aldersgate Group.

7 September 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Kelvin MacDonald:
Chief policy adviser to the Royal Town Planning Institute, involving, *inter alia*, acting as the RTPI’s representative on a Planning Sounding Board first established by the Conservative Party before the 2010 general election and now chaired by John Howell MP, PPS to Decentralisation Minister, Rt. Hon. Greg Clarke MP. This group has discussed amongst other things the Localism Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework. Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Land Economy, Cambridge University; a Registered Commissioner on the Infrastructure Planning Commission; a member of the Enabling Panel for the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment; and a member of the Board of Trustees of Shelter.

12 October 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Farooq Ullah: Head of Policy and Advocacy, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future.

29 February 2012: declaration of Members’ interests

Zac Goldsmith:
Patron of Client Earth.

12 July 2012: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Andrew Raingold
Executive Director of Aldersgate Group since December 2012, Director of Core Coalition since June 2012 (an alliance of voluntary organisations, trade unions and companies that campaign for transparent and accountable corporate responsibility), chair of Green Economy Council Skills Taskforce since June 2012 (a subgroup of the Green Economy Council that addresses specific skills needs to meet the transition to a green economy), member of the Green Economy Council Working Group since January 2011 (providing guidance and support for the Green Economy Council), sustainability advisor to carpet manufacturer InterfaceFlor since May 2012, member of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Performance League Table Review Group since May 2012 (advising DECC on reputational drivers for business energy efficiency strategies), member of the Red Tape Challenge Environment Sounding Board since August 2011 (advising Defra on business issues relating to the Red Tape Challenge environment theme) and member of the Sustainable Consumption & Production Business Contact Group since May 2010 (advising Defra on business drivers for resource efficiency and related Government policy).

4 December 2012: declaration of Members’ interests

Dr Matthew Offord:
Overseas visits: Visit to Bangladesh in January 2012, paid for by Canary Wharf Group plc, to see how the UK’s International Development budget is being spent.
Elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

9 January 2013: declaration of Members’ interests

Chris Evans:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: fees (donated to charities or local organisations) for completing IPSOS Mori, ComRes and Populus opinion surveys. Parliamentary private secretary to the shadow Defra frontbench.

18 December 2013: declaration of Members’ interests

Mrs Caroline Spelman:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: payments from Civil Service Learning for talks for the Civil Service Fast Stream on Understanding Government. Sponsorships: support from Christian Action Research and Educations, providing a volunteer intern. Land and Property: part-share of residential property in Bath, residential property in London, West Midlands and Portugal. Vice-President of Christian charity Tearfund, a vice-president of GLOBE International, and member of Kingfisher’s NetPositive programme, which aims to redesign business for a positive impact on nature. Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs until September 2012.

26 February 2014: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Dr William Sheate:
Adviser to HS2 Action Alliance and Chiltern Conservation Board on the judicial review of HS2 and the HS2 Appraisal of Sustainability (2011-2013); and project manager on Defra’s evaluation of the biodiversity offsetting pilot scheme in England (2012-2014).

26 March 2014: declaration of Members’ interests

Mike Kane:
Directorships: Until elected, was the paid acting chief executive of Movement for Change. Expected to become an unpaid non-executive director of Movement for Change.

30 April 2014: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Martin Brocklehurst:
Independent environmental consultant with KempleyGreen Consultants, advising a number of clients on waste and resource management, catchment management, citizen science and ecosystem services. Until 2011, employed by the Environment Agency.

13 May 2014: amended declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Professor Tim O’Riordan:
Donor to a range of environmental, social justice and developmental charitable organisations. Adviser to the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership
and to Anglian Water. Fellow of the British Academy. External examiner for several universities.