The Environmental Audit Committee

The Environmental Audit Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to consider to what extent the policies and programmes of government departments and non-departmental public bodies contribute to environmental protection and sustainable development; to audit their performance against such targets as may be set for them by Her Majesty’s Ministers; and to report thereon to the House.

Current membership
Mr Tim Yeo, MP (Conservative, South Suffolk) (Chairman)
Ms Celia Barlow, MP (Labour, Hove)
Mr Martin Caton, MP (Labour, Gower)
Mr Colin Challen, MP (Labour, Morley and Rothwell)
Mr David Chaytor, MP (Labour, Bury North)
Mr Tim Farron, MP (Liberal Democrat, Westmorland and Lonsdale)
Mr David Howarth, MP (Liberal Democrat, Cambridge)
Mr Nick Hurd, MP (Conservative, Ruislip Northwood)
Mr Ian Pearson, MP (Labour, Dudley South) [ex-officio]
Mr Mark Pritchard, MP (Conservative, Wrekin, The)
Mrs Linda Riordan, MP (Labour, Halifax)
Mr Graham Stuart, MP (Conservative, Beverley & Holderness)
Ms Emily Thornberry, MP (Labour, Islington South & Finsbury)
Dr Desmond Turner, MP (Labour, Brighton, Kempton)
Mr Ed Vaizey, MP (Conservative, Wantage)
Joan Walley, MP (Labour, Stoke-on-Trent North)

Powers
The constitution and powers are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally Standing Order No. 152A. These are available on the Internet via www.parliament.uk.

Publications
The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at: www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/environmental_audit_committee.cfm.

Committee staff
The current staff of the Committee are: Mike Hennessy (Clerk); Sara Howe (Second Clerk); Richard Douglas (Committee Specialist); Oliver Bennett (Committee Specialist); Louise Smith (Committee Assistant); Caroline McElwee (Secretary); and Robert Long (Senior Office Clerk).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Thursday 14 July 2005

Members present:

- Mr Peter Ainsworth
- Ms Celia Barlow
- Mr Martin Caton
- Colin Challen
- Mr Tobias Ellwood
- Lynne Featherstone
- David Howarth
- Mr Nick Hurd
- Mark Pritchard
- Dr Desmond Turner
- Mrs Theresa Villiers
- Joan Walley

Declaration of interests

Members declared their pecuniary interests pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

In addition, Members declared the following interests:

- Mark Pritchard declared an interest as a visiting lecturer at two universities; and director of a property company.
- Dr Desmond Turner declared an interest as a member of the Socialist Environment and Resources Association, and a having involvement with a tidal stream power company.
- Mr Martin Caton declared an interest as a member of the RSPB.
- David Howarth declared an interest as a member of Friends of the Earth.
- Ms Celia Barlow declared an interest as a member of Friends of the Earth.
- Mr Peter Ainsworth declared an interest as a member of Friends of the Earth; and director of Plantlife International.
- Joan Walley declared an interest as a member of the Socialist Environment and Resources Association.
- Colin Challen declared an interest as a member of the Socialist Environment and Resources Association.

Election of Chairman

Mr Peter Ainsworth was called to the Chair.

Evidence

Resolved, That the Committee meet in public when hearing evidence from witnesses, unless the Committee decides otherwise.
Resolved, That witnesses should have leave to publish written submissions accepted by the Committee as evidence, subject to the discretion of the Chairman.

**The Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into nuclear and renewable energy.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into sustainable procurement.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into sustainable housing.

Resolved, That the Committee consider establishing a Sub-Committee to inquire into issues relating to timber.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 July 2005 at 2.30pm]

**Wednesday 20 July 2005**

**Members present:**

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Nick Hurd

Emily Thornberry
Dr Desmond Turner
Mrs Theresa Villiers
Joan Walley

**Declaration of Interests**

Mr David Chaytor declared his interests, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

**Land and Property**

House in Bury, Lancashire.

Share of a flat in London.

Emily Thornberry declared her interests, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

**Land and Property**

Two-third interest in flat in Guildford, Surrey.

One-fifth interest in flat in South London.
Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Non-practising member of the chambers of Mike Mansfield QC.

Corporate Environmental Crime

Draft Special Report [Government response to the Second Report from the Committee of the previous Session (Corporate Environmental Crime)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government response to the Second Report from the Committee of the previous Session be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman.)

Inquiry into Sustainable Timber Procurement

Ordered, That a Sub-Committee on Timber be appointed to consider sustainable timber procurement.

Resolved, That Mr Peter Ainsworth, Colin Challen, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Mark Pritchard and Joan Walley be members of the Sub-Committee, and that Joan Walley chair the Sub-Committee.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October 2005 at 2.30pm

Wednesday 12 October 2005

Members present:

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton Lynne Featherstone
Colin Challen Mark Pritchard
Mr David Chaytor Emily Thornberry
Mr Tobias Ellwood Mrs Theresa Villiers
Mr David Howarth Joan Walley

Pre-Budget 2004 and Budget 2005

Draft Special Report [Government response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of the previous Session (Pre-Budget 2004 and Budget 2005: Tax, Appraisal and the
Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of the previous Session be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman.)

The Committee’s future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Overseas Travel

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Finland and Denmark and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for that visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October 2005 at 2.30pm

Wednesday 19 October 2005

Members present

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton  Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen    Emily Thornberry
Mr David Chaytor Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Tobias Ellwood Mrs Theresa Villiers
Lynne Featherstone Joan Walley

The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the new Climate Change Strategy.

Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Richard Dixon (Head), WWF-Scotland and Mr David Norman (Head of Public Affairs), WWF-UK, gave oral evidence.
Dr Brenda Boardman (Programme Leader) and Dr Mark Hinnells (Senior Researcher), Lower Carbon Futures; and Dr Catherine Mitchell (Principal Research Fellow), Warwick Business School, gave oral evidence.

Mr Tom Burke (visiting Professor at University College and Imperial College, London and Environmental Policy Advisor to Rio Tinto Plc., &c.), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October 2005 at 2.30pm

**Wednesday 26 October 2005**

**Members present**

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  
Mr Martin Caton  
Colin Challen  
Mr David Chaytor  

David Howarth  
Mr Nick Hurd  
Dr Desmond Turner  
Joan Walley

**Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee seek to take oral evidence from Sir David King, Government’s Chief Scientific Advisor, in relation to the current energy inquiry.

**Domestic Travel**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Woking in connection with a number of its inquiries.

**Sustainable Development Reporting**

*Resolved,* That the Committee place on the Internet the NAO briefing on sustainable development reporting by government departments and seek responses to the briefing from Government and from other relevant bodies.

**Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change**

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Gordon MacKerron (Director), Dr Jim Watson (Senior Fellow), and Dr Alister Scott, (Research Fellow), Sussex Policy Research Unit, gave oral evidence.
Mr Chris Shears (Chair), Mr Marcus Rand (Chief Executive), and Dr Gordon Edge (Head of Offshore), British Wind Energy Association; and Mr David Milborrow (independent consultant), gave oral evidence.

Mr Philip Sellwood (Chief Executive) and Dr Nick Eyre (Strategy Director), Energy Savings Trust; and Mr Dave Sowden (Chief Executive) Micropower Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November 2005 at 2.30pm]

Wednesday 2 November 2005

Members present

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton  Mr Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor  Mrs Theresa Villiers
David Howarth  Joan Walley

Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Vincent de Rivaz (Chief Executive) and Denis Linford (Director of Regulation), EDF Energy; and Dr Keith MacLean (Head of Sustainable Development), Scottish and Southern Energy, gave oral evidence.

Mr Tony White (Board Member), Climate Change Capital, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November 2005 at 2.30pm]
Wednesday 9 November 2005

Members present

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Nick Hurd
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor  Mrs Theresa Villiers
Mr Tobias Ellwood  Joan Walley

Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Paul Rogers (Global Security Consultant and Professor of Peace Studies), Bradford University, Dr Frank Barnaby (Nuclear Issues Consultant) and Professor Keith Barnham (Energy Security Consultant and Emeritus Professor of Physics), Imperial College London; and Mr Malcolm Savidge (Parliamentary Consultant), Oxford Research Group, gave oral evidence.

Mr Richard Mayson (Director, Energy Unit) and Mr Adrian Bull (Head of Energy Studies), British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, gave oral evidence.

Mr Robert Armour (Company Secretary), Mr Paul Spence (Head of Strategic Planning) and Mr Chris Anastasi (Senior Environmental Adviser), British Energy, gave oral evidence.

Adjacent till Wednesday 16 November 2005 at 2.30pm

Wednesday 16 November 2005

Members present

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton  Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen  Emily Thornberry
Mr David Chaytor  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Tobias Ellwood  Joan Walley
David Howarth

Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Nick Winser (Group Director), UK & US Transmission; and Mr Louis Dale (Regulatory Strategy Manager), National Grid plc, gave oral evidence.
Mr Dieter Helm (Fellow in Economics), New College, Oxford; Mr Alistair Buchanan (Chief Executive) and Mr Steve Smith (Managing Director, Markets), Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 November 2005 at 11.45am

Thursday 17 November 2005

Members present

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow Mr David Howarth
Colin Challen Mr Nick Hurd
Mr David Chaytor Emily Thornberry
Lynne Featherstone Dr Desmond Turner

Greening Government: the 2004 Sustainable Development in Government Report

Draft Report (Greening Government: the 2004 Sustainable Development in Government Report), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 698.

Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter

Professor Sir David King (Government Chief Scientific Adviser), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 November 2005 at 2.45pm
Monday 21 November 2005

Members present

Ms Celia Barlow
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd
Dr Desmond Turner
Mrs Theresa Villiers

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Colin Challen was called to the Chair.

Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Jonathon Porritt, CBE (Chair of the UK Sustainable Development Commission), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November 2005 at 10.15am]

Wednesday 23 November 2005

Members present

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Mark Pritchard
Mrs Linda Riordan
Dr Desmond Turner
Mrs Theresa Villiers
Joan Walley

Declaration of interests

Mrs Linda Riordan declared her pecuniary interests pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Member of Calderdale Council.

Sponsorship or financial or material support

Donations to constituency party received from:

Co-operative Party

Unison (Registered 21 September 2005)
**Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Rt. Hon. Alan Johnson, MP (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry), Mr Paul McIntyre (Head of Energy Strategy Unit), and Richard Abel (Director), DTI, gave oral evidence.

Mr Henry Derwent (Director of Climate, Energy and Environmental Risk), DEFRA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 November 2005 at 2.30pm

**Wednesday 30 November 2005**

*Members present*

Mr Peter Ainsworth, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow                    Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton                   Mr Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen                    Mrs Linda Riordan
Mr David Chaytor                  Emily Thornberry
Mr Tobias Ellwood                Dr Desmond Turner
Lynne Featherstone               Mrs Theresa Villiers
Mr David Howarth                 Joan Walley

**Sustainable Procurement: the Way Forward**

The Committee considered this matter.

Hugh Barrett (Chief Executive), OGCbuying.solutions and Martin Sykes (Executive Director, Smarter Procurement), OGC, gave oral evidence.

Elliot Morley MP (Minister of State), Gill Rutter (Director, Strategy and Sustainable Development), and David Rabey (Head of Procurement), DEFRA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December 2005 at 2.30pm

**5–8 December 2005**

*Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Martin Caton, Colin Challen, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Howarth, Mr Mark Pritchard, and Dr Desmond Turner visited Denmark and Finland, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 12 October 2005.*
Wednesday 14 December 2005

Members present

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr David Howarth

Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Mark Pritchard
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair for the meeting.

Sustainable Housing: a progress report

The Committee considered the matter.

Paul King (Campaign Director, One Million Sustainable Homes and Director, One Planet Living), WWF-UK, gave oral evidence.

Sir John Harman (Chairman) and Pam Gilder (Head of Policy Development and Promotion), Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 December 2005 at 10.00am]

Thursday 15 December 2005

Members present

Ms Celia Barlow
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr David Howarth

Mr Nick Hurd
Mark Pritchard
Mr Tim Yeo

Declaration of interests

Mr Tim Yeo declared his pecuniary interests pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Remunerated directorships

Univent PLC; operator of nursing homes for elderly people and domiciliary care agencies.

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Occasional articles for Country Life magazine.
Fortnightly column in Weekend FT.

7 June 2005, speech to Yorkshire Fiscal Group. (Up to £5,000) (Registered 14 June 2005)

23 October 2005, fee from BBC for participation in University Challenge. (Up to £5,000) (Registered 21 November 2005)

27 October 2005, speech to Wood Mackenzie Limited, energy consultants. (Up to £5,000) (Registered 21 November 2005)

**Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)**

Complimentary membership from the London Golf Club for 2005. (Registered 28 February 2005)

31 May 2005, loan of a private jet for two domestic flights from Netjets plc. (Registered 14 June 2005)

23–25 June 2005, two night stay at Gleneagles Hotel, accommodation and meals provided by the hotel. (Registered 20 July 2005)

**Overseas visits**

10–19 February 2005, to the United States to carry out research for an article in Weekend FT, fares and accommodation paid for by the Financial Times. (Registered 28 February 2005)

17–20 August 2005, to Washington DC, to stay at the Congressional Country Club as a guest of James Singerling (Chief Executive Officer of the Club Managers Association of America). (I paid for my own fares.) (Registered 24 August 2005)

6–8 November 2005, to Cyprus, as a guest of Lanitis Development, owners of Aphrodite Hills, a hotel and golf resort. (Registered 21 November 2005)

**Registrable shareholdings**

(a) Anacol Holdings Ltd.; a family investment company.

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**Election of Chairman**

Mr Tim Yeo was called to the Chair.

**The Committee’s programme of work**

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Pre-Budget Report 2005.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January 2006 at 2.30pm]
Wednesday 11 January 2006

Members present

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Martin Caton  Mr David Chaytor  Lynne Featherstone  Mr David Howarth
Mark Pritchard  Emily Thornberry  Dr Desmond Turner  Joan Walley

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair.

The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January 2006 at 2.30pm]

Wednesday 18 January 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Martin Caton  Colin Challen  Mr David Chaytor  Lynne Featherstone  Mr David Howarth  Mr Nick Hurd  Mark Pritchard  Emily Thornberry  Dr Desmond Turner  Mr Edward Vaizey  Joan Walley

Declaration of Interests

Mr Edward Vaizey declared his interests, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Fees from appearances on The Wright Stuff (Channel 5). (Up to £5,000)

Fees from The Guardian. (Up to £5,000)

Sponsorship or financial or material support

Donation to my constituency party from Michael Lewis, of London (businessman). (Registered 19 July 2005)
Registrable shareholdings

(b) Consolidated Communications Ltd; consumer public relations company (shareholding plus share options) (Shares sold on 31 October 2005).

The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into carbon emissions from transport.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the proposals for the draft Marine Bill.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Woking and hold an informal meeting there.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels.

Trade, Aid and the Environment

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee establish a Sub-Committee to inquire into issues relating to trade, aid and the environment.

Sustainable Timber

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Sustainable Timber), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 607.

Sustainable Housing

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Peter Redfern (Chief Executive), and Mr Paul Garber (Planning Director), George Wimpey UK Ltd; and John Callcutt (Deputy Chairman), and Paul Donnelly (Group Environmental Manager), Crest Nicholson plc, gave oral evidence.

David Mitchell (Technical Director) and Sue Bridge (Director, Planning and Development, Bellway plc), The Home Builders Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January 2006 at 2.30pm]
Wednesday 25 January 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton  Emily Thornberry
Colin Challen  Mr Graham Stuart
Mr David Chaytor  Mr Edward Vaizey
Mr David Howarth

Declaration of Interests

Mr Graham Stuart declared his interests, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Remunerated directorships

CSL Publishing Ltd; publisher of boating magazines and newspapers.

Sponsorship or financial or material support

Donations to my constituency party received from:

Mr M Oughtred of Beverley (personal donation)

CKL Properties (farming and property)

United and Cecil Club

Richard and Carol Hudson of Beverley (personal donations)

Mr C Gillett, of Hull (personal donation)

J R Rix Ltd, of Hull (oil company) (Registered 27 July 2005)

Land and Property

House in Cambridge (currently for sale).

Registrable shareholdings

(a) CSL Publishing Ltd.

Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Sole proprietor of Go Enterprises, which receives licensing income for use of magazine and newspaper titles owned by me.

Trade, Aid and the Environment

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That a Sub-Committee on Trade, Aid and the Environment be appointed.

Ordered, That Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Martin Caton, Colin Challen, Mr David Howarth and Mr Edward Vaizey be members of the Sub-Committee.

**Sustainable Housing**

The Committee considered this matter.

Colin Fenn, CIWEM (the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management) Water Resources Panel, David Pettifer (Chairman), CIWEM Rivers and Coastal Group and Jo Parker (Member), CIWEM Water Supply and Quality Panel, gave oral evidence.

Richard Aylard (Director of External Affairs and Environment), and Rob Harrison (Director of Asset management), RWE Thames Water, gave oral evidence.

Yvette Cooper MP (Minister for Housing and Planning), ODPM, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January 2006 at 2.30pm

**Tuesday 31 January 2006**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr Nick Hurd

Mr Graham Stuart
Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Edward Vaizey
Joan Walley

**Sustainable Housing**

The Committee considered this matter.

Elliot Morley MP (Minister of State, Climate Change and Environment), and Clare Hawley, (Head of the Sustainable Communities Team), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February 2006 at 2.30pm
**Wednesday 1 February 2006**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow          Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton         Mr Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen           Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor        Mr Edward Vaizey
Mr David Howarth        Joan Walley

**Pre-Budget 2005**

The Committee considered this matter.

Tony Juniper (Chief Executive), Simon Bullock (Environmental Taxation Co-ordinator), and Craig Bennett (Senior Corporate Accountability Campaigner), Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

Nick Eyre (Director of Strategy) and Brian Samuel (Head of Policy Research), Energy Saving Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February 2006 at 2.30pm]

**Wednesday 8 February 2006**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton          Mr Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen            Mr Graham Stuart
Mr David Chaytor         Dr Desmond Turner
Lynne Featherstone      Mr Edward Vaizey
Mr David Howarth        Joan Walley

**Pre-Budget 2005**

The Committee considered this matter.

Clive Bates (Head of Environmental Policy), Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Paul Ekins (Head of Environment Group, Policy Studies Institute and Professor of Sustainable Development, University of Westminster), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 9 February 2006 at 11.45am]
Thursday 9 February 2006

Members present

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Graham Stuart
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor  Mr Edward Vaizey
Mr David Howarth  Joan Walley
Mr Nick Hurd

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair.

Pre-Budget 2005

The Committee considered this matter.

John Healey MP (Financial Secretary), HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 February 2006 at 2.30pm

Wednesday 15 February 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair,

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton  Emily Thornberry
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor  Mr Edward Vaizey
Mr David Howarth  Joan Walley

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake two visits in relation to its transport inquiry during consecutive weeks in May: one to Japan and one to various cities in northern Europe.

The Committee considered the matter further.

Adjourned till Wednesday 1 March 2006 at 2.30pm
Wednesday 1 March 2006

Members present

Ms Celia Barlow  
Mr Martin Caton  
Colin Challen  
Mr David Howarth  
Mr Graham Stuart  
Mr Edward Vaizey  
Joan Walley

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair.

Sustainable Procurement: the Way Forward

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Sustainable Procurement: the Way Forward), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 740.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 March 2006 at 2.30pm]

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  
Mr Martin Caton  
Colin Challen  
Mr David Chaytor  
Lynne Featherstone  
Mr David Howarth  
Mr Nick Hurd  
Emily Thornberry  
Mr Edward Vaizey

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That for the European visit in connection with its inquiry, Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport, the Committee will visit the Netherlands and Sweden.

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.
Professor David Banister, the Bartlett School of Planning, UCL, and Robin Hickman, the Halcrow Group, (authors of the VIBAT report, *Looking over the horizon*), gave oral evidence.

Stephen Joseph, OBE, Executive Director and Jason Torrance, Campaigns Director, Transport 2000, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 March 2006 at 2.30pm]

**Tuesday 14 March 2006**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd

Mr Graham Stuart
Emily Thornberry
Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Edward Vaizey
Joan Walley

**Pre-Budget 2005**

Draft Report (*Pre-Budget 2005: Tax, economic analysis, and climate change*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 882.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 March 2006 at 2.30pm]
Wednesday 15 March 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Mark Pritchard
Emily Thornberry
Dr Desmond Turner

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Netherlands and Sweden in preference to Japan.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 March 2006 at 10.30am

Thursday 16 March 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Graham Stuart
Emily Thornberry
Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Edward Vaizey
Joan Walley

The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 March 2006 at 10.30am
Tuesday 21 March 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Graham Stuart
Colin Challen  Emily Thornberry
Mr David Chaytor  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Howarth  Joan Walley
Mr Nick Hurd

Sustainable Housing

Draft Report (Sustainable Housing: A Follow-Up Report), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 779.

[Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chairman.

Tuesday 28 March 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Howarth  Joan Walley
Mr Nick Hurd

Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

Draft Report (Keeping the lights on: Nuclear, Renewables, and Climate Change), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 584.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 March 2006 at 2.30pm
Wednesday 29 March 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  
Mr Martin Caton  
Colin Challen  
Mr David Howarth

Mr Nick Hurd  
Mr Graham Stuart  
Dr Desmond Turner  
Mr Edward Vaizey

The Climate Change Review

The Committee considered this matter.

The Draft Marine Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Simon Barnes (Technical Manager, Environment Team), Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) (and Chair, LowCVP Working Group on Passenger Cars); John Kingston (Environment Manager), Honda UK; Steve Cautley (Director), Vehicle Environmental Engineering, Ford Motor Company, gave oral evidence.

Greg Archer (Director), Low Carbon Vehicles Partnership (LowCVP), Graham Smith (Chairman, LowCVP, and Managing Director, Toyota GB), Nick Hartley (Board Member), LowCVP, gave oral evidence.

Mr Richard Tarboton (Head of Business Unit, Transport) and Mr Alex Veitch (Transport Strategy Manager), Energy Saving Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 April 2006 at 2.30pm]
Wednesday 19 April 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  David Howarth
Mr Martin Caton  Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen    Emily Thornberry
Mr David Chaytor Mr Edward Vaizey
Lynne Featherstone Joan Walley

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Kevin Austin (Head of Transport), Greater London Authority; Isabel Dedring (Director of Policy Unit) and Mark Evers (Analyst, Policy Unit), Transport for London, gave oral evidence.


[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 April 2006 at 2.30pm

Wednesday 26 April 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr Martin Caton  Mr Graham Stuart
Colin Challen    Dr Desmond Turner
David Howarth   Joan Walley

Sustainable Timber

Draft Special Report [Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of this Session, Sustainable Timber] proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.
Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Second Report from the Committee of this Session be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman.)

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Adrian Lyons (Director General), The Railway Forum and Ms Louise Shaw (Systems and Standards Manager), The Association of Train Operating Companies, gave oral evidence.

Ms Heather Leggate (Vice Chair, Sea and Water) and Mr David Lapthorn (former Chairman), Lapthorn Shipping Limited, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 May 2006 at 10.30am

Tuesday 9 May 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  Mr Mark Pritchard
David Howarth  Mr Graham Stuart
Mr Nick Hurd  Joan Walley

Climate Change Policy: Options for Scrutiny

A private presentation was made to the Committee by Joe Cavanagh, Laura Helm and Eric Lewis from the National Audit Office.

The Committee considered this matter.

Peak Oil

A private presentation was made to the Committee by Mr Chris Skrebowski, Energy Institute and editor of The Petroleum Review.

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 May 2006 at 2.30pm
Wednesday 10 May 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  Mr Graham Stuart
Mr Martin Caton  Emily Thornberry
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor  Mr Edward Vaizey
David Howarth

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Nick Vandervell (Communications Director) and Mr Malcolm Watson (Technical Director), The UK Petroleum Industry Association (UKPIA), gave oral evidence.

Mr Chris Skrebowski (Editor, The Petroleum Review, and member of the Association of the Study of Peak Oil (ASPO)), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 May 2006 at 2.30pm.

15–22 May 2006

Mr Tim Yeo, Colin Challen, Mr Mark Pritchard, Dr Desmond Turner, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Graham Stuart, and Joan Walley visited the Netherlands and Sweden, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 15 March 2006.
Wednesday 24 May 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Tim Farron
Nick Hurd

Mark Pritchard
Emily Thornberry
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

Declaration of Interests

Tim Farron declared his interests, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Member of South Lakeland District Council.

Land and Property

Two-bedroom flat in Preston, Lancashire, jointly owned.

The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into UK preparations for the UNFCCC’s COP 12.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Government’s use of RIAs to assess environmental impacts.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the European ETS.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Climate Change Levy.

Resolved, That the Committee look into the outcome of the Stern Review in the context of its usual inquiry into the pre-Budget Report.

The Committee considered the matter further.

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

Dr Andrew Sentance (Chief Economist and Head of Environmental Affairs), British Airways, and Mr Chris Essex, Easyjet and the European Low Fare Airlines Association, gave oral evidence.

Mr Donal Dowds (Divisional Managing Director, BAA Scotland and USA), Mr Joe Irvin (Director of Public Affairs) and Mr Matthew Gorman (Corporate Responsibility
Manager), British Airports Authority (BAA); Dr Tim Walmsley (Head of Environment) and Chris Paling (Environmental Advisor), Manchester Airports Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 June 2006 at 2.30pm

**Wednesday 7 June 2006**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow Mr Mark Pritchard
Mr Martin Caton Mr Graham Stuart
Colin Challen Emily Thornberry
Tim Farron Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Howarth Joan Walley

**Pre-Budget Report 2005**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Committee seek further information from HM Treasury in respect of its response to the Committee’s Report on the Pre-Budget Report 2005.

**Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport**

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Peter Lipman (Director, Liveable Neighbourhoods and Low Carbon Travel), Sustrans; and Mr Tony Bosworth (Senior Transport Campaigner), Mr Richard Dyer (Aviation Campaigner), and Mr Simon Bullock (Economic Adviser), Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 June 2006 at 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 June 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  Mr Graham Stuart
Mr David Chaytor  Emily Thornberry
Tim Farron  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Howarth  Joan Walley
Mr Nick Hurd

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

The Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP (Secretary of State), Simon Webb (Director General of the Delivery and Security Group), and Nigel Campbell (Divisional Manager, Transport Analysis and Review), Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 June 2006 at 2.30pm]

Wednesday 21 June 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr David Chaytor  Emily Thornberry
Tim Farron  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Howarth  Joan Walley

Sustainable Development Reporting

Draft Report (Sustainable Development Reporting by Government Departments), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1322.

A New Marine Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Ben Stafford (Parliamentary Officer, RSPB); Janet Brown (Senior Marine Policy Officer, WWF-UK); Joan Edwards (Head of Marine Policy, Wildlife Trust) and Melissa
Moore (Senior Policy Officer, Marine Conservation Society), Wildlife and Countryside Link, gave oral evidence.

Mr Peter Barham (Sustainable Development Manager, Associated British Ports and Chair of the Sea User Developer Group) and Mr Gordon Edge (Head of Offshore, British Wind Energy Association and member of Sea User Developer Group), the Sea User Developer Group; and Dr Sally Banham (Assistant Director) and Mr Mike Ward (Marine Projects), British Marine Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 June 2006 at 2.30pm

27 June 2006

Mr Tim Yeo, Colin Challen, Emily Thornberry, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Graham Stuart and Joan Walley visited Woking, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 18 January 2006.

Wednesday 28 June 2006

Members present:

Colin Challen                  Mr David Howarth
Dr Desmond Turner              Mr Edward Vaizey
Mr Mark Pritchard              Joan Walley
Emily Thornberry

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair.

A New Marine Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Maf Smith (Chief Executive), Scottish Renewables, and Mr Gordon Edge (Head of Offshore), British Wind Energy Association, gave oral evidence.

Ben Bradshaw MP, Minister for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare, DEFRA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 July 2006 at 2.30pm
Wednesday 5 July 2006

Members present:

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair,

Colin Challen  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr David Chaytor  Mr Graham Stuart
Tim Farron  Emily Thornberry
Mr David Howarth  Dr Desmond Turner

Trade, Development and the Environment

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Emily Thornberry be added to the membership of the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment.

The Committee considered the matter further.

Climate Change—The UK Programme 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Michael Roberts (Director of Business Environment) and Gillian Simmonds (Senior Policy Advisor on Climate Change), Confederation of British Industry (CBI), gave oral evidence.

Jack Frost (Director, Johnson Matthey Fuels Cells), Joe Irvin (Director of Public Affairs, BAA), and Jean Spencer (Director of Regulation, Anglian Water), Corporate Leaders’ Group on Climate Change (CLG), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 July 2006 at 2.30pm]
Wednesday 12 July 2006

Members present:

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair,

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Nick Hurd
Colin Challen  Mr Mark Pritchard
Mr David Chaytor  Mr Graham Stuart
Tim Farron  Dr Desmond Turner

Climate Change—The UK Programme 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

Councillor Michael Haines (Environment Board Member), Local Government Association; Mike Peverill (Senior Policy Officer), Nottingham City Council; and Richard Hurford (Group Manager, Sustainable Resources), London Borough of Lewisham, gave oral evidence.

Dr Mark Avery (Director of Conservation) and Dr Paul Jefferiss (Head of Environmental Policy), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; Keith Allott (Head of Climate Change Policy) and Paul King (Director of Campaigns), WWF-UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 July 2006 at 10.45am

Thursday 13 July 2006

Members present:

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair,

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Nick Hurd
Mr David Chaytor

Climate Change—The UK Programme 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

Jonathon Porritt (Chairman), and Sara Eppel (Policy Director), Sustainable Development Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 July 2006 at 4.00pm
Monday 17 July 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Emily Thornberry
Colin Challen  Mr Edward Vaizey
Mr David Chaytor

Proposals for a draft Marine Bill

Draft Report (Proposals for a draft Marine Bill), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1323.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 July 2006 at 10.00am

Tuesday 18 July 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Emily Thornberry
Mr David Chaytor  Joan Walley
Mr Graham Stuart

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 July 2006 at 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 July 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Mr David Chaytor
Mr David Howarth
Mr Mark Pritchard
Mr Graham Stuart
Emily Thornberry
Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Edward Vaizey
Joan Walley

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport

Draft Report (Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 981.

Trade, Development and Environment.

Ordered, That Joan Walley be added to the membership of the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and Environment

Climate Change—The UK Programme 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

The Rt Hon Mr David Miliband MP (Secretary of State), and Mr Henry Derwent (Director, Climate, Energy and Environmental Risk), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 July 2006 at 4.00pm]
Monday 24 July 2006

Members present

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Howarth

Mr Graham Stuart
Joan Walley

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair.

Trade, Development and Environment: The Role of DfID

Draft Report (Trade, Development and Environment: the Role of DfID), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1014.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 October 2006 at 10.00am]

Tuesday 10 October 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Tim Farron
David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd

Mark Pritchard
Mr Graham Stuart
Emily Thornberry
Joan Walley

International Climate Change Talks

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee send up to two of its members to travel in a representative capacity to the COP12 and COP/MOP2 meetings in Nairobi, for a period between 6 and 17 November, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee, for expenditure in connection with the said travel.– (The Chairman).

Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the memorandum from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry containing the government response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2005-06,
HC 584, *Keeping the lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change* be reported to the House and made available to members of the House for the debate on climate change on Thursday 12 October; and also made available on the Internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 October 2006 at 9.45am

**Tuesday 17 October 2006**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  
Mr David Chaytor  
Tim Farron  
Mr Nick Hurd

Mark Pritchard  
Dr Desmond Turner  
Joan Walley

**Sustainable Procurement**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee report the Government response to the Committee’s Report on Sustainable Procurement to the House.

**Pre-Budget Report 2005**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee report the Government response to the Committee’s Report on the Pre-Budget Report 2005 to the House.

**Climate Change—The UK Programme 2006**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ian Pearson MP (Minister of State), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 October at 10.00am]
Tuesday 24 October 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Mr David Chaytor
Tim Farron

Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Edward Vaizey

Sustainable Development Reporting

Draft Special Report [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of this Session (Sustainable Development Reporting by Government Departments)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of this Session be appended to the Special Report.—(The Chairman.)

Proposals for a draft Marine Bill

Draft Special Report [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee of this Session (Proposals for a draft Marine Bill)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government response to the Eighth Report from the Committee of this Session be appended to the Special Report.—(The Chairman.)

Trade, Development and Environment: the Role of DfID

Ordered, That the Chairman do report the Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of this Session (Trade, Development and Environment: the Role of DfID) to the House.
The EU Emissions Trading Scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

Order, That the Committee visit installations covered by the EU ETS in connection with its inquiry into the ETS.

Policy Appraisal and RIAs

A private briefing was then held on the subject of policy appraisal and RIAs.

The Committee heard from officials from DEFRA and the DTI, and then from Clive George and Colin Kirkpatrick from the Institute of Development Policy and Management at the University of Manchester.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 October 2006 at 10.00am

Tuesday 31 October 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Tim Farron
Mr David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd

Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Edward Vaizey
Joan Walley

Policy Appraisal and RIAs

The Committee considered this matter.

Merlin Hyman (Director), The Environmental Industries Commission and Stephen Billington (Divisional Managing Director), Enviros, gave oral evidence.

Jean Spencer (Regulation Director), Martin Silcock (Strategy Manager) and Paul Gibbs (Director of Waste Water), Anglian Water Services Limited, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 November 2006 at 10.00am
6–10 November 2006

Colin Challen undertook representative attendance at the international climate change talks, CoP12 and CoP/MoP2, Nairobi, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 10 October 2006.

Tuesday 7 November 2006

Members present

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Graham Stuart
Mr David Chaytor  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Howarth  Joan Walley

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair

Policy Appraisal and RIAs

Draft Report (Outflanked: The World Trade Organisation, International Trade and Sustainable Development), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 1455.

Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport


The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 1718.

Policy Appraisal and RIAs

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr David Chaytor was called to the Chair.

The Committee considered this matter.

Steve Smith (Managing Director, Markets), and Sarah Harrison (Managing Director, Corporate Affairs), Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

Simon Bullock (Economic Adviser), and Dr Michael Warhurst (Senior Campaigner), Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 November 2006 at 10.00am]
13–17 November 2006

Mr David Chaytor undertook representative attendance at the international climate change talks, CoP12 and CoP/MoP2, Nairobi, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 10 October 2006.
Tuesday 11 October 2005

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr Nick Hurd

Sub-Committee Administration

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Sustainable Timber

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 October 2005 at 2.30pm

Tuesday 25 October 2005

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth
Colin Challen
Mr Nick Hurd

Sub-Committee Administration

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee meet in future at 2.35 pm on Tuesdays.

Sustainable Timber

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Mr Nicholas Cliffe, Director, and Mr Richard Robertson, Technical Manager, Forest Stewardship Council, gave oral evidence.
Mr Simon Fineman, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr Adam Matthews, Political Consultant, Timbmet Group, gave oral evidence.

Mr John White, Chief Executive, Mr Andy Roby, Head of Environmental and CSR Policy, and Mr Peter Latham, Chairman of TTF’s Environmental Committee, Timber Trade Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 November 2005 at 2.35pm]

Tuesday 1 November 2005

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth Colin Challen

Sustainable Timber

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Ms Saskia Ozinga, Director, FERN; Mr Nathan Argent, Forest Campaigner, and Mr John Sauven, Campaigns Director, Greenpeace; Ms Beatrix Richards, Senior Policy Officer, and Andrew Lee, Campaigns Director, WWF-UK, gave oral evidence.

Mr Duncan Brack, Associate Fellow, Environment and Development Programme, Ms Jade Saunders, Associate Fellow, Environment and Development Programme, and Ms Emily Fripp, Consultant, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, gave oral evidence.

Mr Mike Clark, Chairman, Mr Martin Gale, Board Member, PEFC UK Ltd, and Mr Ben Gunneburg, Secretary General, PEFC International, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Schemes, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 November 2005 at 2.35pm]
Tuesday 8 November 2005

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth
Colin Challen
Mr Nick Hurd

Sustainable Timber

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Elliot Morley MP, Minister of State for Climate Change and the Environment, Mr Bob Andrew, Senior Policy Adviser, Sustainable Procurement, and Ms Charlotte Middleton, Senior Policy Adviser, G8 and International Forestry, Department for Environment and Rural Affairs; Mr Andrew Soper, Head of Sustainable Development and Commonwealth Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office; and Mr John Hudson, Senior Policy Adviser, Rural Livelihoods, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.


[Adjourned till a time and date to be set by the Chairman]
Proceedings of the Trade, Development and the Environment Sub-Committee

Thursday 2 February 2006

Members present

Ms Celia Barlow  David Howarth
Colin Challen    Mr Edward Vaizey

Election of Sub-Committee Chairman

Colin Challen was called to the Chair.

Sub-Committee Administration

The Sub-Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee will meet on Thursday mornings at 10.00am.

Programme of Inquiry

The Sub-Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the work of the Department for International Development in the context of Trade, Development and the Environment.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into international trade and trade organisations in the context of Trade, Development and the Environment.

[Adjourned to a time and date to be fixed by the Chairman

Thursday 23 March 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow  David Howarth
Mr Martin Caton  Mr Edward Vaizey

The Role of DfID

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.
Andrew Pendleton, Policy Manager for Environment and Development, Christian Aid, gave oral evidence.

Mr Dominic White, Government Aid Agency Manager, Mr Toby Quantrill, PPA Development Office, and Ms Sally Nicholson, EU-International Relations, WWF-UK and WWK European Policy Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 30 March 2006, at 10.00am]

Thursday 30 March 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow                            David Howarth
Mr Martin Caton

The Role of DfID

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Dr Mark Avery, Director of Conservation, and Joanna Phillips, Head of Trade and Development, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, gave oral evidence.

Camilla Toulmin, Director, and Bill Vorley, Head of Markets Group, International Institute of Environment and Development, gave oral evidence.

Suspension of Proceedings

The Chairman’s attention having been called to the fact that one Member was not present, he suspended the proceedings; and another Member, having come into the room, and three Members being present, the proceedings were resumed.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 April 2006, at 10.00am]
Thursday 20 April 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton

David Howarth
Mr Edward Vaizey

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

The Role of DfID

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Mr Clive Bates, Head of Policy, John Seager, Head of Science Programmes, and Clare Twelvetrees, International Relations Manager, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Dr Linda Waldman, Fellom in the Knowledge, Technology and Society Team, Institute of Development Studies, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 May 2006, at 10.00am

Wednesday 3 May 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
David Howarth

Mr Edward Vaizey

The Role of DfID

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Mr Andrew Simms, Policy and Communications Director, and Mr David Woodward, Head, New Global Economy Programme, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Mr Peter Hardstaff, Head of Policy, and Mr Tim Jones, Policy Assistant, World Development Movement, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Thursday 11 May 2006, at 10.00am
Thursday 11 May 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton

David Howarth

The Role of DfID

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Joanne Alston, Head of Sustainable Development Group, Jim Harvey, Head of Profession, Livelihoods and Environment, Gareth Martin, Team Leader, Environment for Sustainable Development, and Josceline Wheatley, Team Leader, Global Environmental Assets, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

Alex Singleton, Director General, Globalisation Institute, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 25 May 2006, at 10.00am

Thursday 25 May 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Ms Celia Barlow
Mr Martin Caton

Mr Edward Vaizey

The Role of DfID

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Gareth Thomas MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Professor Sir Gordon Conway, Chief Scientific Advisor, and Jim Harvey, Head of Profession, Livelihoods Group, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a time and date to be fixed by the Chairman
Thursday 6 July 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Edward Vaizey

International Trade and the WTO

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Ronnie Hall, Coordinator of the Trade, Environment and Sustainability Programme, Friends of the Earth International, and Tom Crompton, Head of Trade and Investment, WWF, gave oral evidence.

Mr Richard Tarasofsky, Head, Energy, Environment and Development Programme, Chatham House, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 July, at 10.00am

Tuesday 11 July 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Edward Vaizey

International Trade and the WTO

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Dr Paul Jefferiss, Head of Environmental Policy, and Ms Alex Gonzalez-Calatayud, Trade Policy Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), gave oral evidence.

Mr Iain MacVay, Chair, Trade and Investment Committee, Mr Ian Emsley, Chair, Environment and Energy Committee, and Mr Andrew Hope, Director, International Chamber of Commerce, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 July, at 10.00am
Thursday 20 July 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Mr Edward Vaizey
Joan Walley

International Trade and the WTO

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Gary Campkin, Head, International Group, Neil Harvey, Head, Trade Policy, Chemical Industries Association, with Steve Barnett, BHP Billiton, all on behalf of the CBI, gave oral evidence.

Amanda Brooks, Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Department for Trade and Industry, and Robert Lowson, Director, Environment Strategy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a time and date to be fixed by the Chairman]

Wednesday 25 October 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
David Howarth
Mr Edward Vaizey

The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Dr Mark Avery, Director of Conservation, and Joanna Phillips, Head of Trade and International Development Policy, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, gave oral evidence.

Steve Bass, Senior Fellow, Natural Resources Group, International Institute for Environmental Development, and Mr John Forgach, Research Affiliate and McCluskey Fellow, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, and also Chairman of Forestre Holdings UK, Ltd., gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 November, at 2.30pm]
Wednesday 1 November 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Edward Vaizey
David Howarth

The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Neville Ash, Head of Ecosystem Assessment, UN Environment Programme; Dr Steven Wilson, Director, Science and Innovation, and Dr Daniel Osbourne, Strategic Partnerships Broker, Natural Environment Research Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 November, at 2.30pm]
Appendix 1—Members’ Interests

AINSWORTH, Peter (East Surrey)

4. Sponsorship or financial or material support

Donation to my constituency party from Mr Timothy Stone (Registered 7 June 2005)

BARLOW, Celia (Hove)

Nil

CATON, Martin (Gower)

4. Sponsorship or financial or material support

Donation to my constituency party from the Communication Workers Union. (Registered 27 June 2005)

CHALLEN, Colin (Morley and Rothwell)

4. Sponsorship or financial or material support

Donation of £1,850 from the GPMU Leeds and Central Yorkshire Branch towards the cost of my 2004 Annual Parliamentary Review. (Registered 7 September 2004)

ELLWOOD, Tobias (Bournemouth East)

Nil

FEATHERSTONE, Lynne (Hornsey and Wood Green)

1. Remunerated directorships

Lyonedge Properties

Ryness Holdings

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Haringey Council
HOWARTH, David (Cambridge)

10. Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Member of Law Faculty and Land Economy Department, University of Cambridge
Fellow of Clare College Cambridge

HURD, Nick (Ruislip Northwood)

1. Remunerated directorships

Director, Band-X Ltd
Director, Passport Magazine Directories Ltd

10. Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Trustee, Greenhouse Schools Charity

PRITCHARD, Mark (The Wrekin)

1. Remunerated directorships

Pritchard Communications Ltd; marketing communications, media relations, community relations, public affairs.
Next Steps Market Research Ltd; market research services.
Rubberball Ventures Ltd.; internet company - tyre import/retailing.

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Guest lecturer at Keele University.
Guest lecturer at London Metropolitan University.

4. Sponsorship or financial or material support

Donation to my constituency party received from:
Bearwood Corporate Services Ltd
Lord Steinberg
Midlands Industrial Council (Registered 12 July 2005)

9. Registrable shareholdings

(a) Pritchard Communications Ltd
Next Steps Market Research Ltd
Rubberball Ventures Ltd

**TURNER, Dr. Desmond (Brighton, Kemptown)**

Nil

**VILLIERS, Theresa (Chipping Barnet)**

4. **Sponsorship or financial or material support**

Donation to my constituency party from Mr Tony Yerolemou, of London (personal donation). *(Registered 1 July 2005)*

**WALLEY, Joan (Stoke-on-Trent North)**

4. **Sponsorship or financial or material support**

The Lighting Industry Federation 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.

8. **Land and Property**

Rented house in Staffordshire Moorlands.