House of Commons
Environmental Audit Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2012–13
In the temporary absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the chair for the meeting.

1. **Budget 2012**

   *Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the Budget 2012 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Treasury

2. **Wildlife crime**

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

   Natural England

3. **Protecting the Arctic**

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

   Defra

4. **Future Programme**

   The Committee considered this matter.

   *Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Rio +20 Summit.

   *Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the St Martin in the Fields seminar on the Rio agenda.

5. **Wildlife crime**


   Janette Ward, Executive Director Science and Evidence, and Dr Paul Horswill, Senior Specialist Wildlife Crime Team, Natural England, gave oral evidence.
Sergeant Ian Knox and Detective Superintendent Ron Knight, Metropolitan Police Service Wildlife Crime Unit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 23 May at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 23 May 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Neil Carmichael  Mark Lazarowicz  
Martin Caton  Katy Clark  Sheryll Murray  
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead  Simon Wright

1. **St Martin-in-the-Fields seminar on the Rio +20 agenda**

Draft Report (*St Martin-in-the-Fields seminar on the Rio +20 agenda*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Ordered*, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 13 read and agreed to.

A Paper (transcript of the St Martin-in-the-Fields seminar) was appended to the Report.

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

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

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

2. **Members’ attendance statistics**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **NAO support**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Transport and accessibility to services**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Protecting the Arctic**

The Committee considered this matter.
6. **Wildlife crime**


Mark Fuchter, Deputy Director Operational Policy, UK Border Force, and Grant Miller, CITES Team Manager, UK Border Force, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 12 June at 2.00 p.m.]

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**Tuesday 12 June 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael  Zac Goldsmith
Martin Caton  Sheryll Murray
Katy Clark  Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **Wildlife crime**

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

Remembrancer of the City of London

2. **Sustainable development follow-up**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainable development follow-up be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Defra

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The Rio+20 Summit**

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Andrew Lawrence, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 13 June at 2.00 p.m.]
Wednesday 13 June 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Paul Uppal
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That Mark Lazarowicz have leave to visit Brussels on 19 June 2012 to attend the parliamentary panel discussion at European Sustainable Energy Week in a representative capacity.

2. **Protecting the Arctic**

Charles Emmerson, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House, gave oral evidence.

Dr Cynan Ellis-Evans, Head of the Arctic Office (British Antarctic Survey), Natural Environment Research Council, gave oral evidence.

Godfrey Souter, Head of Climate Change and Environment, Department for Transport, Ronald Allen, Head of the Marine Technology Unit, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and Peter Hinchliffe, Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 20 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 20 June 2012

Members present:

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Paul Uppal
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright
In the temporary absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the chair for the meeting.

1. Protecting the Arctic

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Protecting the Arctic submitted by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Working Group of the Arctic Council be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Protecting the Arctic

His Excellency Mr Kim Traavik, the Norwegian Ambassador, gave oral evidence.

Ms Nicola Clase, the Swedish Ambassador, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 3 July at 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 3 July 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton  Paul Uppal
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz  Simon Wright

Protecting the Arctic

Professor Richard Steiner, Oasis Earth, gave oral evidence by videolink.

[Adjourned till 5 July at 1.45 p.m.]
Thursday 5 July 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Zac Goldsmith    Paul Uppal
Mark Lazarowicz  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas   Simon Wright

1. Wildlife crime

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Wildlife crime submitted by the Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

1. Protecting the Arctic

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Protecting the Arctic submitted by John Nissen, Arctic Methane Emergency Group, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Wildlife crime

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Protecting the Arctic


[Adjourned till 11 July at 12.30 p.m.

Wednesday 11 July 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Embedding Sustainable Development: An Update
Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Defra, Nigel Atkinson, Head of Sustainable Development Unit, Defra, and Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 12 July at 3.30 p.m.]

Thursday 12 July 2012

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton Mr Mark Spencer
Mark Lazarowicz Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas Simon Wright
Sheryll Murray

1. Protecting the Arctic
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Specialist Adviser

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

4. Wildlife crime

[Adjourned till 5 September at 2.00 p.m.]
Appendix

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).

Wednesday 5 September 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Nokes
Paul Uppal
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Wildlife crime

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

   Richard Benyon MP, Defra
   RSPB
   Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
   Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

2. Protecting the Arctic
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to protecting the Arctic be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Henry Bellingham MP, FCO
Professor Seymour Laxon, UCL
Met Office

3. Outcomes of the UN Rio +20 Earth Summit

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the outcomes of the UN Rio +20 Earth Summit be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Global Sustainability Institute, Anglian Ruskin University
Alliance for Future Generations (World Future Council Foundation; Intergenerational Foundation; Planetary Boundaries Initiative; and Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development)
The Earth Community Trust
WWF-UK
FIA Foundation
Christian Aid
Sightsavers
The Co-operative Group
International Institute for Environment and Development
Progressio
Aviva
UNICEF UK
Stakeholder Forum
Hard Rain
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, Northern Ireland
Defra
Bioregional Development Group
International Integrated Reporting Committee

4. Sustainable Food: the Government Response

Draft Special Report (Sustainable Food: Government Response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of the Session 2010-12), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.
The Government’s response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee in Session 2010-12, together with a letter from the Advertising Standards Authority, 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.

**A Green Economy: the Government Response**

Draft Special Report (A Green Economy: Government Response to the Committee’s Twelfth Report of the Session 2010-12) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Twelfth Report from the Committee in Session 2010-12 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.

5. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair or another Member have leave to visit Doha, Qatar, in November-December 2012, to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change summit in a representative capacity.

6. Outcomes of the UN Rio +20 Earth Summit

Adam Matthews, Secretary General, GLOBE, Derek Osborn, President, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future, Tom Bigg, Head of Partnerships, International Institute for Environment and Development, Owen Gibbons, Executive Adviser to the Chief Executive, WWF-UK, Dr Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva, Mark Edwards, Hard Rain Project, and Jessica Fries, International Integrated Reporting Committee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 12 September at 2.00 p.m.]
Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Mr Mark Spencer
Neil Carmichael  Paul Uppal
Martin Caton  Dr Alan Whitehead
Zac Goldsmith  Simon Wright
Caroline Lucas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Biodiversity and sustainable development in the UK Overseas Territories.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Measuring sustainable development and well-being.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into a follow-up on Carbon budgets.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Insects and insecticides.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Invasive species.

2. Transport and the accessibility of public services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to transport and the accessibility of public services be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Plymouth People First
Age UK
Derek Halden, DHC
Norma George
Professor Noel Smith, University Campus Suffolk
Lancashire Link
Lynn Curnow
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
Little Green Bus

The Local Government Technical Advisers Group; the Planning Officers Society; and the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation

Mr Raymond Brookfield
3. **Protecting the Arctic**

Draft Report (*Protecting the Arctic*), 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 171–I.*

4. **Wildlife crime**

Draft Report (*Wildlife crime*), 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 140–I.*

[Adjourned till 24 October at 2.00 p.m.]
Wednesday 24 October 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton  Sheryll Murray
Katy Clark    Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith Simon Wright
Mark Lazarowicz

1. Outcomes of the UN Rio +20 Earth Summit

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Outcomes of the UN Rio +20 Earth Summit be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Peter Davis, Sustainable Futures Commissioner, Wales
   British Youth Council

2. Transport and the accessibility of public services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Transport and the accessibility of public services be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   Transport for All
   The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers
   Sustrans
   Cllr Patsy Ormrod, Wyre Council
   Simon Trevan, support worker, Plymouth City Council
   The Government
   The Mayor of London and Transport for London
   Consumer Focus
   Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport
   RAC Foundation
   Community Organiser for High Green and Chapeltown, Sheffield

3. The environment in Autumn Statement 2012
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The environment in Autumn Statement 2012 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

United Kingdom Without Incineration Network
The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders
Dr Chris Edwards, UEA Norwich
REG Windpower
Agri Energy
UK Green Building Council
Sustain
Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership
Campaign for Better Transport

4. Insects and Insecticides

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Insects and Insecticides submitted by Professor D Goulson, Stirling University be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. British Antarctic Survey

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Science and Technology Committee about its inquiry on the proposed merger of the British Antarctic Survey and the National Oceanography Centre.

7. Transport and accessibility of public services

Richard Hebditch, Campaigns Director, Campaign for Better Transport, Dr Karen Lucas, University of Oxford, Professor Noel Smith, Head of Division, Social Work and Social Policy, University Campus Suffolk and Professor Peter Jones, Professor of Transport and Sustainable Development, University College London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 31 October at 2.00 p.m.]
Wednesday 31 October 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Caroline Lucas
Neil Carmichael  Sheryll Murray
Martin Caton  Caroline Nokes
Katy Clark  Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz  Simon Wright

1. Embedding Sustainable Development - An update

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Embedding Sustainable Development - An update submitted by Defra be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. The environment in Autumn Statement 2012

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The environment in Autumn Statement 2012 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Renewable UK
Friends of the Earth
Combined Heat & Power Association
BCSC
CPRE
Aldersgate Group
Environmental Industries Commission
RSPB

3. Insects and Insecticides

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

Brighton and Lewes Beekeepers
William Summers
4. The environment in Autumn Statement 2012

Peter Aldous declared an interest as a member of the Aldersgate Group (see Appendix).

Andrew Raingold, Executive Director, Aldersgate Group, Alastair Harper, Senior Policy Adviser, Green Alliance, David Powell, Economic Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, Ingrid Holmes, Programme Leader, E3G, Jenny Holland, Head of Parliamentary Team, Association for the Conservation of Energy, and Andy White, Director, Davis Langdon (representing the Environmental Industries Commission), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 13 November at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 13 November 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  

Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Measuring well-being and sustainable development

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to Measuring well-being and sustainable development be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Dr Aled Jones, Anglican Ruskin University  
Clean Air in London  
WWF-UK  
New Economics Foundation
Keep Britain Tidy
Carnegie UK Trust
RSPB
CIWEM
Wildlife and Countryside Link
The Woodland Trust
Prof William Scott, University of Bath
CPRE
Gilly Duff
Professor Stephen Martin, Change Agents UK

2. Insects and Insecticides

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

Friends of the Earth
Bayer Crop Science Limited
The Cooperative Group
Sussex Beekeepers Association
Scottish Wildlife Trust
Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association
Pesticide Action Network UK
John Hoar
Dr Nigel Raine, University of London
NFU
The Wildlife Trusts
Crop Protection Association
Buglife
Dr James Cresswell, Exeter University
Syngenta

Research Councils UK

3. Autumn Statement 2012: environmental issues
The following declarations of interest relating to the inquiry were made:

**27 April 2011**

Peter Aldous declared an interest as a member of the Aldersgate Group.

Draft Report (*Autumn Statement 2012: environmental issues*), 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 328–I.

4. **Measuring well-being and sustainable development**

Dr David Halpern, Director, Behavioural Insights Team, Cabinet Office/Number 10, Glenn Everett, Programme Director, Measuring National Well-being Programme, Office for National Statistics, Nigel Atkinson, Head of Sustainable Development Unit, Defra, and Stephen Hall, Statistician, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Wednesday 21 November 2012 (morning)

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas

Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Insects and Insecticides**

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

UK Pesticides Campaign
Professor Graham Stone, Edinburgh University

2. **Measuring well-being and sustainable development**

Draft Report (*Measuring well-being and sustainable development: Sustainable Development Indicators*), 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 667–I.
3. **Insects and Insecticides**

Nick Mole, Policy Officer, Pesticide Action Network UK, Matt Shardlow, Chief Executive, Buglife, Chris Hartfield, National Farmers Union, Peter Melchett, Soil Association, and Emma Hockridge, Soil Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 3.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 21 November 2012 (afternoon)**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

**Insects and Insecticides**

Professor Dave Goulson, Stirling University, Professor Graham Stone, Edinburgh University, Dr James Cresswell, Exeter University, and Dr Lynn Dicks, Cambridge University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 28 November at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 28 November 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

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

Wood Panel Industries Federation
The Government
TUC
Mineral Products Association
INEOS ChlorVinyl
EDF Energy
British Ceramic Confederation
EEF/UK Steel

2. **Insects and Insecticides**

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

Defra
Advisory Committee on Pesticides
Paul Matthews
John Hoar (Further written evidence)

Attachments to the written evidence submitted by the Advisory Committee on Pesticides were ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives.

Dr Mike Bushell, Principal Scientific Adviser, Syngenta, Dr Fraser Lewis, Division Head, Environmental Safety, Syngenta, and Dr Julian Little, Government Affairs, Bayer CropScience, gave oral evidence.

Dr Nigel Raine, University of London, Dr Chris Connolly, University of Dundee, and Professor Simon Potts, University of Reading, gave oral evidence.

Georgina Downs, UK Pesticides Campaign, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 December at 4.00 pm]

**Tuesday 4 December 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Simon Wright
1. **Declaration of Interests**

Dr Matthew Offord declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. **Energy intensive industries**

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

- Energy Intensive Users Group
- National Energy Action
- Fuel Poverty Advisory Group

3. **Insects and Insecticides**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

- Professor Simon Potts, Reading University

Dr Damien Morris, Sandbag, Dimitri Zanghelis, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change, London School of Economics, Simon Bullock, Friends of the Earth, and Alex Kazaglis, Committee on Climate Change Secretariat, gave oral evidence.


Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State for Business and Enterprise, Paul Drabwell, Head of Domestic Energy and Climate Change, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Niall Mackenzie, Department for Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December at 2.00 pm]

**Appendix**

**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.
**Wednesday 12 December 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. **Energy intensive industries**

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

   Committee on Climate Change
   Friends of the Earth

2. **Insects and Insecticides**

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

   Bayer (further memorandum)

   Peter Aldous declared an interest as a partner in a family farm near Halesworth, Suffolk, having a beneficial interest in a farm near Ipswich, Suffolk, and being a member, through the family farm, of the National Farmers Union.

   Mr Mark Spencer declared an interest as a partner in CH Spencer and Son (farmers, Mapperley Plains, Notts), Spring Lane Farm, Sherwood, receiving income from Floralands Garden Centre, Sherwood, having shareholdings in Floralands Ltd (garden centre), and as a member of the National Farmers Union.

   Professor Colin Brown, Professor Peter Matthiessen, Professor Richard Shore and Dr Bill Parker, Advisory Committee on Pesticides, gave oral evidence.

   Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Defra, Professor Ian Boyd, Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra, and Dave Bench, Director with responsibility for the Chemicals Regulation Directorate, Health and Safety Executive, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Wednesday 19 December at 9.30 am]
Wednesday 19 December 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. Energy intensive industries

Draft Report (Energy intensive industries compensation scheme), 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 669.

2. Insects and Insecticides

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 January 2013 at 2 pm

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Mark Lazarowicz
Martin Caton  Caroline Lucas
Katy Clark  Dr Matthew Offord
Chris Evans  Dr Alan Whitehead
Zac Goldsmith

1. Declaration of Interests

Chris Evans declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).
2. **Sustainability in the Overseas Territories**

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

- UK Government
- UK Overseas Territories
- National Trust for the Cayman Islands
- RSPB
- Government of Tristan da Cunha
- South Georgia Heritage Trust
- Environmental Management Directorate, St Helena Government
- Marine Reserves Coalition
- Pew Environmental Group
- UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum
- Falklands Conservation
- Cayman Islands Department of Environment
- Turks and Caicos Islands, Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs
- Chagos Conservation Trust
- British Antarctic Survey
- Christine Rose-Smyth
- WWF-UK
- Government of Pitcairn Islands

3. **Insects and Insecticides**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by the Nomenclature Committee of the International Union of Pharmacologists relating to Insects and Insecticides be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Protecting the Arctic**

Draft Special Report (*Protecting the Arctic: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Second Report 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.

5. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Reducing fossil fuel subsidies
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Natural and social capital

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Withstanding weird weather

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Financing for green investment

Appendix

Declaration of 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.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 2 pm

Wednesday 16 January 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Caroline Nokes
Dr Matthew Offord
Mr Mark Spencer

1. Insects and Insecticides

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

Orchard Apiaries
Defra

2. Sustainability in the Overseas Territories

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management relating to Sustainability in the overseas territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

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

5. **Transport and accessibility to services**

Derek Halden, Derek Halden Consultancy, gave oral evidence.

John Smith, Local Transport Plan Implementation Officer, Merseytravel, Chris Briggs, Head of Transportation, Lincolnshire County Council, Maria-Pilar Machancoses, Economic Development Manager, Centro, and Dearbhla Lawson, Head of Transport and Infrastructure, Policy & Funding, Cambridgeshire County Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 2 pm]

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**Wednesday 23 January 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

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1. **Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response**

*Ordered,* That the written evidence submitted by Arctic Methane Emergency Group relating to the Government’s response to Protecting the Arctic be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Committee operations**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Insects and Insecticides**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Sustainability in the Overseas Territories**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response**

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 January 2013 at 2 pm]

Wednesday 30 January 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

Insects and Insecticides

Dr Julian Little and Dr Christina Garside, Bayer CropScience, gave oral evidence.

Professor Vyvyan Howard, University of Ulster, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 February 2013 at 2 pm]

Wednesday 6 February 2013

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael          Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton             Caroline Nokes
Chris Evans              Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith            Mr Mark Spencer
1. **Protecting the Arctic: The Government’s response**

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

2. **Insects and Insecticides**

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

- Graham White, Friends of the Bees
- Dr James Cresswell, University of Exeter
- Dr Pierre Mineau, Emeritus senior scientist in pesticide ecotoxology, Environment Canada

Herman Fontier, Head of Pesticides, European Food Safety Authority, gave oral evidence.

Georgina Downs, UK Pesticides Campaign, gave oral evidence.

Chris Bean, Agrii, and Peter Riley, PrimeAg, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 2 pm]

**Wednesday 13 February 2013**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

- Peter Aldous
- Neil Carmichael
- Martin Caton
- Zac Goldsmith
- Mark Lazarowicz
- Caroline Lucas
- Caroline Nokes
- Dr Matthew Offord

3. **Insects and Insecticides**

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

- National Institute of Agricultural Botany
- CCC Independent Agronomy Services
4. **Transport and accessibility to public services**

   [Adjourned till Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 2 pm]

**Wednesday 27 February 2013**

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Dr Matthew Offord

5. **Insects and Insecticides**

   *Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by Graham White relating to Insects and insecticides be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. **Sustainable development**

   *Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Sustainability in a government department: Department of Business, Innovation and Skills.

7. **Reducing fossil fuel subsidies**

   The Committee considered this matter.

8. **Climate week**

   The Committee considered this matter.

9. **Insects and Insecticides**

   Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Professor Ian Boyd, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Dave Bench, Director of Science, Engineering, Analysis and Chemicals Regulation, Health and Safety Executive, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Wednesday 6 March 2013 at 1 pm]
Wednesday 6 March 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. Transport and accessibility to public services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Transport and accessibility to public services be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Cambridgeshire County Council
Merseytravel
Department for Transport

2. Insects and Insecticides

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Georgina Downs relating to Insects and insecticides be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Embedding Sustainable Development: An update

Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office, Rt Hon Owen Patterson MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Nigel Atkinson, Head of Sustainable Development, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 March 2013 at 2 pm]
Tuesday 12 March 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. **Wildlife Crime**

Draft Special Report (*Wildlife Crime: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

2. **Insects and Insecticides**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Carbon budgets**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Using well-being in policy making**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **UK Overseas Territories**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Committee working methods**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, and Nigel Dotchin, Head of Accessibility and Mobility, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 March 2013 at 2 pm]
Tuesday 19 March 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous          Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton          Dr Matthew Offord
Mark Lazarowicz       Mr Mark Spencer

1. **Insects and insecticides**
   
   *Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to Insects and insecticides be reported to the House for publication on the internet.*

2. **Transport and accessibility to public services**
   
   *Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Department for Work and Pensions relating to Transport and accessibility to public services be reported to the House for publication on the internet.*

3. **Paperless working**
   
   *Resolved, That the Committee move to electronic only circulation of committee papers.*

4. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**
   
   The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Financing for green investment**
   
   *Resolved, That the Committee visit the City of London Corporation in connection with the inquiry into Financing for green investment.*

   *Resolved, That the Committee visit the Green Investment Bank in Edinburgh in connection with the inquiry into Financing for green investment.*

6. **Code for Sustainable Homes**
   
   Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the *Code for Sustainable Homes.*

7. **Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories**
   
   Bryan Naqqi Manco, Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs, Turks and Caicos Islands, and Dr Nikki Chapman, Nature Conservation Division, St Helena, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 March 2013 at 5 pm]
Monday 25 March 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. **Insects and insecticides**

Draft Report (*Pollinators and pesticides*), 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 668.*

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 April 2013 at 2 pm]

Wednesday 17 April 2013

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton          Caroline Lucas
Zac Goldsmith         Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz      Simon Wright

1. **Progress on Carbon Budget**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by Daniel Scharf relating to Progress on Carbon Budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Fossil Fuel Subsidies**
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Dr William Blyth relating to Fossil Fuel Subsidies be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Autumn Statement 2012: environmental issues**

Draft Special Report (*Autumn Statement 2012: environmental issues: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Fourth Report 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.

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

Resolved, That the Chair and Dr Matthew Offord visit the Cayman Islands in June 2013 in connection with the inquiry into Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

5. **Visits**

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Dublin in May 2013 in connection with the Meeting of Chairpersons of Environment and Energy Committees in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels in April 2013, in connection with its inquiry into Pollinators and Pesticides.

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

Dr Chris Tydeman, Chair, UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum, Dr Mike Pienkowski, Honorary Executive Director, UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum, Clare Stringer, Head of UK Overseas Territories Unit, RSPB, and Jonathan Hall, Partner Development Officer, UK Overseas Territories, RSPB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 2 pm]
Declaration 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 Abbotts’ 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).

8 September 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

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:
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.