

Environmental Audit Committee

Formal Minutes Session 2010–12

Tuesday 27 July 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair¹

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray

Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

Resolved, That the Committee approves the use of electronic equipment by Members during public and private meetings, provided that they are used in accordance with the rules and customs of the House.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 September at 2.30 p.m.]

¹ Joan Walley was elected as the Chair of the Committee on 9 June 2010, in accordance with Standing Order No. 122B (see House of Commons Votes and Proceedings, 10 June 2010).

Wednesday 8 September 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Adapting to climate change

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to adapting to climate change submitted by Lord Krebs, chair of the Adaptation Sub-committee of the Committee on Climate Change, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the green investment bank.

Resolved, That the Chair or another Member have leave to visit Cancun, Mexico, in November-December 2010, to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change summit in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels in October 2010, to attend a Flemish Parliament conference on sustainable materials management in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 September at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 15 September 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer

Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 October at 10.00 a.m.]

3 – 4 October

The Chair visited the Flemish Parliament to attend a meeting of European Environmental Committee Chairmen in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 8 September 2010.

Wednesday 20 October 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Green Investment Bank

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Waterwise
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Marchday Group Plc
The Co-operative Group
The Creativity Partnership

Unite the Union
WWF-UK
Places for People
One NorthEast
The Energy Technologies Institute
Regen SW
The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Limited
Local Government Association
Woodland Trust
Consumer Focus
TUC
Energy Services and Technology Association
Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and the Business Leadership Council
Centre for Process Innovation
Scottish and Southern Energy
Ofgem
Energy Saving Trust
The Carlyle Group
EDF Energy
British Ceramic Confederation
RenewableUK
UKSIF – the sustainable investment and finance association
Aldersgate Group

2. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Oxfam and DEA
New Economics Foundation
The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
RSPB
Waterwise
UK Environment Law Association
Public and Commercial Services Union
Town and Country Planning Association
Woodland Trust
Localise West Midlands
WWF-UK and the Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development
Dr Rupert Read, University of East Anglia
Food Ethics Council

Cradle to Cradle Network Lead for the East of England (Partner 8), Suffolk County Council
University of East Anglia and the University of Exeter
Frank Kennedy, member of Ormskirk and District Friends of the Earth
Rachel Gibbons
BSI
Cisco
Department of Work and Pensions Memorandum
Department of Work and Pensions Further Memorandum
Department of Health
Combined Heat & Power Association
Sustainable Development Commission
Centre of Expertise in Sustainable Procurement, Cabinet Office
Aldersgate Group
Department for Education

3. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

4. *Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission*

Andrew Lee, Director and Chief Accounting Officer, Shirley Rodrigues, Director of Policy, Minas Jacob, Watchdog Team Leader, and Farooq Ullah, Policy Advisor, Sustainable Development Commission, gave oral evidence.

Flora Goldhill, Acting Director General and Chief Operating Officer, and Richard Mundon, Director of Operations, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 27 October 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Green Investment Bank

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

World Development Movement
Sustainable Development Commission
Association for the Conservation of Energy
Kirsty Hamilton, Associate Fellow, Renewable Energy Finance Project, Chatham
Transform UK and E3G
City of London Corporation
UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy
Centrica
Green Alliance
ScottishPower
Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate
Change, and Secretary of State for Business Innovation & Skills

2. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Campaign to Protect Rural England
South West Learning for Sustainability Coalition
Jane Davidson AM, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh
Assembly
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
Andrea Ross, University of Dundee

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Green Investment Bank

Dr Gordon Edge, Director of Policy, RenewableUK, Chris Hewett, Associate, Green Alliance and Philip Wolfe, Director, the Aldersgate Group, gave oral evidence.

James Wilde, Director of Insights, Carbon Trust, Sir Rob Margetts, Chairman, Energy Technologies Institute, and Stuart Cook, Senior Partner, Smarter Grids and Governance, Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 November at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 3 November 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Green Investment Bank

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

E.ON UK

2. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Sustainable Development Commission (further written evidence)
Sustainability East

3. Green Investment Bank

Resolved, That the Committee visit KfW in Frankfurt in connection with this inquiry, and that the Chair seeks the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

Mike Anderson, Director General, Strategy and Evidence Group, Defra, William Jordan, Chief Sustainability and Operating Officer, Efficiency and Reform Group, Cabinet Office and Sam Rowbury, Acting Director, Centre of Expertise in Sustainable Procurement, Efficiency and Reform Group, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 November at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 10 November 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Green Investment Bank

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES)
Salix Finance
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

2. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Department of Health (further written evidence)
Department for Communities and Local Government
Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Scottish Government
Sustainable Development Commission (further written evidence)
Department for Environment and Rural Affairs (further written evidence)

3. Future programme

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

4. Sustainable development and aspects of Defra's Structural Reform Plan:

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, and Mike Anderson, Director General, Strategy and Evidence Group, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 November at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 17 November 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Neil Carmichael
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby

Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Travel

Resolved, That the Committee visit Germany in January 2011 in connection with its inquiry into the green investment bank, also that the chair seeks the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Sustainable Building Centre in Leamington Spa; the Met Office, Exeter; and European institutions in January and February 2011.

3. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

Barry Gardiner MP, Vice Chair, GLOBE UK, Dr Samuel Fankhauser, GLOBE International and Charles Seaford, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Dr Duncan Russel, Exeter University, Dr John Turnpenny, University of East Anglia, Carol Day, WWF-UK and Halina Ward, Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 November at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 24 November 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Green Investment Bank

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Energy Technologies Institute (further written evidence)
Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (further written evidence)

2. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Northern Ireland Executive
Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh Assembly Government
(further written evidence)

3. Travel

Resolved, That Katy Clark have leave to visit Mexico City to attend the GLOBE conference on climate change, as well as Cancun as previously resolved, in December in a representative capacity.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Air Quality

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Green Investment Bank

Bob Wigley, Chairman, Green Investment Bank Commission, and James Cameron, Vice Chairman, Climate Change Capital, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 December at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 1 December 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Green Investment Bank**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

KfW Bankengruppe

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Green Investment Bank**

David Paterson, Head of Corporate Governance, National Association of Pension Funds, Ben Warren, Partner, Ernst & Young, and Ingrid Holmes, Programme Leader – Low Carbon Finance, E3G, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 December at 2.30 p.m.]

Friday 3 December – Monday 6 December

Katy Clark visited Mexico to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change summit in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 8 September 2010.

Wednesday 8 December 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous	Sheryll Murray
Neil Carmichael	Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith	Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas	Simon Wright

1. *Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, National Audit Office
Atkins Limited

2. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Green Investment Bank*

Elliott Mannis, Trustee, Woodland Trust, Prashant Vaze, Chief Economist & Head of Fair Markets, Consumer Focus, and Richard Wilcox, Head of Social Banking Unit, the Co-operative Bank, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 December at 3.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 15 December 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous	Ian Murray
Neil Carmichael	Sheryll Murray
Zac Goldsmith	Caroline Nokes
Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Mark Spencer
Caroline Lucas	

1. *Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

House of Commons Management Board

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

2. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 December at 1.30 p.m.]

Thursday 16 December 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael

Katy Clark

Zac Goldsmith

Sheryll Murray

Dr Alan Whitehead

1. *Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission*

Draft Report (*Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 84 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 20 and 27 October, 3, 10 and 24 November, and 8 and 15 December.

2. *Green Investment Bank*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 January at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 12 January 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas

Caroline Nokes
Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Mr Mark Spencer

1. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Development Education Association (Think Global)

The Co-operative Group

Peter Taylor, Ethos

Professor Harriet Bulkeley and Dr Vanesa Castán Broto, Department of Geography, Durham University

Population and Sustainability Network

Plan International UK

UNICEF UK

World Development Movement

International Institute for Environment and Development and Christian Aid

Met Office

WWF-UK

2. Green Investment Bank

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BT Pension Scheme Management Limited

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Travel in a representative capacity

Resolved, That the Chair, Sheryll Murray, Dr Alan Whitehead and clerks have leave to visit Germany for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into the Green Investment Bank in a representative capacity.

5. Green Investment Bank

Justine Greening MP, Economic Secretary, and Peter Schofield, Director Enterprise and Growth Unit, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 January at 2.30 p.m.]

13 January

The Chair, Sheryll Murray, Caroline Nokes and Mr Mark Spencer visited Sustainable Building Centre in Leamington Spa, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 17 November 2010.

Wednesday 19 January 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Katy Clark

Zac Goldsmith

Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Nokes

Ian Murray

Sheryll Murray

Mr Mark Spencer

Dr Alan Whitehead

Simon Wright

1. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Water Witness international

2. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Green Investment Bank*

The Committee considered this matter.

Jonny Mulligan, Chief Executive, Environmental Industries Commission, Rupert Steele OBE, Director of Regulation, Scottish Power, Penny Shepherd MBE, Chief Executive, UK Sustainable Investments and Finance Association, and Paul Spence, Director of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 February at 2.30 p.m.]

25–27 January

The Chair, Sheryll Murray and Dr Alan Whitehead visited Freiburg-im-Breisgau and Frankfurt in Germany in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Green Investment Bank in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 January 2011.

Wednesday 2 February 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton

Zac Goldsmith

Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Nokes

Sheryll Murray

Dr Alan Whitehead

1. *Green Investment Bank*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Peter Jones OBE

House of Commons Scrutiny Unit

2. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CDC Group plc

Progressio

DfID, Defra and DECC

Export Credits Guarantee Department

Richard Whittell

3. *Travel*

Resolved, That Joan Walley have leave to visit the Centre for Alternative Technology at Machynlleth in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That the Chair, Mr Mark Spencer, Dr Alan Whitehead and clerks have leave to visit the Met Office, Exeter, in a representative capacity.

4. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into sustainable development in the Localism Bill.

[Adjourned till this day at 5.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 2 February 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Katy Clark

Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby

Ian Murray

Sheryll Murray

Dr Alan Whitehead

Simon Wright

1. *Green Investment Bank*

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State, and Janice Munday, Director, Advanced Manufacturing and Services, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 February at 2.30 p.m.]

3 February

The Chair, Ian Murray, Mr Mark Spencer and Dr Alan Whitehead visited the Met Office in Exeter, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 2 February 2011.

Wednesday 9 February 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Institute of Development Studies
Overseas Development Institute
Agricultural Biotechnology Council

2. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into sustainable food.

3. *Green Investment Bank*

The Committee considered this matter.

4. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Dr Tom Mitchell, Head of Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme, Overseas Development Institute, Dr Thomas Tanner, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, and Dr Camilla Toulmin, Director, International Institute for Environment and Development, gave oral evidence.

Wednesday 16 February 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LTS International Ltd
Dr David Hall-Matthews, University of Leeds
HM Treasury

Ordered, That Mr Neil Bird be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix*).

2. *Sustainable Development in the Localism Bill*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable development in the Localism Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Friends of the Earth
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Department for Communities and Local Government
RSPB

3. *Green Investment Bank*

The Committee considered this matter.

4. *Sustainable Development in the Localism Bill*

Dr Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Association, Naomi Luhde-Thompson, Planning Policy Advisor, Friends of the Earth, and Fiona Howie, Head of Planning, Campaign to Protect Rural England, gave oral evidence.

Steve Quartermain, Chief Planner, Robert Ledsome, Deputy Director of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Stephanie Hurst, Deputy Director of Planning-

Environment, and Michael Bingham, Deputy Head, Planning-Development Management, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 March at 11.00 a.m.]

1 – 2 March

The Chair, Zac Goldsmith, Sheryll Murray, Caroline Nokes, Mr Mark Spencer and Simon Wright visited EU institutions in Brussels, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 8 September 2010.

Thursday 3 March 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. *Green Investment Bank*

Draft Report (*Green Investment Bank*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 168 read and agreed to.

Summary and Annex agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 20 and 27 October, 3, 10 and 24 November, 1 December 2010, 12 January and 2 February 2011.

2. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Budget 2011 and environmental taxes.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 March at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 9 March 2011

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	Simon Wright
Simon Kirby	

1. *Embedding Sustainable Development: the Government's response*

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Government response to embedding sustainable development.

2. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Dominic White, Head of Government Partnerships, WWF-UK, Ruth Davis, Chief Policy Advisor, Greenpeace UK, and Dr Nick Hepworth, Director, Water Witness International, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 March at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 16 March 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous	Ian Murray
Martin Caton	Sheryll Murray
Zac Goldsmith	Mr Mark Spencer
Simon Kirby	Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz	

1. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Written evidence relating to the impact of overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives.

2. Sustainable Development in the Localism Bill

Draft Report (*Sustainable Development in the Localism Bill*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 16 February.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Matthew Wyatt, Head of Climate and Environment Group, Nick Dyer, Director of Policy, and Ian Curtis, Head of Profession, Climate and Environment, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 March at 11.00 a.m.]

Thursday 24 March 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Simon Kirby

Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

Simon Wright

1. Sustainable Food

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Rural Economy and Land Use Programme

Dr Mirjam Röder Alice Bows, Patricia Thornley, Carly McLachlan and Leonie Dendler, Sustainable Consumption Institute and Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, University of Manchester

Jo Ripley

RSPCA

Great Green Systems Ltd.

Woodland Trust

2. Embedding sustainable development: the Government's response

Ordered, That the Government's response to Committee's First Report (Embedding sustainable development across Government) be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

George Jambiya, University of Dar es Salaam, Lars Mikkell Johannesen, Chair of the Development Partners Group for Environment and Climate Change, Tanzania, and Charles Meshack, Executive Director, Tanzanian Forest Conservation Group, gave oral evidence by videolink.

James Ngeleja, Principal Environment Management Officer, National Environment Management Council, and Frederick Manyika, Principal Forest Officer, Vice Presidents Office, gave oral evidence by videolink.

Darren Welch, Head of Office, Richard Moberley, Senior Economic Adviser, Zabdiel Kimambo, Governance Adviser, and Magdalena Banasiak, Climate Change Adviser, Department for International Development Tanzania, gave oral evidence by videolink.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 March at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 30 March 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby

Caroline Lucas

Ian Murray

Caroline Nokes

Mr Mark Spencer

Dr Alan Whitehead

Simon Wright

1. Sustainable Food

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Shepton Farms Ltd, Somerset
WWF UK
World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA UK)
Susan Atkinson, Woodside Farm, South Nottinghamshire
British Retail Consortium
Wellcome Trust
Soil Association
Dr Cathrine Jansson-Boyd
Agricultural Biotechnology Council
Fresh Produce Consortium
Sandwell Primary Care Trust and Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
The Permaculture Association
Food and Drink Federation
Food Matters and the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership
Sustain
Sustainable Development Commission
Research Councils UK
Dairy UK
GM Freeze
Rhiannon Jehu
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

3. Travel

Resolved, That the Committee visit BRE in Watford; and the School of Artisan Food in Welbeck, in May 2011.

4. Specialist Advisers

Ordered, That Mr Farooq Ullah and Professor Tim O’Riordan be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters relating to sustainable development (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix*).

5. Embedding sustainable development – the Government’s response

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The Committee’s working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the green economy

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the preparations for Rio+20

[Adjourned till Thursday 31 March at 2.30 p.m.]

Thursday 31 March 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous	Mark Lazarowicz
Neil Carmichael	Ian Murray
Zac Goldsmith	Caroline Nokes
Simon Kirby	Simon Wright

1. **Sustainable Food**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Dr Ulrich Loening
GeneWatch UK
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Waste and Resources Action Programme

2. **Travel**

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit the LIFE for Our Environment Conference in the European Parliament in Brussels on 25 and 26 May in a representative capacity.

3. **Embedding sustainable development - the Government's response**

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Defra, Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office, and Mike Anderson, Director General, Green Economy and Corporate Services Group, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 27 April 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous	Ian Murray
Neil Carmichael	Sheryll Murray
Martin Caton	Caroline Nokes
Zac Goldsmith	Mark Spencer
Simon Kirby	Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas	Simon Wright

1. **Sustainable Food**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

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National Rural and Agricultural Workers Sector of Unite the Union

Which?

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Compassion in World Farming

British Poultry Council

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

National Farmers' Union

Food Ethics Council

The Fairtrade Foundation

Public Health Nutrition Research Group at the University of Aberdeen

Oxfam

2. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

International Institute for Environment and Development (further written evidence)

WWF-UK (further written evidence)

DfID Tanzania (further written evidence)

DfID officials (further written evidence)

Malini Mehra, Centre for Social Markets

3. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Air Travel – Greener By Design Group

Friends of the Earth

Finance and Leasing Association

Paul Appleby, Consultant in Sustainable Design

Agri Energy

INEOS Chlor Limited

Caribbean Tourism Association

UK Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance

The Nappy Alliance

B9 Coal

Campaign to Protect Rural England

Environmental Industries Commission

Drax Power Limited

Axeon

Institute of Directors

British Metals Recycling Association

INEOS Manufacturing Scotland Ltd and INEOS Infrastructure (Grangemouth) Ltd

EDF Energy

Mineral Products Association

Sustrans

TUI Travel Plc

Gatwick Airport Limited

Australian Government
Chartered Institute of Taxation
Association for the Conservation of Energy
British Ceramic Confederation
Motor Cycle Industry Association
Campaign for Better Transport
RSPB
EEF
The Wildlife Trusts
Transform UK and E3G
Flybe
Aldersgate Group

4. Declaration of interests

Caroline Lucas and Peter Aldous declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Budget 2011 and environmental taxes as members of the Aldersgate Group. Zac Goldsmith declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Budget 2011 and environmental taxes as a trustee of Green Alliance and he declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation as he had commissioned and paid for the paper from the International Institute for Environment and Development (memorandum OAE 09b).

5. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Chris Hewett, Associate, Green Alliance, Andrew Leicester, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Andrew Raingold, Executive Director, Aldersgate Group, and Ben Shaw, Head of Environment Group, Policy Studies Institute, gave oral evidence.

Tim Johnson, Director, Aviation Environment Federation, Stephen Joseph, Chief Executive, Campaign for Better Transport, Matthew Sinclair, Director of Policy, Taxpayers' Alliance, and Francis Wood, Policy Adviser, Federation of Small Businesses, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 28 April at 9.30 a.m.]

Thursday 28 April 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Zac Goldsmith

Caroline Lucas

Ian Murray

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

Dr Alan Whitehead

1. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Andrew Simms, Fellow, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Malini Mehra, Founder and CEO, Centre for Social Markets, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 May at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 4 May 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

Mark Spencer

1. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Department for International Development

2. *Budget 2011 and environmental taxes*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

British Air Line Pilots' association

Chemical Industries Association

3. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Carbon Plan.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into a follow up on air quality.

4. *The Committee's working methods*

The Committee considered this matter.

5. *The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*

Stephen O'Brien MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Matthew Wyatt, Head of Climate and Environment Group, and Ian Curtis, Head of Profession, Climate and Environment, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 11 May 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Katy Clark

Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby

Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas

Ian Murray

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

Mr Mark Spencer

Dr Alan Whitehead

Simon Wright

1. *Sustainable Food*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Friends of the Earth

New Britain Palm Oil Limited

2. *Budget 2011 and environmental taxes*

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PricewaterhouseCoopers

3. Sustainable Food

Peter Aldous declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into sustainable food, namely: as a partner in a family farm near Halesworth, Suffolk and having beneficial interest in a farm near Ipswich, Suffolk.

Zac Goldsmith declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into sustainable food, namely: a farmhouse and cottage in Devon owned by family trust, from which rental income is received and self-employed farming activity in Devon (not paid because loss-making).

Mark Spencer declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into sustainable food, namely: Spring Lane Farm, Sherwood, from which rental income received, Floralands Garden Centre, Sherwood, from which rental income received, and as a partner in CH Spencer and Son, Nottinghamshire.

Professor Philip Lowe OBE, Director, Rural Economy and Land Use Programme, Centre for Rural Economy, University of Newcastle, Professor Tim Lang, City University London, and Mark Driscoll, WWF-UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 18 May 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby

Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HM Treasury

British Airways

2. Embedding sustainable development: the Government's response

Draft Report (*Embedding sustainable development: the Government's response*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 21 read and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Committee's First Report was appended to the Report.

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to the Government's response ordered to be reported for publishing on 24 March.

3. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Justine Greening MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and Mike Williams, Director, Business and International Tax, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 8 June 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Katy Clark

Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby

Caroline Lucas

Ian Murray

Caroline Nokes

Dr Alan Whitehead

Mr Mark Spencer

Simon Wright

1. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Campaign for Better Transport

HM Treasury

Tim Johnson, Aviation Environment Federation

Francis Wood, Federation of Small Businesses

2. Air quality: a follow up report

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to air quality: a follow up report be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Calor Gas Limited

Dr Dick van Steenis

East End Quality of Life Initiative, Sheffield

Country Land and Business Association

Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Countryside Council for Wales, Natural England and Scottish Natural Heritage

Dr Michael Bull
Campaign for Clean Air in London
Environmental Research Group, King's College London
JouleVert Ltd
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
Environmental Protection UK
CNG Services Ltd
Campaign for Better Transport
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
British Heart Foundation
Local Government Group
Natural Environment Research Council
Councillor Paul Braithwaite, London Borough of Camden
Royal College of Physicians
James Grugeon, The Healthy Air Campaign
UKLPG
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd
Air Quality Management Resource Centre, University of the West of England, Bristol
Transport and Environment Committee, London Councils
ClientEarth
Institute for Air Quality Management

3. Carbon budgets

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

EEF, the manufacturers' organisation
The Crown Estate
Department for Education
The Chartered Institute of Building
Aldersgate Group
UKLPG
INEOS Chlorvinyls
Public Interest Research Centre
National Physical Laboratory

4. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

The Committee considered this matter.

6. *Air quality: a follow up report*

James Grugeon, Healthy Air Campaign, Ed Dearnley, Environmental Protection UK, Professor Frank Kelly, King's College London, and Councillor Richard Kemp, Vice Chairman, Local Government Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 15 June 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael

Katy Clark

Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby

Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

Dr Alan Whitehead

Mr Mark Spencer

Simon Wright

1. *Budget 2011 and environmental taxes*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology

2. *Air quality: a follow up report*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to air quality be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Guy Tremayne, Johnson Matthey

Greater London Authority, Mayor of London

3. *Carbon budgets*

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

Committee on Climate Change

British Ceramic Confederation

WWF – UK

Department of Energy and Climate Change

Grantham institute for Climate Change

Tyndall Manchester

Friends of the Earth
EDF Energy
Terry O'Connell

4. Visits

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Waitrose Farm in Hampshire, in connection with its inquiry into sustainable food, in September.

5. Carbon budgets

Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, and Ravi Gurusurthy, Director of Strategy, DECC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 June at 9.30 a.m.]

Wednesday 22 June 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith

Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives.

Draft Report (*The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Zac Goldsmith declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he had commissioned and paid for written evidence submitted by the International Institute for Environment and Development (memorandum OAE 09b).

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

Paragraphs 1 to 75 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 12 and 19 January, 2, 9 and 16 February, 27 April and 4 May 2011.

[Adjourned till today at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 22 June 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. *Air quality: a follow up report*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to air quality be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Defra

2. *Sustainable food*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Dr Noel Russell, University of Manchester

Mr Colin Tudge, Campaign for Real Farming

3. *The Committee's working methods*

The Committee considered this matter.

4. *Sustainable food*

In relation to the Committee's inquiry into sustainable food, Peter Aldous declared an interest as a member of the National farmers' Union and farmer, Martin Caton declared an interest as a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and Sheryll Murray declared an interest as the custodian of a fishing vessel.

Andrew Clark, Head of Policy Services, National Farmers Union, and Andrew Kuyk, Director of Sustainability and Competitiveness, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence.

Colin Tudge, Campaign for Real Farming, and Abigail Bunker, Head of Agriculture Policy, RSPB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 29 June 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith

Caroline Lucas
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

Draft Report (*Budget 2011 and environmental taxes*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Caroline Lucas and Peter Aldous declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of the Aldersgate Group, and Zac Goldsmith declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Green Alliance.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 80 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Sixth 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 27 April, 4, 11 and 18 May and 8 June 2011.

2. **Sustainable food**

Professor Sir John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Professor Sandy Thomas, Head of Foresight in the Government Office for Science, and Professor Charles Godfray, Oxford University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 July at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 6 July 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. *Air quality: a follow up report*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to air quality be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mayor's Office, Greater London Authority

2. *Visit to UN Climate Change Conference in Durban*

Resolved, That a Member of the Committee have leave to visit the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban, South Africa, in November/December 2011, in a representative capacity.

3. *Air quality: a follow up report*

Lord Henley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Daniel Instone, Head of Atmosphere and Local Environment Programme, Robert Vaughan, Head of National and Local Air Quality, and Sarah Honour, Head of Science and Evidence Team, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June at 3.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 13 July 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Simon Wright

1. Green Investment Bank

Draft Special Report (*The Green Investment Bank: 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 First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

2. Carbon budgets

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

Met Office.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Carbon budgets

Dr James Wilde, Director, Carbon Trust, Dr Laura Cohen, Chief Executive, British Ceramics Confederation, and Jeremy Nicholson, Director, Energy Intensive Users Group, gave oral evidence.

5. The 10% emissions reduction programme for central government

Gregory Barker MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Trevor Hutchings, Head, Strategy and Delivery Office of National Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy and Climate Change, and William Jordan, Chief Sustainability and Operating Officer, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 7 September 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

1. Air quality: a follow up report

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to air quality be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management and the Institute of Air Quality Management

Defra

2. The 10% emissions reduction programme for central government

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the 10% emissions reduction programme be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter to Chair from the Secretary of State, Defra

TR Control Solutions Ltd.

3. Green economy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Agri Energy

BSW Timber Ltd

Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment (incpen)

Carbon Tracker Initiative

Green House

Packaging Federation

UK Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance

National Federation of Roofing Contractors

Woodland Trust

RSPB

WWF UK

Alex Bowen, Simon Dietz, Dimitri Zenghelis, Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment

Paul Appleby
British Retail Consortium
Public Interest Research Centre
International Synergies
John Lewis Partnership
Wood Panel Industries Federation
Institute for Learning
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders
Royal Academy of Engineering
Microsoft
Farming First
Scottish Renewables
PowerPerfactor
Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM)
EEVS Insight Ltd
INEOS
Environmental Treatment Concepts Ltd
Gentoo
Paul Crossley
RenewableUK
Carillion Energy Services
Research Councils UK
Northumbrian Water Group
Friends of the Earth
Aldersgate Group
Environmental Industries Commission

4. *Preparations for the Rio+20 sustainable development conference*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Rio+20 conference be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

ICE Coalition
Compassion in World Farming
Dr Edward P. Echlin
Soil Association
David Woodward
Practical Action
Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development
Maritime Conservation Society and others
Global Road Safety
UK Environmental Law Association
WWF
Article 19
Frances Aldson
Wild's Law UK
Earth System Governance Project
UK Food Group
World Coal Association
Population and Sustainability Network

RSPB
Dr Eloise Scotford, King's College London
Council for World Partnership and Development
International Institute for Environment and Development
Oxfam
World Society for the Protection of Animals
Stakeholder Forum
Marine Conservation Society

5. Embedding sustainable development across Government: the Government's response

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Government's response to embedding sustainable development be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter to Chair from the Secretary of State, Defra

6. Visits

Resolved, That the Committee visit Johnson Tiles in Stoke on 18 October in connection with its inquiry into carbon budgets.

7. Sustainable development in the Localism Bill

Draft Special Report (*Sustainable development in the Localism Bill: 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 Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

8. Sustainable development in the national planning policy framework

Ordered, That Mr Kelvin MacDonald be appointed a Special Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the national planning policy framework (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix*).

9. Carbon budgets

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

Resolved, That the Committee accept written evidence from energy intensive users in confidence.

10. Green economy

Professor Tim Jackson, University of Surrey, Jules Peck, Abundancy Partners, and James Meadway, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.

11. Preparations for the Rio+20 sustainable development conference

Tom Bigg, International Institute for Environment and Development, and Sarah Best, Oxfam GB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 September at 9.30 a.m.]

Appendix: *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.

Wednesday 14 September 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Zac Goldsmith
Mr Mark Spencer

Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Carbon budgets

Draft Report (*Carbon budgets*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 77 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Seventh 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 8 and 15 June and 13 July 2011.

2. Air quality: a follow up report

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Draft Special Report (*The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report*), 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 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.

4. Green economy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Bruce Hunt, City of London

5. Preparations for the Rio+20 sustainable development conference

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Rio+20 conference be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Progressio
Defra

6. Sustainable development in the national planning policy framework

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the national planning policy framework be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Community & Regional Planning Services
National Trust
Anglian Water
RSPB
Neil Blackshaw
Children with Cancer

7. Green economy

Peter Aldous declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the green economy as a member of the Aldersgate Group.

Andrew Raingold, Executive Director, Aldersgate Group, Adrian Wilkes, Executive Chair, Environmental Industries Commission, and Frank Price, Director, Grontmij, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till today at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 14 September 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby

Mark Lazarowicz

Ian Murray

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

1. *Green economy*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Preparations for the Rio+20 sustainable development conference*

Derek Osborn, President, and Felix Dodds, Director, Stakeholder Forum, gave oral evidence.

Peter Unwin, Director General, Environment and Rural Group, and Chris Whaley, Head of European Union International Co-ordination Division, defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 12 October 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Green economy

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

Aldersgate Group
Defra, DECC and BIS

2. Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit

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

BioRegional
Earth Charter UK
APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives.

Mr Farooq Ullah, specialist adviser, made a further declaration on interests (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix*).

3. Sustainable development in the national planning policy framework

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the national planning policy framework be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Royal Town Planning Institute
Renewable Energy

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Sustainable food

Neil Sinden, Director of Policy and Campaigns, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Peter Nixon, Director of Conservation, National Trust, Dr Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner, Town & Country Planning Association, and Naomi Luhde-Thompson, Planning and Policy Adviser, Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, Home Builders Federation, and Liz Peace, Chief Executive Officer, British Property Federation, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Minister, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Richard Benyon, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 19 October 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Mr Mark Spencer
Simon Wright

1. Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit

Draft Report (*Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 59 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Eighth 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 7 and 14 September and 12 October.

2. The 10% emissions reduction programme for central government

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the 10% emissions reduction programme be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Power Perfector

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Sustainable food

Laura Davis, Ideal for All, Angela Blair, Sandwell Primary Care Trust, and Jeanette Longfield, Sustain, gave oral evidence.

Vic Borrill, Brighton and Hove Food Partnership, and Clare Devereux, Food Matters, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 26 October 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith

Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

1. Air quality – a follow up report

Draft Report (*Air quality – a follow up report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 54 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Ninth 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, in addition to that ordered to be reported for publishing on 8, 15, and 22 June, 6 July, and 7 September.

2. Sustainable food

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

Government Office for Science, BIS

Waitrose

3. *Green economy*

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

Environmental Industries Commission

4. *Solar feed-in tariffs*

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into solar power feed-in tariffs, and that the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Energy and Climate Change Committee.

5. *Budget 2011 and environmental taxes*

The Committee considered this matter.

6. *Sustainable food*

Jane Bevis and Bob Gordon, British Retail Consortium, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 2 November 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael

Martin Caton

Katy Clark

Zac Goldsmith

Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

Mr Mark Spencer

Dr Alan Whitehead

Simon Wright

1. *Sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework*

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable development on the National Planning Policy Framework be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Green economy

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

TUC

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 9 November 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby

Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Mr Mark Spencer
Simon Wright
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Sustainable development in the national planning policy framework

Ordered, That the following paper relating to the sustainable development in the national planning policy framework inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from the Chair to the Chair of the Communities and Local Government Committee and to the Prime Minister on sustainable development in the national planning policy framework.

2. Sustainable food

Dr Helen Wallace, Director, Genewatch, gave oral evidence.

Prof Ian Crute, Chief Scientist, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, Peter Melchett, Policy Director and Emma Hockridge Head of Policy, Soil Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 23 November 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. *Solar power feed-in tariffs*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Edward Burt
Niko Miaoulis
Simon Davidson
Greg Rodger
Nicholas Ndhlovu
Helen Keith
Mary Ross
Kevin Hawes
Catherine Cannon
David Robertson
HiS Group
Nick Pascoe
Sunergy UK
Keep Britain Tidy
Solar Century/ Cut Don't Kill Campaign?
Transition Lavenham CIC
National Federation of Roofing Contractors
Patrick Whitty
Gareth Williams
Homesun
Shape Energy limited
David Holmes
London Rebuilding Society

2. *Future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Green economy*

Dr John Constable, Director, Renewable Energy Foundation, Dr Gordon Edge, Director of Policy, Renewable UK, and Dr Alex Bowen, Principal Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute, gave oral evidence.

Molly Scott Cato, Green House, David Powell, Economics Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, and Philip Pearson, Senior Policy Officer, TUC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 November at 1.30 p.m.]

Thursday 24 November 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith

Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

1. Solar feed-in tariffs

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Local Government Association
H M Treasury
Ofgem
freetricity
Which
Micropower Council
Llangattock Green Valleys
REA, Solar Trade Association
EDF Energy
Regen SW
Alan Simpson and Gerard Read
Consumer Focus

2. Green economy

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

Claire Bradshaw

3. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Arctic exploitation.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into wildlife crime.

4. Visit

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels on 21 March 2012, to attend a meeting of the EU Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety to discuss the UN Rio+20 Summit in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 November at 2.30 p.m.]

Tuesday 29 November 2011

The Committee met concurrently with the Energy and Climate Change Committee

Members present:

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

The following members of the Energy and Climate Change Committee were also present, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A

Barry Gardiner	Laura Sandys
Dr Phillip Lee	Sir Robert Smith
Albert Owen	Dr Alan Whitehead
John Robertson	Mr Tim Yeo

Mr Tim Yeo was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (1).

Solar feed-in tariffs

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Office for National Statistics
- Friends of the Earth
- DECC
- G-CEL
- Electrical Contractors' Association
- National Housing Federation
- Association for Conservation of Energy
- British Retail Consortium
- Peter Morganroth
- Leeds Solar
- Good Energy
- Lark Energy

Carillion Energy Services
Bath & North East Somerset Council
E.on
Low Carbon Developers
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders
Energy Technologies Institute
Colchester Borough Council
Reading Borough Council
John Husk
SSE
Imperial College, London
A M Borrill & Son

Daniel Green, Chief Executive Officer, HomeSun, Howard Johns, Chair, Solar Trade Association, Peter Capener, Chair, Bath and West Community Energy, and Jeremy Leggett, Chairman, Solarcentury, gave oral evidence.

Gregory Barker MP, Minister of State for Climate Change, Moira Wallace, Permanent Secretary, and Simon Virley, Director General, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 1 December at 11.30 a.m.]

Thursday 1 December 2011

The Committee met concurrently with the Energy and Climate Change Committee

Members present:

Peter Aldous	Caroline Lucas
Katy Clark	Sheryll Murray
Zac Goldsmith	Joan Walley
Simon Kirby	Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz	Simon Wright

The following members of the Energy and Climate Change Committee were also present, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A

Dan Byles	Laura Sandys
Barry Gardiner	Dr Alan Whitehead
John Robertson	Mr Tim Yeo

Mr Tim Yeo was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (1).

Solar feed-in tariffs

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Transition Town Letchworth
Sudbury Market Town Partnership

Chloe Smith MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and Jonathan Mills, Deputy Director, Energy, Environment and Agriculture, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 7 December 2011

Members present:

Peter Aldous	Mark Lazarowicz
Katy Clark	Mr Mark Spencer
Neil Carmichael	Paul Uppal
Zac Goldsmith	Simon Wright

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

1. Declaration of Interests

Paul Uppal declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Overseas visits: Visit to India in September 2011, paid for by Indian government, as part of a delegation of the Conservative Friends of India.

Shareholdings: Pinehurst Securities Ltd (real estate investment).

2. Green economy

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

Office for National Statistics
Renewable Energy Foundation
UKSBA

3. Sustainable Food

Dr Jennie Macdiarmid, Senior Research Fellow at the Public Health Nutrition Research Group, University of Aberdeen, Sue Dibb, Executive Director, Food Ethics Council, and Professor Elizabeth Dowler, Trustee, Food Ethics Council, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon James Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, Sarah Church, Head of Food Policy, Food Security and Food Sustainability, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 14 December 2011

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Paul Uppal
Simon Wright

1. Sustainable Food

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

British Retail Consortium
Director of Catering & Retail Services, House of Commons
Agricultural Biotechnology Council

2. Carbon Budgets

Draft Special Report (*Carbon Budgets: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Committee's Seventh 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.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into transport poverty.

4. Embedding sustainable development across Government: the Government's response

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Government's response to embedding sustainable development be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter to Chair from the Secretary of State, Defra, and Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office.

5. Green Economy

Janice Munday, Director, Advanced Manufacturing and Services, BIS, Steven Fries, Chief Economist, DECC, Mallika Ishwaran, Chief Economist, and Andrew Lawrence, Director, Strategy and Sustainability, Defra, and Peter Schofield, Director, Enterprise and Growth, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till today at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 14 December 2011

The Energy and Climate Change and Environmental Audit Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Energy and Climate Change Committee

Dan Byles
Barry Gardiner
Dr Phillip Lee
Christopher Pincher
John Robertson
Laura Sandys
Sir Robert Smith
Dr Alan Whitehead
Mr Tim Yeo

Environmental Audit Committee

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Paul Uppal
Joan Walley
Dr Alan Whitehead

Solar feed-in tariffs

Mr Tim Yeo was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (1) (d).

The Committees deliberated, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A (1) (b).

Mark Lazarowicz declared an interest as an unpaid board member of Leith Museum Company Limited and Edinburgh Community Energy Co-operative Limited. Sir Robert Smith declared an interest as Shareholder of Shell Transport and Trading, and vice-chair of the all-party group on the offshore oil and gas industry. Mr Tim Yeo declared an interest as Chair of AFC Energy Plc.

Draft Report (*Solar power feed-in tariffs*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chair's draft Report be considered concurrently, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A (1) (c).

Ordered, That the Chair's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 89 read and agreed to.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

The Environmental Audit Committee withdrew.

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Dan Byles	John Robertson
Barry Gardiner	Laura Sandys
Dr Phillip Lee	Sir Robert Smith
Christopher Pincher	Dr Alan Whitehead

Draft Report (*Solar power feed-in tariffs*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Resolved, That the draft Report prepared by the Energy and Climate Change and Environmental Audit Committees, be the Ninth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (2) be applied to the Report.

Ordered, That Mr Tim Yeo 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 29 November and 1 December 2011.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 January at 10.00 a.m.]

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Energy and Climate Change Committee withdrew.

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous	Mark Lazarowicz
Neil Carmichael	Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton	Sheryll Murray
Katy Clark	Paul Uppal
Zac Goldsmith	Dr Alan Whitehead

Draft Report (*Solar power feed-in tariffs*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Resolved, That the draft Report prepared by the Energy and Climate Change and Environmental Audit Committees, be the Tenth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (2) be applied to the Report.

Ordered, That Mr Tim Yeo 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.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 23, 24 and 29 November and 1 December 2011.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 11 January 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous

Martin Caton

Zac Goldsmith

Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas

Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes

Mr Mark Spencer

Paul Uppal

Dr Alan Whitehead

Simon Wright

1. Sustainable food

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

Public Health Nutrition Group

2. Green economy

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

Combined Heat and power Association

3. Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit

Draft Special Report (*Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Committee's Eighth 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. Future programme

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012 to attend the GLOBE Legislators Convention in a representative capacity, and that the Chair and other Members visit Rio de Janeiro in June 2012 to attend the United Nations sustainable development conference in a representative capacity.

5. *Wildlife crime*

Peter Aldous and Caroline Nokes declared an interest as members of the Countryside Alliance.

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 18 January 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

1. *Sustainable Food*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Protecting the Arctic*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Transport poverty*

The Committee considered this matter.

4. *Wildlife crime*

The Committee considered this matter.

5. *Future Programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into carbon budgets: energy intensive industries.

6. *Protecting the Arctic*

Ruth Davis, Senior Policy Adviser, Greenpeace, and Shane Tomlinson, Director of Development, E3G, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January at 1.30 p.m]

Wednesday 25 January 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous	Caroline Nokes
Martin Caton	Mr Mark Spencer
Katy Clark	Paul Uppal
Mark Lazarowicz	Simon Wright
Caroline Lucas	

Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February at 2.00 p.m]

Wednesday 1 February 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

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

1. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Draft Special Report (*Budget 2011 and environmental taxes: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Committee's Sixth Report 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.

2. Green economy

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Chloe Smith MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Andrew Lawrence, Director, Strategy and Sustainability, Defra, and Peter Schofield, Director of Enterprise and Growth, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February at 2.00 p.m

Declaration of Interests

12 October 2011: *declaration of Specialist Advisers' interests*

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

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).

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Ben Goldsmith, Trudie Styler, George Duffield, Simon Tindall, Altitude Broadcasting and Corporate Studios Ltd (Finchley, London), Robin Birley, James Reuben, Stephen Brenninkmeijer, Investors in Private Capital Ltd (London), Aspinalls Club Ltd (London), Victoria Getty, Joseph Bamford and James Arbib.

Land and Property: Farmhouse and cottage in Devon owned by family trust, from which rental income is received. Land in Andalusia, 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.

Simon Kirby:

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Ray Bloom.

Land and Property: House in Brighton, from which rental income is received. House in Pevensey, East Sussex, from which rental income is received.

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 Cleeve).

Ian Murray

Directorships: 100MPH Events Ltd, Edinburgh.

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Councillor on City of Edinburgh Council.

Clients: provided event management services to Bath Festival Fringe, who paid 100MPH Events Ltd.

Shareholdings: 100MPH Events Ltd (event management).

Partnership with my partner in Alibi Bars LLP (bar/bistro), from which I received no remuneration.

Sheryll Murray:

Spouse of a commercial fisherman.

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:

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.