House of Commons
Environmental Audit Committee

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, together with its Sub-committee

Session 2006–07
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)
Mr Martin Caton, MP (Labour, Gower)
Mr Colin Challen, MP (Labour, Morley and Rothwell)
Mr David Chaytor, MP (Labour, Bury North)
Mr Martin Horwood, MP (Liberal Democrat, Cheltenham)
Mr Nick Hurd, MP (Conservative, Ru'slip Northwood)
Mr Mark Lazarowicz, MP (Labour/Co-operative, Edinburgh North and Leith)
Mr Shahid Malik, MP (Labour, Dewsbury)
Mr Ian Pearson, MP (Labour, Dudley South) [ex-officio]
Mr Mark Pritchard, MP (Conservative, Wrekin, The)
Mrs Linda Riordan, MP (Labour, Halifax)
Jo Swinson, MP (Liberal Democrat, East Dunbartonshire)
Mr Graham Stuart, MP (Conservative, Beverley & Holderness)
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); Susan Monaghan (Committee Assistant); Caroline McElwee (Secretary); and Jonathan Wright (Senior Office Clerk).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Tuesday 21 November 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

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

Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee conduct an inquiry into voluntary carbon offsetting.

EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons from Phase 1

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Jim Gray, Head of Regulatory Development and Deputy Director of Environmental Protection, Dr Martin Bigg, Head of Industry Regulation, and Ms Lesley Ormerod, Policy Adviser, the Environment Agency; Dr Keith Allott, Head of Climate Change, and Ms Kirsty Clough, Emissions Trading Policy Officer, WWF-UK, Mr John Lanchbery, Principal Climate Change Adviser, and Mr Martin Harper, Head of Government Affairs, RSPB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 November 2006 at 10.00am

Tuesday 28 November 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Graham Stuart
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Tim Farron  Joan Walley
Mr Nick Hurd

EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons from Phase 1

The Committee considered this matter.
Mr David Porter, Chief Executive, Mr John McElroy, Head of Environment Strategy, RWE npower, Chairman of the Environment Committee, and Mr Andy Limbrick, Head of Environment, Association of Electricity Producers; Mr Ian Rodgers, Director, UK Steel, and Mr Stephen Radley, Chief Economist, EEF; and Mr Paul Noon, General Secretary, Prospect, Member, TUC General Council, Mr Adam Lent, Head, Economic and Social Affairs Department, and Mr Philip Pearson, Policy Officer, Economic and Social Affairs Department, TUC; and Dr Anthony White, Head of Advisory, and Ms Katherine Hampton, Manager, Advisory, Climate Change Capital (CCC), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 2.30pm]

4 December 2006

Mr Martin Caton, Dr Desmond Turner, Joan Walley and Mr Tim Yeo, accompanied by the Clerk and the Committee Specialist, visited Brussels in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into EU ETS: lessons from phase I, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 24 October 2006.

Wednesday 6 December 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Howarth Joan Walley

EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons from Phase 1

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Michael Grubb, Chief Economist, and Mr James Wilde, Head of Strategy, The Carbon Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 December 2006 at 10.00am]
Tuesday 12 December 2006

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr David Howarth
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor  Joan Walley

Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into personal carbon allowances in the New Year.

Draft Report: The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

Draft Report (The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment), 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 77.

EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons from Phase One

The Committee considered this matter.

Ian Pearson MP, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Mr Niall Mackenzie, Head of Unit, EU Emissions Trading Scheme, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 January 2007 at 10.00am]
Tuesday 9 January 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Tim Farron
Mr David Howarth

Mr Nick Hurd
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

Pre-Budget Report 2005: Government Response

Draft Special Report (Pre-Budget Report 2005: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2005–06), 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 make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee in Session 2005–06 be appended to the Special Report.

Keeping the Lights On: Government Response

Draft Special Report (Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2005–06), 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 Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee in Session 2005–06 be appended to the Special Report.

Trade, Development and Environment: the Role of DfID: Government Response

Draft Special Report (Trade, Development and Environment: The Role of DfID: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2005–06), 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 Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee in Session 2005–06 be appended to the Special Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 January 2007 at 10.00am]

**Tuesday 16 January 2007**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Tim Farron

Mr David Howarth
Mark Lazarowicz
Joan Walley

**Declaration of Interests**

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

**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**

Member, Faculty of Advocates.

**Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests**

Sponsorship from the Co-operative Group for an event organised by the Centre for Scottish Public Policy, of which he was an unpaid board member.

**The Stern Report and Pre-Budget Report 2006**

The Committee considered this matter.


[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 January 2007 at 9.30am]
Tuesday 23 January 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

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

Travel in a representative capacity

Resolved, That three members of the Committee have leave to visit Washington, D.C., to attend a meeting of the Legislators’ Forum of the Gleneagles Dialogue on Climate Change in a representative capacity.

The Stern Report and Pre-Budget Report 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Simon Bullock and Ms Sarah-Jayne Clifton, Friends of the Earth; Mr Peter Laybourne, Director, National Industrial Symbiosis Programme and Mr Peter Jones, Director, Biffa; and Mr Russell Marsh, Head of Policy, Mr Stephen Hale, Director and Ms Julie Hill, Associate, Green Alliance and Dr Doug Parr, Chief Scientific Adviser, Greenpeace gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 January 2007 at 2.10pm

Wednesday 31 January 2007

Members present

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Nick Hurd
Colin Challen  Mark Lazarowicz
Mr David Howarth  Dr Desmond Turner

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

Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into environmental forecasting, cost-effectiveness and climate change.
The Stern Report and Pre-Budget Report 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

John Healey MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Ms Beth Russell, Head of Environmental and Transport Tax, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 February 2007 at 11.15am

Tuesday 6 February 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Tim Farron
David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd

Mark Lazarowicz
Mr Graham Stuart
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley


The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 February 2007 at 9.45am

13–15 February 2007

Colin Challen, Mr Graham Stuart and Mr Tim Yeo visited Washington, USA, to attend a meeting of the Legislators’ Forum of the Gleneagles Dialogue on Climate Change, at the invitation of the Prime Minister’s Special Representative, Elliot Morley MP, in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 23 January 2007.
Tuesday 20 February 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mr Nick Hurd

Mark Lazarowicz
Mr Graham Stuart


Draft Report (The EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons for the Future), 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 70.

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market: Memoranda

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House the following Memoranda received from:

Rajan Pandhare
Biffa
Energy Saving Trust
Foxy Lady Drivers Club
Carbon Offsets Ltd
The Corner House
carbonline.co.uk
Moor Trees
Carbon Trust
The Eden Project
Carbon Trust Watch
The Climate Group
Forest Carbon
WWF-UK
The Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance
The National Consumer Council
Energy for Sustainable Development (ESD Ltd.) and the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management (ECCM)
Confederation of Forest Industries
Climate Care
FERN and SinksWatch
The CarbonNeutral Company
Carbon Clear
City Remembrancer
RSPB
Vodafone
Forestry Commission
Defra
World Development Movement
Carbolibrium
Royal and Sun Alliance
Sustainable Forestry Management
British Energy
CO2e
Institution of Mechanical Engineers
EDF Energy
CarbonSense
Eaga
Environmental Industries Commission (EIC)
The Co-operative Group
Environment Agency
Cheyne Capital Management (UK) LLP
treeflights.com

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market

The Committee considered this matter.

Ms Ruth Davis, Head of Climate Change Policy, Mr John Lanchbery, Principal Climate Change Adviser, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Mr Brian Samuel, Head of Policy Research and Ms Brooke Flanagan, Strategy Manager, Energy Saving Trust; and Mr Larry Lohmann, Research Associate, The Corner House and Ms Jutta Kill, Climate Change Campaign Co-ordinator, FERN, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 February 2007 at 9.45am

Tuesday 27 February 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mark Lazarowicz
Mr David Chaytor  Dr Desmond Turner
David Howarth

Draft Report: Regulatory Impact Assessments

Draft Report (Regulatory Impact Assessments and Policy Appraisal), 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 353.

**Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from Jonathon Porritt of the Sustainable Development Commission.

**The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market**

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor John Murlis, Science Adviser and Chair of the Technical Advisory Group to the CarbonNeutral Protocol; and Mr Mike Mason, Founder, Climate Care; and Ms Shelagh Whitley, Senior Consultant, Energy for Sustainable Development; Mr Matthew Brander, Project Team Member, Edinburgh, The Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management, and Mr Paul Monaghan, Head of Ethics, The Co-operative Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 March 2007 at 10.00am]

**Tuesday 6 March 2007**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

- Mr Martin Caton
- Colin Challen
- Mr David Chaytor
- Tim Farron
- David Howarth
- Mr Nick Hurd
- Mr Graham Stuart
- Joan Walley


*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 Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.
Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee of Session 2005–06 be appended to the Special Report.

**The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market**

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Eric Bettelheim, Chairman and Professor Ian Swingland OBE, Chief Science Officer, Sustainable Forestry Management Ltd;

Mr Barry Humphreys, Director of External Affairs and Route Development, Virgin Atlantic; and Mr Lawrence Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, Silverjet, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 March 2007 at 9.30am]

**Tuesday 13 March 2007**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd

Mark Lazarowicz
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

**Draft Report: Pre-Budget 2006 and the Stern Review**

Draft Report (Pre-Budget 2006 and the Stern Review), 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 227.

**Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the departmental structures of government in relation to climate change policy.

**The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market**

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Mark Kenber, Policy Director, The Climate Group; and Mr Alan Buchanan, Company Secretary, and Mr Andy Kershaw, Climate Change Manager, British Airways, gave oral evidence.
Tuesday 20 March 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Graham Stuart
Mr David Chaytor  Dr Desmond Turner
Tim Farron

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Anthony Hobley, Chairman of London Climate Change Services (and General Counsel to the Carbon Funds at Climate Change Capital) and Mr Mitchell Feierstein, Head of Emissions Products, Cheyne Capital Management (UK) LLP; Ms Jackie Janes, Head of Climate and Energy: Households and Markets, and Mr Martin Hession, International Climate Change Policy Advisor, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Tuesday 17 April 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Nick Hurd
Colin Challen  Mark Lazarowicz
Mr David Chaytor  Joan Walley
David Howarth

Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost Effectiveness and Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Gareth Stace, Head of Environmental Affairs, EEF, Mr Roger Salomone, Energy Adviser, EEF, Mr Jeff Tetlow, Chairman, Mr John Hill, BCSD-UK member from Converteam, and Mr David Middleton, CEO, Business Council for Sustainable Development—United Kingdom, gave oral evidence.
In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Joan Walley was called to the Chair.

Mr Peter Lockley, Policy Officer, and Mr Jeff Gazzard, Board Member, Aviation Environment Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 April 2007 at 10.00am]

Tuesday 24 April 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
David Howarth

Mr Nick Hurd
Mark Lazarowicz
Dr Desmond Turner

The Committee’s programme of work

Resolved, That the Committee undertake in the Autumn an inquiry into the international context for progress on climate change.

Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost Effectiveness and Climate Change

Mr Jonathon Brearley Head, Mr Robin Mortimer, Team Leader on the Climate Change Bill and Mr Tom Taylor, Head of the Analytical Audit Team, Office of Climate Change; Mr Brian Samuel, Head of Policy Research and Mr Dan Stainiaszek, Director of Evaluation, Energy Savings Trust; and Ms Ruth Davis, Head of Climate Change Policy, RSPB, and Dr Keith Allott, Head of Climate Change, WWF, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 May 2007 at 10.00am]
Proposed Overseas Visit

Resolved, That the Committee visit China and Australia in Autumn 2007 in connection with its inquiry into the international context for progress on climate change.

Ordered, That the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

Ordered, That the memorandum from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs containing the government response to the Committee's First Report of this Session, The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, be reported to the House; and also made available on the Internet.

Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost Effectiveness and Climate Change

Ms Kate Hampton and Dr Tony White, Climate Change Capital; Professor Paul Ekins, Head of Environmental Group, Policy Studies Institute; and Mr Mike Parker, Chair and Dr John Rhys, British Institute of Energy Economics Climate Change Policy Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 May 2007 at 10.00am]
Tuesday 8 May 2007

Members present

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
David Howarth

Mr Nick Hurd
Mark Pritchard

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

**Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost Effectiveness and Climate Change**

Resolved, That the Committee accept a PowerPoint presentation from the Tyndall Centre as formal evidence to the Committee.

Dr Kevin Anderson and Dr Alice Bows, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, University of Manchester, gave oral evidence.

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 May 2007 at 10.00am]

Tuesday 15 May 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Mr David Chaytor

David Howarth
Joan Walley

**Consideration of Draft Report: Trade Development and Environment: The Role of the FCO**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Trade Development and Environment: The Role of the FCO), 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 289.*

**Government Response to the Committee’s Report into the EU ETS**

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the memorandum from the Government containing the government response to the Committee’s Second Report of this Session, HC 70, The EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons for the Future be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 May 2007 at 10.00am]

Tuesday 22 May 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Mark Pritchard

Mr Graham Stuart
Joan Walley

Proposed Overseas Visit

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee postpone until February its visit to China and Australia in connection with its inquiry into the international context for progress on climate change.

Travel in a Representative Capacity

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That two members of the Committee visit Bali to attend the MoP/CoP conference in a representative capacity.

Ordered, That the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into biofuels.

Climate change and migration

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 June 2007 at 2.10pm]
Monday 4 June 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen                      Mr Nick Hurd
Mr David Chaytor                  Mark Lazarowicz
David Howarth                     Joan Walley

The Challenge of Climate Change
The Committee considered this matter.

The Rt Hon David Miliband MP, Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 June 2007 at 10.00am

Tuesday 12 June 2007

Members present

Mr Martin Caton                   Mark Lazarowicz
Colin Challen                     Mark Pritchard
Tim Farron                        Dr Desmond Turner
David Howarth                     Joan Walley

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

The Challenge of Climate Change
The Committee considered this matter.

Sir David King KB ScD FRS, Chief Scientific Advisor to HM Government and Head of the Office of Science and Innovation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 June 2007 at 10.00am
Tuesday 19 June 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  Mr Shahid Malik
Mr David Chaytor  Mark Pritchard
David Howarth  Dr Desmond Turner
Mark Lazarowicz

Declaration of Interests

Mr Shahid Malik declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Fees for articles in The Times and Sunday Times. (Up to £5,000)

Fee for article in News of the World. (Up to £5,000)

Overseas visits

18–24 February 2006, to Pakistan, to visit earthquake relief work, at the invitation of the Pakistan Government, who paid all my expenses. During the visit I travelled from Islamabad to Kashmir in a helicopter provided by the Aga Khan Foundation. (Registered 27 March 2006)

2–4 September 2006, to Chicago, for speaking engagement on the ‘Right response to Injustice’ at the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) Convention. Flights and accommodation provided by the Kashmir American Council and ISNA. (Registered 15 December 2006)


14–18 November 2006, to Lebanon on a fact-finding visit. Flights and accommodation provided by the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding and Medical Aid for Palestinians. (Registered 15 December 2006)

Pre-Budget 2006 and the Stern Review

Draft Special Report (Pre-Budget 2006 and the Stern Review: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2006–07), 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 make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee be appended to the Special Report.

*The Structure and Operation of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change*

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Duncan Russel, Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Environment (CSERGE); and Nick Mabey (Chief Executive), E3G, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 June 2007 at 10.00am]

**Tuesday 26 June 2007**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  
Mr Nick Hurd  
Mark Pritchard  
Dr Desmond Turner

*The Structure and Operation of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change*

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Dieter Helm CBE; and Elliot Morley MP (Special Representative to the Gleneagles Dialogue on Climate Change and President of GLOBE International), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 July 2007 at 9.30am]
Tuesday 3 July 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
David Howarth
Mr Nick Hurd

Mark Lazarowicz
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

Draft Special Report (The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2006–07), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the First Report from the Committee be appended to the Special Report.

Regulatory Impact Assessments and Policy Appraisal

Draft Special Report (Regulatory Impact Assessments and Policy Appraisal: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2006–07), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 2 read and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Third Report from the Committee be appended to the Special Report.

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market

Draft Report (The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market), 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 331.

The Structure and Operation of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Tom Burke CBE (Environmental Policy Adviser to Rio Tinto plc and a Visiting Professor at Imperial and University Colleges, London); Guy Lodge (Senior Research Fellow) and Simon Retallack (Head of Climate Change), the Institute for Public Policy Research; Jonathan Brearley (Director, Office of Climate Change), Willy Ricket (Director General, Energy, Department of Trade and Industry) and Mike Anderson (Director General, Climate Change Group, Defra), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 July 2007 at 9.30am

Tuesday 10 July 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton    Mark Pritchard
Colin Challen     Jo Swinson
Mr David Chaytor    Dr Desmond Turner
Martin Horwood     Joan Walley
Mr Nick Hurd

Declaration of Interests

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

Land and Property

50 per cent share of house in Cheltenham.

Jo Swinson declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Nil.

Beyond Stern: From the Climate Change Programme Review to the Draft Climate Change Bill

Draft Report (Beyond Stern: From the Climate Change Programme to the Draft Climate Change 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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 460.

**Personal Carbon Allowances**

The Committee considered this matter.

Simon Roberts (Chief Executive) and Joshua Thumim (Head of Research) The Centre for Sustainable Energy; and Richard Starkey, Researcher, The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 July 2007 at 9.30am]

**Tuesday 17 July 2007**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor

Martin Horwood
Dr Desmond Turner

**Personal Carbon Allowances**

The Committee considered this matter.

Brian Samuel (Head of Policy Research) and Nick Eyre (Director of Strategy) The Energy Saving Trust; and Paul Allen (Director of Development) and Tim Helweg-Larsen, Centre for Alternative Technology; and Dr David Fleming (Director), The Lean Economy Connection, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 July 2007 at 10.00am]
Tuesday 24 July 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  Jo Swinson
Mr Martin Caton  Dr Desmond Turner
Mark Lazarowicz  Joan Walley

Sub-Committee on Environmental Information

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That a Sub-Committee on Environmental Information be appointed to consider Environmental Labelling, and further related matters.

Ordered, That Colin Challen, Jo Swinson, Martin Horwood and Mark Pritchard be members of the Sub-Committee.

Ordered, That Colin Challen be Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

Trade, Development and Environment: the Role of the FCO

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the memorandum from the Government containing the government response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of this Session, HC 289, Trade, Development and Environment: the Role of the FCO be reported to the House; and also made available on the Internet.

The EU Emissions Trading Scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in response to the Committee’s correspondence on the subject of the government response to the Committee’s Second Report of this Session, HC 70, The EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons for the Future be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

Personal Carbon Allowances

The Committee considered this matter.

Matt Prescott (Project Director), RSA CarbonLimited; Dr Tina Fawcett (Senior Researcher), Environmental Change Institute and UK Energy Research Centre; and Professor Paul Ekins gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 October 2007 at 10.00am]
Tuesday 9 October 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr David Chaytor  Jo Swinson
Martin Horwood  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Nick Hurd  Joan Walley

Trade, Development and Environment—The Role of the FCO

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Trade Development and Environment—The Role of the FCO: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2006–07), 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.

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

The correspondence between the Committee and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office regarding the Government’s response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

Sub-Committee on Environmental Information

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Mr Nick Hurd and Joan Walley be members of the Sub-Committee.

Reducing Carbon Emissions from UK Business: The Role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 October 2007 at 10.00am]
Tuesday 16 October 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mark Lazarowicz
Mr Graham Stuart

Jo Swinson
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

The EU Emissions Trading Scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Emissions Trading: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2006–07 on the EU ETS), 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 1072.

The Structure of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change

Draft Report (The Structure of Government and the Challenge of 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 Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 740.

Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the 2007 Pre-Budget Report.

Reducing Carbon Emissions from UK Business: The Role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements

The Committee considered this matter.

Gareth Stace (Head of Environmental Affairs), EEF, and Ian Rodgers (Director), UK Steel; and Ray Gluckman (Chair of the ETG W/2 Working Group), UK Emissions Trading Group, Nick Sturgeon (Manager, CIABATA—CIA Broking and Trading Agency) and Steve Bryan (Energy Business Manager, SABIC Europe), Chemical Industries Association, Richard Leese (Manager of the Legislative and Regulatory Programme), British Cement Association, and Matthew Croucher (SMMT Economist), Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 October 2007 at 10.00am]
Tuesday 23 October 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Jo Swinson
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Martin Horwood  Joan Walley

Reducing Carbon Emissions from UK Business: The Role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements

The Committee considered this matter.

Andrew Warren (Director), Association for the Conservation of Energy; Ravi Baga (Director), Environment and Market Regulation, EDF Energy and Graham Meeks (Director), Combined Heat and Power Association; and Robert Bell (Managing Director) and John Huddleston (Principle Consultant), AEA Energy and Environment, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 October 2007 at 9.20am

Tuesday 30 October 2007

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  Jo Swinson
Martin Horwood  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr Nick Hurd  Joan Walley
Mrs Linda Riordan

Beyond Stern: From the Climate Change Programme Review to the draft Climate Change Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Beyond Stern: From the Climate Change Programme Review to the draft Climate Change Bill: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2006–07), 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 Ninth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.

**Reducing Carbon Emissions from UK Business: The Role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements**

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Michael Grubb (Chief Economist) and James Wilde (Director of Insights), The Carbon Trust; Dr Ian Bailey (Senior Lecturer in Human Geography), University of Plymouth; and Professor Paul Ekins (Head of Environment Group), Policy Studies Institute, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 November 2007 at 10.00am]
Proceedings of the Trade, Development and the Environment Sub-Committee

Wednesday 22 November 2006

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton                     David Howarth

The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Barry Gardiner MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, bio-diversity, landscape and rural affairs, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 30 January 2007

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton                     David Howarth

The Role of FCO

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Paul Buckley, Head of Global Country Programme Unit, and Sarah Sanders, UK Overseas Territories Programme Manager, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; and Vassili Papastavrou, Whale Team Leader and Biologist, International Fund for Animal Welfare, gave oral evidence.

Iain Orr, Director, BioDiplomacy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 February, at 2.30pm
Wednesday 7 February 2007

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton

David Howarth

The Role of FCO

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Marcus Yeo, Director of Resources and External Affairs, and Dr Vin Fleming, Head of Global and Overseas Territories Advice Programmes, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 21 February 2007

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton

David Howarth

The Role of FCO

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Ian McCartney MP, Minister of State for Trade); Scott Wightman, Director, Global and Economic Issues, and Fergus Auld, Team Leader for Climate Change and Cleaner Energy, FCO, gave oral evidence.

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