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.

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Committee staff
The current staff of the Committee are: Gordon Clarke (Clerk); Simon Fiander (Second Clerk); Tim Bryant (Committee Specialist); Edward White (Committee Specialist); James Bowman (Senior Committee Assistant); Susan Ramsay (Committee Assistant); and Steven Everett (Sandwich Student)

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Tuesday 9 December 2008

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair
Mr David Chaytor
Martin Horwood
Jo Swinson
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

1. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence from the following, relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PERFC UK Ltd
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
FERN
Chatham House
Ben Caldecott, Head of the Environment & Energy Unit, Policy Exchange and
Dominick Spracklen, Institute for Climate and Atmospheric Science, University of Leeds
Sustainable Forestry Management Ltd
Timber Trade Federation
Greenpeace UK
Woodland Trust
Joint Nature Conservation Committee
Helveta
WWF-UK
Friends of the Earth
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Department for
International Development and Department of Energy and Climate Change
CMIA Communications
Environmental Investigation Agency
Global Witness

2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

Mr Johan Eliasch, Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Deforestation and Clean Energy, Jonathan Brearley, Director, Office of Climate Change, and Graham Floater,
Deputy Director and Eliasch Review Team Leader, Office of Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

Charlie Kronick, Senior Climate Campaigner, Greenpeace, and Robin Webster, Senior Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 December at 10 a.m.]

Tuesday 16 December 2008

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mark Lazarowicz
Colin Challen  Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger
Martin Horwood  Dr Desmond Turner

1. Work of the Committee in 2007–08

Draft Report (Work of the Committee in 2007–08), 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 108.

2. Vehicle Excise Duty

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2007–08, Vehicle Excise Duty as an environmental tax), 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.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2007–08 was appended to the Report.

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.

3. Pre-Budget Report 2008

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Pre-Budget Report 2008.
4. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

The Committee considered this matter.

Eric Bettelheim, Executive Chairman, Sustainable Forestry Management Ltd and Abyd Karmali, President, Carbon Markets and Investors Association (CMIA), gave oral evidence.

Duncan Brack and Alison Hoare, Associate Fellows, Energy, Environment and Development Programme, Royal Institute of International Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 January at 9.45 a.m.

Tuesday 13 January 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr David Chaytor Jo Swinson
Colin Challen Dr Desmond Turner
Martin Horwood Joan Walley
Mark Lazarowicz

Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 January at 10 a.m.

Sunday 18 January 2009 — Friday 23 January 2009

The Chairman, Colin Challen, Mr David Chaytor, Mark Lazarowicz, Jo Swinson, Dr Desmond Turner and Joan Walley visited Cameroon in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 11 November 2008.
Tuesday 27 January 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Mr David Chaytor
Colin Challen
Martin Horwood

Jo Swinson
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Carbon markets

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the role of carbon markets in preventing dangerous climate change.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Washington DC and San Francisco, United States of America in May 2009 in connection with its inquiry into the role of carbon markets in preventing dangerous climate change, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Pre-Budget Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence from the following, relating to the Pre-Budget Report 2008, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Virgin Atlantic Airways
Association of British Insurers
London Borough of Hounslow
Construction Products Association
The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
Aldersgate Group
Freight Transport Association
PLATFORM, People & Planet and BankTrack
Cambridge Centre for Climate Change Mitigation Research
Combined Heat and Power Association
WWF

5. Pre-Budget Report 2008

Professor Tim Jackson, Sustainable Development Commissioner and Professor of Sustainable Development, University of Surrey, gave oral evidence.
Richard George, Roads and Climate Campaigner, Campaign for Better Transport, Alastair Hanton, Treasurer, Campaign for Better Transport, and Keith Buchan, Director, Metropolitan Transport Research Unit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 February at 9.45 a.m.

Tuesday 3 February 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr David Chaytor Jo Swinson
Colin Challen Dr Desmond Turner
Martin Horwood Joan Walley
Mark Lazarowicz

Pre-Budget Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

Andrew Simms, Green New Deal Group, gave oral evidence.

Adrian Wilkes, Chief Executive, Environmental Industries Commission, and Peter Young, Chairman, and Ian Dickie, Director, Aldersgate Group, gave oral evidence.

Angela Eagle MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 February at 9.25 a.m.]
Wednesday 4 February 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Martin Horwood
Mark Lazarowicz
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

1. Carbon budgets

The Committee considered this matter.

Lord Turner of Ecchinswell, Chair, and David Kennedy, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 February at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 10 February 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

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

1. Halting biodiversity loss

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Government Response to the Committee’s Thirteenth Report of Session 2007–08, Halting biodiversity loss), 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.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Thirteenth Report of Session 2007–08 was appended to the Report.

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.
2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

The Committee considered this matter.

Barry Gardiner MP, Senior Commission Member, International Commission on Land Use Change and Ecosystems, GLOBE International, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 24 February 2009

Members present

Colin Challen
Martin Horwood
Mr Nick Hurd
Mark Lazarowicz
Jo Swinson
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

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

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

The Committee considered this matter.


[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 March at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 3 March 2009

Members present

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr David Chaytor was called to the Chair.
1. **Environmental labelling**

The Committee considered informally the draft Report from the Sub-Committee on Environmental Information.

Draft Report from the Sub-Committee (Environmental Labelling), 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 with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 243.*

2. **The Export Credits Guarantee Department**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (The Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development: Government Response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2007–08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2007–08 was appended to the Report.

*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.*

3. **UN climate change conference, Copenhagen, December 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

4. **Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation**

The Committee considered this matter.

Michael Foster MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development, Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Minister for the Natural and Marine Environment, Wildlife and Rural Affairs, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Joan Ruddock MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 10 a.m.]*
Tuesday 10 March 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  
Martin Horwood  
Mark Lazarowicz

Dr Desmond Turner  
Joan Walley

1. Pre-Budget Report 2008

Draft Report (Pre-Budget Report 2008: Green fiscal policy in a recession), 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 with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 202.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Travel in a representative capacity

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 9.45 a.m.

Tuesday 17 March 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  
Colin Challen  
Mark Lazarowicz

Dr Desmond Turner

1. Carbon budgets

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into carbon budgets.
2. **UN Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen, December 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 March at 10 a.m.]

**Tuesday 24 March 2009**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor

Martin Horwood
Mark Lazarowicz
Dr Desmond Turner

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 March at 10 a.m.]

**Tuesday 31 March 2009**

**Members present**

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor

Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into greening government.
2. Carbon markets

Ordered, That the written evidence from the following, relating to the role of carbon markets in preventing dangerous climate change, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Lloyd’s Register Quality Assurance Ltd
INEOS ChlorVinyls
David Newbery, Research Director, Electric Policy Research Group, University of Cambridge
Karsten Neuhoff, Assistant Director, Electric Policy Research Group, University of Cambridge
UK Petroleum Industry Association
Economic & Social Research Council
Airport Operators Association
British Cement Association
Drax Power Ltd
The Corner House
Carbon Trade Watch Transnational Institute
Cambridge Centre for Climate Change Mitigation Research (4CMR)
Engineering Employers’ Federation
Alcan Aluminium UK Ltd
Cap and Share UK
Virgin Atlantic
CBI
Land Securities Group plc
The Carbon Trust
World Development Movement
Scotch Whisky Association
RWE npower
Aldersgate Group
EDF Energy
Local Government Information Unit
Confederation of Paper Industries
Association of Electricity Producers
Summerleaze Ltd
Carbon Markets & Investors Association
Shell UK
JPMorgan
World Wildlife Fund
Barclays Capital
Centrica Plc
Sandbag Climate Campaign
FERN
AEA
E.ON UK
Bryony Worthington, and Jeremy Burke, Sandbag, Dr Keith Allott, Head of Climate Change, and Kirsty Clough, WWF, gave oral evidence.

Larry Lohmann, The Corner House, Oscar Reyes, Carbon Trade Watch, Transnational Institute, and Tim Jones, World Development Movement, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 April at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 21 April 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor

Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

1. Green Jobs and Skills

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into green jobs and skills.

2. Carbon markets

Ordered, That the written evidence, relating to the role of carbon markets in preventing dangerous climate change, submitted by Friends of the Earth be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

Ordered, That the written evidence from the following, relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Tracero
   EIA
   Survival International

4. Carbon markets

The Committee considered this matter.
Matthew Farrow, Head of Environment, CBI, Murray Birt, Senior Policy Adviser, CBI, Gareth Stace, Head of Climate and Environment Policy, EEF, and Ian Rodgers, Director, UK Steel, gave oral evidence.

Professor Michael Grubb, Chief Economist, Carbon Trust, and Dr Thomas Counsell, Strategy Associate, Carbon Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 28 April 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

1. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

Ordered, That the written evidence, relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation, submitted by Commonwealth Development Corporation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Carbon markets

The Committee considered this matter.

Sara Vaughan, Director of Regulation and Energy Policy, E.ON UK, Humphrey Cadoux Hudson, Managing Director New Nuclear Build, EDF Energy, and Ravi Baga, Head of Policy, Regulation and Environment, EDF Energy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 May at 10 a.m.]
Tuesday 5 May 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen       Jo Swinson
Martin Horwood     Joan Walley
Mark Lazarowicz

Greening government

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence from the following, relating to greening government, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Policy to Practice
- Tandberg
- Salix Finance
- Association for the Conservation of Energy
- Mayor of London
- Environment Agency
- Combined Heat and Power Association
- Worldwide Wildlife Fund
- NG Bailey
- Natural England
- House of Commons Management Board
- HM Government

Andrew Lee, Director, Minas Jacob, Team Leader, and Farooq Ullah, Policy Analyst, Sustainable Development Commission, gave oral evidence.

William Jordan, Chief Sustainability and Operating Officer, Office of Government Commerce; Bill Stow, Director General, Strategy and Evidence Group, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Trevor Hutchings, Head of Low Carbon Economy Divisions, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 May at 9.30 a.m.]
Tuesday 12 May 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

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

1. Reducing CO₂ and other emissions from shipping

Draft Report (Reducing CO₂ and other emissions from shipping), 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 with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 528.

2. Carbon markets

The Committee considered this matter.

Abyd Karmali, President, Carbon Markets and Investors Association, James Cameron, Executive Director and Vice Chairman, Climate Change Capital, and Louis Redshaw, Head of Environmental Markets and Trading, Barclays Capital, gave oral evidence.

Anne Theo Seinen, DG Environment, European Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 June at 10 a.m.

Monday 18 May 2009 — Friday 22 May 2009

The Chairman, Colin Challen and Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger visited Washington DC and San Francisco, United States of America, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the role of carbon markets in preventing dangerous climate change, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 27 January 2009.
Tuesday 2 June 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mark Lazarowicz

Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley


The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the response to the Committee’s Twelfth Report of Session 2007–08, *Greener homes for the future? An environmental analysis of the Government’s house-building plans*, from the National Housing and Planning Advice Unit be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Pre-Budget Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*Pre-Budget Report 2008: Green fiscal policy in a recession: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. UN Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen, December 2009

Resolved, That the Chairman and Dr Desmond Turner have leave to attend the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in a representative capacity.

4. Carbon budgets

Ordered, That the written evidence from the following, relating to the Committee’s inquiry into carbon budgets, be reported to the house for publication on the internet:

   - Institution of Mechanical Engineers
   - Department of Energy and Climate Change
   - Aviation Environment Federation
5. Carbon markets

The Committee considered this matter.

Mark Lazarowicz declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Carbon Trading.


[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 June at 10 a.m.]

Tuesday 9 June 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

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

Carbon budgets

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Sir Brian Hoskins, member, and David Kennedy, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

Aubrey Meyer, Co-founder, Global Commons Institute, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 June at 10 a.m.]
Tuesday 16 June 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mark Lazarowicz  Joan Walley

1. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

Draft Report (Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation: No hope without forests), 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 with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 30.

2. Green jobs and skills

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence from the following, relating to green jobs and skills, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- The British Association for Shooting and Conservation
- Rockwool
- Groundwork UK
- Federation of Master Builders
- British Waterways
- Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
- E.ON UK
- North East Chamber of Commerce
- Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Institute for Public Policy Research
- Aldersgate Group
- Environmental Industries Commission
- Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment
- British Wind Energy Association
- Energy & Utility Skills on behalf of the Renewable Energy Skills Group
- TUC
- Greenpeace UK
- eaga
- ConstructionSkills
- Kingspan Insulated Panels
- Renewable Energy Association
Carbon Capture and Storage Association
SummitSkills
Association for the Conservation of Energy
NationalGrid
Acre Resources Ltd
Association of Colleges
EEF
ACCA
Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment
Engineering and Technology Board
Ceres Power Limited
Unite
Association for Public Service Excellence

Simon Retallack, Associate Director and Head of Climate Change, Jennifer Bird, Research Fellow, Climate Change, and Kayte Lawton, Researcher, Social Policy, Institute for Public Policy Research, gave oral evidence.

Peter Young, Chairman, and John Edmonds, Aldersgate Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 June at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 23 June 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Colin Challen
Mr David Chaytor

Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

1. UN climate change conference, Copenhagen, December 2009

Ordered, That Joan Walley have leave to attend the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen in December in a representative capacity.

2. Carbon budgets

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Kevin Anderson, Director, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, gave oral evidence.
Professor John Mitchell OBE FRS, Director of Climate Science, and Dr Jason Lowe, Head of Mitigation Advice, Met Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 June at 10 a.m.]

Tuesday 30 June 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton  Mr Mark Lazarowicz
Colin Challen  Dr Desmond Turner
Mr David Chaytor  Joan Walley
Martin Horwood

1. Carbon budgets

Ordered, That the written evidence, relating to carbon budgets, submitted by the National Physical Laboratory be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Green jobs and skills

The Committee considered this matter.

Tess Gill, Commissioner for Work and Skills and Charles Seaford, Senior Engagement Analyst, Sustainable Development Commissio, gave oral evidence.

Sue Ferns, Member of the General Council and Philip Pearson, Senior Policy Officer, Economic and Social Affairs Department, Trades Union Congress, gave oral evidence.

Martin Baxter, Acting Chief Executive, Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 July at 10 a.m.]
Tuesday 7 July 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr David Chaytor  Dr Desmond Turner
Martin Horwood  Joan Walley

Green jobs and skills

The Committee considered this matter.

Adrian Wilkes, Chief Executive, and Danny Stevens, Policy Director, Environmental Industries Commission, gave oral evidence.

Dr Gordon Edge, Director of Economics and Markets, British Wind Energy Association, Henning Von Barsewisch, Managing Director of RePower UK and Steve Clarke, UK Content Manager, Mainstream Renewable Power, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 July at 9.45 a.m.

Tuesday 14 July 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

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

1. Greening government

Draft Report (Greening Government), 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 with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 503.

2. Environmental labelling

Draft Special Report (Environmental Labelling: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2008–09,), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Committee’s Second Report was appended to the Report.
Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

3. Adapting to climate change

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into adapting to climate change.

4. Carbon budgets

Professor Sir David King, Director, and Dr Cameron Hepburn, Senior Research Fellow, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, and Dr Myles Allen, Atmospheric Oceanic and Planetary Physics, Department of Physics, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

Professor Paul Ekins, Professor of Energy and Environment Policy, King’s College London, gave oral evidence.

Professor David MacKay, Professor of Natural Philosophy, Department of Physics, Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 October at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 20 October 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Colin Challen
Martin Horwood
Mark Lazarowicz

Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger
Dr Desmond Turner
Joan Walley

1. Reducing CO₂ and other emissions from shipping

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Reducing CO₂ and other emissions from shipping: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.
2. Greening government

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Greening Government: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. Adapting to climate change

Ordered, That Dr Merylyn Hedger be appointed as a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into adapting to climate change.

Dr Hedger declared the following interests:

- Previous employment at Environment Agency
- Previous employment at UKCIP (Defra funded)
- No ongoing professional relationships with these organisations

Resolved, That the Chairman, Colin Challen and Jo Swinson have leave to visit the Met Office, Exeter, in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That the Chairman, David Chaytor and Ian Liddell-Grainger have leave to travel to the Thames Barrier in a representative capacity.

4. Air quality

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into air quality.

Resolved, That the Chairman, David Chaytor and Joan Walley have leave to visit the European Commission and others, Brussels, in a representative capacity.

5. Carbon budgets

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

- Friends of the Earth
- Department for Energy and Climate Change

6. Green jobs and skills

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence, relating to green jobs and skills, submitted by the Greater London Authority be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Mr Tim Balcon, Chief Executive, EU Skills, gave oral evidence.

Mr Brian Berry, Director of External Affairs, and Mr Richard Diment, Director-General, Federation of Master Builders, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 October at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 27 October 2009

Members present

Mr Tim Yeo, in the Chair

Mr Martin Caton
Mr David Chaytor
Martin Horwood

Mark Lazarowicz
Jo Swinson
Dr Desmond Turner

1. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation: No hope without forests: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

2. Carbon capture and storage

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Green jobs and skills

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence, relating to green jobs and skills, submitted by SummitSkills be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Carbon budgets

Lord Adair Turner, Chairman, and David Kennedy, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change, gave oral evidence.
Rt Hon Edward Miliband MP, Secretary of State, and James Hughes, Head of Carbon Budgets Team, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 November at 10 a.m.]

**Tuesday 3 November 2009**

**Members present**

Colin Challen  
Mr David Chaytor  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Jo Swinson  
Joan Walley

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

**1. Carbon budgets**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence, relating to carbon budgets, submitted by Friends of the Earth be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

**2. Adapting to climate change**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Green jobs and skills**

Kevin Brennan MP, Minister for Further Education, Skills, Apprenticeships and Consumer Affairs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and Department for Children, Schools and Families, and Mr David Kidney MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 November at 10 a.m.]

**Wednesday 11 November 2009 — Thursday 12 November 2009**

*The Chairman, Colin Challen and Jo Swinson visited The Met Office, Exeter, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Adapting to Climate Change, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 20 October 2009.*
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Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Martin Horwood          Joan Walley
Jo Swinson

Environmental Labelling

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman’s draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February at 9.45am

Tuesday 24 February 2009

Members present

Colin Challen, in the Chair

Jo Swinson          Joan Walley

Environmental Labelling

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Environmental Labelling), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 65 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Report of the Sub-Committee to the Committee.

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the Committee for printing with the Report.

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