House of Commons
Environmental Audit Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2014–15
Formal minutes

Wednesday 11 June 2014 (morning)

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair
Peter Aldous
Katy Clark
Caroline Lucas
Mrs Caroline Spelman
Simon Wright

1. Growing a circular economy

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Growing a circular economy submitted by the Scottish Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Action on air quality

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

John D Hall
Sustrans
Campaign for Air Pollution Public Inquiry
Dr Stanislaw Prokop
Nigel Roberts
Calor Gas Ltd
The Greenfuel Company Ltd
National Centre for Atmospheric Science
Ciwem
Air Products
Breathe Clean Air Group
Public Health England
RAC Foundation
NERC
Murad Quereshi Am
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT)
City of London Corporation
Anthony Greenough
Jill Austen
No to Silvertown Tunnel Campaign
WeAreResidents.org
Zipcar (UK) Limited
ITA policy and Strategy Team on behalf of The West Midlands Strategic Transport Officers Group (Stog)
Secretariat to the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (Comeap)
Tim Henderson
Institution of Environmental Science
London Councils
Putney Society
Ordered, That further written evidence relating to Air quality submitted by Sheffield City Council be placed in the Parliamentary Archives.

3. National Pollinator Strategy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the National Pollinator Strategy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Prof Dave Goulson
- Bumblebee Conservation Trust
- Dr Christopher N Connolly, University of Dundee
- Oxford Martin School, Oxford University
- Pesticide Action Network UK
- The Wildlife Trusts
- National Farmers Union
- Robert M Smith
- The Soil Association
- CLA
- The Crop Protection Association UK
- John Hoar
- Field Studies Council
- Friends of the Earth
- Cynthia Spanner
- Wildlife and Countryside Link
- Bayer CropScience
- Buglife

4. Marine protected areas

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Marine protected areas submitted by Marinet Marine Community Network be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Sustainability in the Home Office
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Sustainability in the Home Office submitted by the Home Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Marine protected areas

Draft Report (*Marine protected areas*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 221.*

7. Plastic bags

Draft Special Report (*Plastic bags: Government Response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

8. HS2 and the environment

Draft Special Report (*HS2 and the environment: Government Response to the Committee’s Thirteenth Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

9. Growing a circular economy

Phil Barton, Chief Executive Officer, Keep Britain Tidy, Professor Tim Jackson, Sustainable Lifestyles Research Project, University of Surrey, and Nick Brown, Head of Recycling Great Britain, Coca Cola Enterprises, gave oral evidence.

Steve Lee, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Wastes Management, Dominic Hogg, Chairman, Eunomia Research and Consulting, and Councillor Clyde Loakes, Environment and Housing Board Vice Chairman, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this afternoon at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 11 June 2014 (afternoon)

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael           Caroline Nokes
Martin Caton              Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith             Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mike Kane                 Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz           Simon Wright

Growing a circular economy
Commissioner Janez Potočnik, Environmental Commissioner, European Union, gave oral evidence (via video-link).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 June at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 18 June 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael           Caroline Nokes
Martin Caton              Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith             Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mike Kane                 Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz           Simon Wright
Caroline Lucas

1. Growing a circular economy

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Growing a circular economy submitted by International Synergies Ltd be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. National Pollinator Strategy

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the National Pollinator Strategy submitted by Waitrose be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Green finance

Draft Special Report (Green finance: Government Response to the Committee’s Twelfth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.
The Government’s response to the Twelfth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Invasive non-native species

Draft Special Report (Invasive non-native species: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourteenth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

5. An Environmental Scorecard

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into an environmental scorecard.

6. National Pollinator Strategy

Professor Ian Boyd, Chief Scientist, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Matt Shardlow, Chief Executive, Buglife, Dr Julian Little, Head of Government Affairs, Bayer CropScience, and Professor Dave Goulson, Sussex University, gave oral evidence.

Alick Simmons, Director & Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Liz McIntosh, Strategic Policy: Pollinators and Plant Health Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Dr Chris Hartfield, National Farmers’ Union, Sandra Bell, Friends of the Earth, and Marylyn Haines Evans, Chair of Public Affairs, Women’s Institute, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 June at 2.00pm]
Wednesday 25 June 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mike Kane

Mark Lazarowicz
Dr Matthew Offord
Mrs Caroline Spelman
Simon Wright

1. Action on air quality

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

Adrian Foster
ClientEarth
British Heart Foundation

2. Sustainable Development Goals

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Action on air quality

Mike Galey, Chair, Air Quality Working Group, Environmental Industries Commission, Dr Ian Mudway, Lecturer in Respiratory Toxicology, Environmental Research Group, King’s College London, Alan Andrews Health and Environment Lawyer, ClientEarth, Philip Insall, Health Director, Sustrans, and Professor Alistair Lewis, Deputy Director, National Centre for Atmospheric Science, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 July at 2.00pm]
Wednesday 2 July 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Zac Goldsmith            Dr Matthew Offord
Mike Kane                Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mark Lazarowicz          Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas           Simon Wright
Caroline Nokes

1. Action on air quality

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

Adrian Foster (further submission)
The Battersea Society

2. National Pollinator Strategy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the National Pollinator Strategy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

National Farmers’ Union
National Federation of Women’s Institute
Bayer Cropscience (further submission)
RSPB
Professor Nigel Raine
John Harding
Syngenta

3. Growing a circular economy

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Growing a circular economy submitted by the Green Investment Bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. HS2 and the environment

Ordered, That the letter submitted by Robert Syms MP, Chair of the HS2 Bill Committee, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Climate change adaptation

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Sustainability in the UK Overseas Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Growing a circular economy

Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Water, Forestry, Rural Affairs and Resource Management, Jonathan Tillson, Head of Sustainable Business,
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Stuart Edwards, Deputy Director for Materials and Resource Industries, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Rosie Seymour, Acting Director for Local Government Policy, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 July at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 9 July 2014**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Caroline Nokes
Dr Matthew Offord
Mrs Caroline Spelman
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **An environmental scorecard**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to An environmental scorecard be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Barry Davolls
Teresa Sienkiewicz
Wildlife Research Unit
Dr Duncan Russel
Policy Exchange
CLA
RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts
Sustainable Aviation
WWF
Woodland Trust
Government departments
RSPB

2. **National Pollinator Strategy**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the National Pollinator Strategy submitted by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Action on air quality**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Action on air quality submitted by Greenfuel Co Ltd be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

*Ordered*, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any submission relating to air quality received from the Mayor of London during the summer adjournment, shall be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
4. **EUFORES conference on renewable energy and energy efficiency**

*Resolved,* That Mark Lazarowicz have leave to visit Lisbon, Portugal, in October 2014 to attend the EUFORES conference on renewable energy and energy efficiency in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

5. **An environmental scorecard**

Andrew Raingold, Executive Director, Aldersgate Group, Martin Harper, Conservation Director, RSPB, Steve Trotter, Director for England, The Wildlife Trusts, Trevor Hutchings, Director of Advocacy, WWF, and Martin Spray, Chief Executive, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 July at 2.15 pm]

### Wednesday 16 July 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mike Kane  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **An environmental scorecard**

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to An environmental scorecard be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Natural Environment Research Council
- Wildlife and Countryside Link
- Friends of the Earth

2. **Action on air quality**

*Ordered,* That the written evidence relating to Action on air quality submitted by New West and Company be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Green finance**

*Ordered,* That the letter submitted by Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **National Pollinator Strategy**

Draft Report (*National Pollinator Strategy*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 213.

5. Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit the Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership in a representative capacity.

6. An environmental scorecard

Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Shirley Trundle, Director, Sustainable Land Management and Livestock Farming, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Jerome Glass, Deputy Director of Strategy, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 July at 10.50 am]

Thursday 17 July 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Mark Lazarowicz

Dr Matthew Offord
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Growing a circular economy

Draft Report (Growing a circular economy: Ending the throwaway society), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 214.

2. Action on air quality


[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 September at 2.00pm]

21 July
The Chair visited the Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 16 July.

Wednesday 3 September 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Mike Kane

Caroline Lucas
Dr Matthew Offord
Mrs Caroline Spelman

1. An environmental scorecard

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to An environmental scorecard be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Met Office
Office for Budget Responsibilities
Wildlife and Wetlands Trust
Durham University
Augean PLC
WWF-UK
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

2. Climate change adaptation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Climate change adaptation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

UCL Institute for Environmental Design and Engineering
Environment Agency
The Royal Society
Sustainable Development Unit for NHS England and Public Health England
British Retail Consortium
Ch2m Hill
National Farmers Union
RSPB
National Flood Forum
Climate UK
Food and Drink Federation
Friends of the Earth (England, Wales & Northern Ireland)
Committee on Climate Change
East Sussex County Council
Sustainable Homes
Clientearth
Energy UK
Hastoe Housing Association
National Housing Federation
Green Alliance
Briony Turner
EDF energy
3. **Action on air quality**

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

- East End Quality of Life Initiative
- London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies
- European Commission
- Environmental Industries Commission
- David Davies
- John Kaye
- Pendragon Pr
- James Donlan
- King’s College London air pollution monitoring reports for five Members of the Committee

4. **Sustainability in the Home Office**

Draft Report (*Sustainability in the Home Office*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 222.*

5. **Well-being**

Draft Special Report (*Well-being: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifteenth Report of Session 2013–14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

6. **Sustainable Development Goals**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **An environmental scorecard**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Chair and other members have leave to visit the WWF-UK HQ, Woking, in a representative capacity.

8. **Air quality**

The Committee considered this matter.

9. **Protecting the Arctic: Shell**

The Committee considered this matter.

10. **Circular economy**
Resolved, That members of the Committee have leave to visit Biogen, in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 10 September 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton  Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith Dr Alan Whitehead
Mike Kane Simon Wright
Caroline Lucas

1. Climate change adaptation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Climate change adaptation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Federation of Small Businesses
Natural England
City of London Corporation

2. Action on air quality

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

Ms Rosemary Atkins
Crigglestone Parish Council
Baroness Jones, London Assembly

3. An environmental scorecard

Draft Report (An environmental scorecard), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 215.

4. Marine protected areas

Draft Special Report (Marine protected areas: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

A letter from the British Marine Aggregate Producers Association was appended to the Report.
Resolved, That the Report be the Sixth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

5. Action on air quality

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, and Matthew Pencharz, Senior Advisor, Environment and Energy, Greater London Authority, gave oral evidence.

Councillor Jack Scott, Sheffield City Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 October at 12.15 pm]

Friday 10th – Saturday 11th October

Mark Lazarowicz visited Lisbon, Portugal to attend the EUFORES conference on renewable energy and energy efficiency in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 9 July.

Tuesday 14 October 2014

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mike Kane Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz

1. Climate change adaptation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Climate change adaptation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Town and Country Planning Association
The Government
Met Office
Barry Wallis

2. Sustainable Development Goals

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Sustainable Development Goals submitted by the Global Sustainability Institute be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Action on air quality

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Action on air quality submitted by Exeter City Council be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
4. **National Pollinator Strategy**

Draft Special Report (*National Pollinator Strategy: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2014-15*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

5. **Simplification of Government Annual Reports and Accounts**

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Danny Alexander, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, relating to the simplification of Government annual reports and accounts be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. **HS2 and the Aarhus Convention**

Ordered, That the letters from the Chair to Robert Syms, Chair of the HS2 Bill Committee, Robert Goodwill MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport, and Simon Kirby, Chief Executive, HS2 Limited, relating to HS2 and the Aarhus Convention be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, that the letter from the Rt Hon. Cheryl Gillan MP to the Chair relating to HS2 and the Aarhus Convention be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

7. **Contract for Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station**

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General relating to the Contract for Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

8. **Green finance**

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, relating to stranded assets and the carbon bubble be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

9. **UK Overseas Territories**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 October at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 22 October 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mike Kane  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman

1. Climate change adaptation

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Climate change adaptation submitted by Dr Karen Johnson be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Sustainable Development Goals

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainable Development Goals be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

UKCDS Secretariat  
The Fairtrade Foundation  
STEPS Centre  
Add International  
Aviva Investors  
Cafod, Care International, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Practical Action, and WWF  
Christian Aid  
APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health  
DFID  
Cafod  
WWF-UK  
Bond Beyond 2015 UK  
National Institute for Environment and Development  
National Environmental Research Council on behalf of Research Councils UK  
The Royal Society  
Trade Justice Movement

3. Action on air quality

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

BVRLA  
Zipcar (UK) Limited  
Bristol City Council  
Hybridrive Solutions UK

4. Growing a circular economy

Draft Special Report (Growing a circular economy: Ending the throwaway society: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.
The Government’s response to the Third 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 Chair make the Report to the House.

5. GLOBE Energy Policy in Europe Conference

Resolved, That Dr Matthew Offord have leave to visit Rome in November 2014, to attend the GLOBE Energy Policy in Europe Conference in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

6. Invasive non-native species

Ordered, That the letters from the Chair to Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Mr Koji Sekimizu, Secretary General, International Maritime Organisation, and the letter from the Biodiversity APPG, relating to the Ballast Water Convention be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

7. Sustainable Development Goals

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Protecting the Arctic: Shell

The Committee considered this matter

9. Action on air quality

Rt Hon John Hayes MP, Minister of State, Rosaline Wall, Head of Environmental Strategy, Department for Transport, Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Dr Cheryl Case, Head of Atmosphere and Noise, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Louise Barr, Planning Directorate, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 October at 2.00 pm]

29 October

The Chair, Mark Lazarowicz and Dr Alan Whitehead visited the WWF-UK HQ, Woking, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 3 September.
Wednesday 29 October 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous          Caroline Lucas
Neil Carmichael      Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton          Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith         Dr Alan Whitehead
Mike Kane             Simon Wright
Mark Lazarowicz

1. **Sustainable Development Goals**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainable Development Goals be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Stakeholder Forum
- World Animal Protection
- Compassion in World Farming

2. **Action on air quality**

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

- Carter Knowle and Millhouses Community Group
- Nicholas Bradshaw
- Clean Air in London
- Sheffield City Council
- Mayor of London

*Ordered*, That the following further written evidence relating to Air quality be placed in the Parliamentary Archives.

- Sheffield City Council
- Mayor of London

*Ordered*, That the letter from the Chair to Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, relating to air quality research by King’s College London be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **HS2 and the environment**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Environmental risks of fracking**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Environmental risks of fracking.

5. **A 2010-2015 progress report**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into a 2010-2015 progress report.

6. **Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnerships**
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnerships.

7. Local Nature Partnerships

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Local Nature Partnerships.

8. Sustainable Development Goals

 Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State, Melinda Bohannon, Deputy Director, Post – 2015 Goals, Department for International Development, and James Jansen, Policy Adviser, International, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 November at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 5 November 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mike Kane  
Mark Lazarowicz  

Caroline Lucas  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright  

1. Climate change adaptation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Climate change adaptation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Barry Wallis  
Yorkshire Water

2. Action on air quality

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by David Davies relating to Action on air quality be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, That the letter from Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, relating to Action on air quality be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. National Pollinator Strategy

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology relating to the National Pollinator Strategy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

5. Sustainability in the NHS

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Sustainability in the NHS.

6. Climate change adaptation

Martin Budd, Environment and Climate Change Strategic Advisor, Kingston upon Hull City Council, Kristen Guida, Director, Climate South East, Climate UK, Alex Nickson, Deputy Chair, Local Adaptation Advisory Panel, and Paul Crick, Director of Environment Planning and Enforcement, Kent County Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 November at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 19 November 2014

Members present:

Dr Alan Whitehead, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith  Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mike Kane  Simon Wright
Caroline Lucas

Resolved, That, at this day’s sitting Dr Alan Whitehead take the Chair of the Committee.

1. Action on air quality

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

Michael Ryan
David Davies
Healthy Air Campaign

2. Sustainable Development Goals

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainable Development Goals be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

IIED
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
Unilever
NUS
Hard Rain Project
Department for International Development

3. National Pollinator Strategy
Ordered, That the letter from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology to the Chair relating to neonicotinoid pesticide research be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. An environmental scorecard

Draft Special Report (An environmental scorecard: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Sustainable Development Goals

Andrew Scott, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, Helen Dennis, Senior Advisor, Poverty and Inequality, Christian Aid, and Dominic White, Head of International Development Policy, WWF, gave oral evidence.

Thomas Lingard, Global Advocacy Director, Unilever, Michael Gidney, Chief Executive, Fairtrade Foundation, and Jamie Agombar, Head of Sustainability, NUS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 November at 12.50 pm]

21-22 November

*Dr Matthew Offord visited Rome, to attend the GLOBE Energy Policy in Europe Conference, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 22 October.*
Tuesday 25 November 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous                                    Caroline Lucas
Mark Lazarowicz                                 Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Action on air quality

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Action on air quality submitted by John McDonnell MP be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Sustainable Development Goals

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainable Development Goals be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

  UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association
  Durham University

3. Natural Capital Committee

Professor Dieter Helm, Chair, Natural Capital Committee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 November at 2.00 pm]

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Wednesday 26 November 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous                                    Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith                                    Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mark Lazarowicz                                  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas                                   Simon Wright
Caroline Nokes

1. Action on air quality

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

  Department for Transport
  Department for Communities and Local Government
  King’s College London air pollution monitoring report for Rt Hon. Caroline Spelman MP

Draft Report (*Action on air quality*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 212.

2. Sustainability in the Home Office
Draft Special Report (Sustainability in the Home Office: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. HS2 and the environment
Ordered, That the letters from Robert Goodwill MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Transport, Simon Kirby, Chief Executive, HS2 Ltd, and Robert Syms MP, Chair of the HS2 Bill Committee, to the Chair relating to HS2 and the environment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Green finance
Ordered, That the letter from Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, to the Chair relating to ‘stranded carbon’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

6. Climate change adaptation
Paul Leinster, Chief Executive, Pete Fox, Director of Strategy and Investment, Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Tony Grayling, Director of Environment and Business, Technical and Cross-Cutting, Environment Agency, Dr Ceris Jones, Climate Change Adviser, National Farmers’ Union, Dr Mike Morecroft, Principal Specialist, Climate Change, Natural England, and Sarah Mukherjee, Director of Environment, Water UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 December at 2.45 pm]
Tuesday 2 December 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Mrs Caroline Spelman
Simon Wright

1. Invasive non-native species

Ordered, That the letter from Stefan Miscallef, International Maritime Organisation, and the letter from Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to the Ballast Water Convention be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Sustainable Development Goals

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the UK Statistics Authority relating to Sustainable Development Goals be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Amber Rudd MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, James Hughes, Deputy Director, Strategy, Engagement and Analysis, International Climate Change, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Melinda Bohannon, Deputy Director, Post 2015, Department for International Development, and James Jansen, Policy Adviser, International, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Karl Falkenberg, Director General Environment, European Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 December at 2.00 pm]
Wednesday 10 December 2014

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Dr Matthew Offord
Zac Goldsmith  Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mark Lazarowicz  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas

1. Sustainable Development Goals

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Sustainable Development Goals be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Action Against Hunger UK
- Amber Rudd MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Energy and Climate Change
- Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Draft Report (Connected world: Agreeing ambitious Sustainable Development Goals in 2015), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 452.

2. Climate change adaptation

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Local Authority Building Control relating to Climate change adaptation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Plastic bags

Ordered, That the letter from Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to plastic bags be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Energy subsidies

The Committee considered this matter.

5. UK Overseas Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The Committee's working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Climate change adaptation

John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, Home Builders Federation, Professor Paul Cosford, Director for Health Protection and Medical Director, Public Health England, Dr
Hugh Ellis, Head of Policy, Town and Country Planning Association, and Paul Everall, Chief Executive and Company Secretary, Local Authority Building Control, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 December at 10.10 am]

**Wednesday 17 December 2014 (Morning)**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Katy Clark          Dr Matthew Offord  
Zac Goldsmith       Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Caroline Lucas      Dr Alan Whitehead  

**Arctic follow-up**

Ben Ayliffe, Head of Campaigns for Arctic Programme, and Charlie Kronick, Senior Programme Advisor, Greenpeace, gave oral evidence.


[Adjourned till this afternoon at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 17 December 2014 (Afternoon)**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton        Dr Matthew Offord  
Zac Goldsmith       Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Mark Lazarowicz     Dr Alan Whitehead  
Caroline Lucas      Simon Wright  

1. **A 2010-2015 progress report**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Arctic follow-up**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by Shell relating to Arctic follow-up be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
Edwin Verdonk, Vice President Exploration, Europe, Russia and CIS, Shell International Ltd, and Peter Velez, Oil Spill Response Consultant, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 January at 2.00 pm

**Wednesday 7 January 2015**

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  

Caroline Nokes  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Environmental risks of fracking**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the environmental risks of fracking be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Robert Cockburn  
Countryside Alliance  
The Geological Society  
National Oceanography Centre  
Water UK  
Ciwem  
Researching Fracking in Europe  
Joanne Hawkins  
Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment  
UK Onshore Oil and Gas  
CPRE (Kent)  
The Woodland Trust  
UK Green MEPs  
RSPB  
James Barling  
The Onshore Energy Services Group  
Friends of the Earth  
Talk Fracking  
Ineos  
Halliburton  
Dr James Verdon and Prof Michael Kendall  
Ross Carruthers  
National Farmers Union  
Igas Energy  
Cyril Andrews  
No Hot Air
Dr Francis Paul Rugman
Joan Robertson
Ms Rhona Macleod
SM Foster Associates Ltd
Burn
Laura Eaton-Lewis
Simon Short
Frack Free Dee Coalition
Concerned Communities of Falkirk
Duncan Parsons
Frack off Fife
Tom White
Frank Cardose
Carbon Coach Ltd
Frack Free Ryedale
Our Fourth
Dianne Hogarth
Greenpeace UK
Mobbs’ Environmental Investigations
T Froud
Alice Waddicor
Ian Walton
Mike Hill
Caroline Raffan
Philip Mitchell
Dr David Lowry
Safe Alliance
Phil Ball
Fiona Joyce
Frack Free Balcombe Residents Association
Environment Agency
Marc Howell
Julia Desch
The Royal Society and the Royal Academy of Engineering

2. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Climate change adaptation
Tony Glover, Director of Policy, Energy Networks Association, Professor Jim Hall, Director of the Environmental Change Institute, Oxford University, and Director of the Infrastructure Transitions Research Consortium, Allen Creedy, Chair, Energy, Water & Environment Policy Unit, Federation of Small Businesses, John Dora, Chair, Infrastructure Operators’ Adaption Forum, and Brian Smith, Expert panel on Review of the Resilience of the Transport Network to Extreme Weather Events, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 January at 10.10 am]
Wednesday 14 January 2015 (Morning)

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous          Mark Lazarowicz
Martin Caton          Caroline Lucas
Katy Clark            Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith

Environmental risks of fracking
Tom Burke, Chair of E3G, Professor Paul Stevens, Distinguished Fellow, Chatham House, and Dr John Broderick, Research Fellow, Tyndall Centre Manchester, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this afternoon at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 14 January 2015 (Afternoon)

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous          Caroline Lucas
Neil Carmichael       Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton          Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith         Simon Wright
Mark Lazarowicz

1. Plastic bags

Ordered, That the letter from Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to biodegradable plastic bags research be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Environmental risks of fracking

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Environmental risks of fracking be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Defra, DECC and DCLG
Natural Environment Research Council
Institution of Civil Engineers
Luke Ashley
Tim Newcombe
National Physical Laboratory
Dr John Broderick, Tyndall Centre, University of Manchester
East Kent Against Fracking
British Geological Survey
Halsall Parish Council

Dr Tony Grayling, Director of Sustainable Business and Development, Environment and Business, Mark Ellis Jones, Environment and Business Manager, Climate Change Energy & Emerging Issues, Environment Agency, and Jane Burston, Head of Centre for Carbon Measurement, National Physical Laboratory, gave oral evidence.

Lord Smith, Chair of Task Force on Shale Gas, and Steve Thompsett, Director, UK Onshore Oil & Gas, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 January at 2.00pm]

Wednesday 21 January 2015

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Dr Matthew Offord
Mrs Caroline Spelman
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Environmental risks of fracking

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Water UK relating to the Environmental risks of fracking be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Draft Report (Environmental risks of fracking), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 856.

2. Action on air quality

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the Local Air Quality Management consultation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
3. Climate change adaptation

Lord Krebs, Chair of Adaptation Sub-Committee, Committee on Climate Change, Matthew Bell, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change, and Daniel Johns, Head of Adaptation, Committee on Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 January at 2.15 pm]

Wednesday 28 January 2015

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton          Caroline Lucas
Zac Goldsmith        Dr Matthew Offord
Mark Lazarowicz      Mrs Caroline Spelman

1. Climate change adaptation

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Woodland Trust relating to Climate change adaptation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Simplification of Government annual reports and accounts

Ordered, That the letter from Danny Alexander, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, to the Chair relating to the simplification of Government annual reports and accounts be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Local Nature Partnerships

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Cancer Prevention & Education Society
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Susan Hedley
Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board
Compassion in World Farming
Tessa Burrington
Lewisham People Before Profit
Dr Aoife O'Donoghue
Friends of the Earth, England, Wales & Northern Ireland
Chem Trust
WWF-UK
Sam Lowe, Land Use Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, John Hilary, Executive Director, War on Want, Elisabeth Roderburg, TTIP Advisor, British American Business, and David Baldock, Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 February at 2.00 pm]

**Wednesday 4 February 2015**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Dr Matthew Offord  
Mrs Caroline Spelman  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **A 2010-15 progress report**

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to A 2010-15 progress report be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Royal Society  
Dave Davies  
Friends of the Earth

2. **Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Tom Burke, Chair of E3G, relating to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Environmental risks of fracking**

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to the Committee on Climate Change relating to fracking and carbon budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Hinkley Point C**

The Committee considered this matter.
5. European Commission
Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels, to discuss with the European Commission HS2 and the Birds & Habitats directives in February 2015, in a representative capacity.

6. Climate change adaptation
Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Rob Hitchen, Team Leader, UK Climate Change Adaptation Policy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office, Steve Quartermain, Chief Planner, and Bob Ledsome, Head of Building Regulations & Standards Division, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 February at 5.00 pm]

Tuesday 10 February 2015

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous   Mark Lazarowicz
Neil Carmichael  Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton  Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith

1. A 2010-15 progress report
Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to a 2010-15 progress report be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

RSPB
Angela Martin
WWF-UK
BIS Sustainability Champion
Renewable Energy Systems Limited
The National Trust
Aldersgate Group

2. Climate change adaptation
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Brampton A14 Campaign Group, relating to Climate change adaptation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the British Standards Institute, relating to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
4. **Action on air quality**

*Ordered*, That the letter from Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to the Defra consultation on local air quality management be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. **A 2010-15 progress report**

Rt Hon Matthew Hancock MP, Minister of State for Business and Enterprise and Minister of State for Energy, John Fiennes, Director, Energy Strategy, Networks and Markets, Jerome Glass, Deputy Director, Strategy, Stephen Speed, Director, Energy Development, Department of Energy and Climate Change, and Niall Mackenzie, Director Energy, Materials and Agri-Tech, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 February at 2.00 pm]

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**Wednesday 11 February 2015**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton  Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mark Lazarowicz  Simon Wright
Caroline Lucas

1. **A 2010-12 progress report**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to a 2010-15 progress report submitted by the Woodland Trust be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Sustainable Development Goals**

Draft Special Report (*Connected world: Agreeing ambitious Sustainable Development Goals in 2015: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2014-15*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. **UK Overseas Territories**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**
David Henig, Assistant Director, ITEC Trade Policy, Andrew Coop, Legal Advisor, Europe and International Trade, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Paul Walters, Joint Head, Trade Policy Unit, Department for International Development, and Matt Hinde, Head of Europe Unit, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February at 2.45 pm]

12-13 February

The Chair visited Brussels, to discuss with the European Commission HS2 and the Birds & Habitats directives, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 4 February.

Tuesday 24 February 2015

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mrs Caroline Spelman
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. A 2010-15 progress report

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to a 2010-15 progress report be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Professor Tim O’Riordan
Public and Commercial Services Union

2. Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

StoptipUK
International Institute for Environment and Development
Georgina Downs, UK Pesticides Campaign

3. Action on air quality

Draft Special Report (Action on air quality: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.
Resolved, That the Report be the Twelfth Special Report of the Committee to the House.
Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Climate change adaptation
The Committee considered this matter.

5. Environmental risks of fracking
Ordered, That the letter from Matthew Bell, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change, relating to the risks to carbon budgets from prospective shale gas production in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. A 2010-15 progress report
Dan Rogerson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Colin Church, Director, Resource, Atmosphere and Sustainability, and Shirley Trundle, Director, Sustainable Land Management and Livestock Farming, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 February at 2.00 pm]

Wednesday 25 February 2015

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Dr Matthew Offord

Mrs Caroline Spelman
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Local Nature Partnerships

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to Local Nature Partnerships be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Humber Nature Partnership
Birmingham & Black Country Local Nature Partnership
Link2nature, Wiltshire & Swindon LNP
Natural England Yorks & N. Lincs
Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership
RSPB

2. A 2010-15 progress report
Calin Epure, My Life, My Say, Jamie Agombar, Head of Sustainability, National Union of Students, Ryan Bruce, Office of Rebecca Harris MP, Speaker’s Parliamentary Placement
Scheme, and Shay Miah, Hartlepool Member of Youth Parliament, UK Youth Parliament, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 March at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 4 March 2015
Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous          Dr Matthew Offord
Martin Caton          Mrs Caroline Spelman
Zac Goldsmith         Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz      Simon Wright

1. Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Draft Report (Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 857.

2. Climate change adaptation

Draft Report (Climate change adaptation), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 453.

3. Energy subsidies

Ordered, That the letter to the Chair from the National Audit Office relating to Hinkley Point C be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Local Nature Partnerships

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to Local Nature Partnerships be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

South Yorkshire LNP
National Trust
West of England Nature Partnership
Wild Oxfordshire
National Farmers Union
Yorkshire West Local Nature Partnership
CPRE Oxfordshire
Defra
Dorset Local Nature Partnership
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
The Woodland Trust
BBOWT
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Kent Nature Partnership
Paul Wickham
CLA
The Wildlife Trust
Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire LNP
Cumbria Local Nature Partnership
Berkshire LNP

Dr Dominic Hogg, Executive Chair, West of England Nature Partnership, Rupert Clubb, Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport, and Liz Newton, Director, Landscape & Geodiversity, Natural England, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 11 March 2015

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Katy Clark
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Dr Matthew Offord
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **A 2010-15 progress report**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by Buglife relating to A 2010-15 Progress Report be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Draft Report (*A 2010-15 Progress Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 885.*

2. **Energy subsidies**

*Ordered*, That the letter from the Chair to the National Audit Office relating to Hinkley Point C be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **European Commission Work Programme 2015**
Ordered, That the letter from Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission, to the Chair, relating to the Commission Work Programme for 2015 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Local Nature Partnerships

Ordered, that the written evidence submitted by the Greensand Trust relating to Local Nature Partnerships be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Sustainability in the NHS

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to Sustainability in the NHS be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare
- Icax Limited
- Global Action Plan
- Coalition for Sustainable Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices
- NHS Providers
- Royal College of Physicians

Dr Gina Radford, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, John Holden, Director of Policy Partnerships & Innovation, NHS England, and Sonia Roschnik, Sustainable Development Unit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 2.30 pm]

Tuesday 17 March 2015

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous            Caroline Nokes
Martin Caton            Mrs Caroline Spelman
Mark Lazarowicz

1. Local Nature Partnerships

Draft Report (Local Nature Partnerships), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 858.
Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Councillor David Finch, Leader, Essex County Council relating to Local Nature Partnerships be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Commissioner Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission relating to Local Nature Partnerships be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Environmental risks of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom, Trade Commissioner, European Commission, relating to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **A 2010-15 progress report**

Ordered, that the written evidence submitted by the Rt Hon Matthew Hancock MP, Minister for Business, Enterprise and Energy relating to A 2010-15 Progress Report be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Written evidence**

Ordered, that subject to the discretion of the Chair, written evidence received before the dissolution of Parliament shall be reported to the House for publication.

[Committee Adjourned]

**Annex**

The following papers were reported to the House by the Chair under the order of the Committee of 17 March 2015.

- Letter from the National Audit Office on Hinkley Point C nuclear power station, 23 March 2015
- Letter to Department of Health on sustainability in the NHS, 24 March 2015
- Government response to the Committee’s Eighth Report, Environmental risks of fracking, HC 856
Appendix

Declarations of Interests

27 July 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

Peter Aldous:
Sponsorships: Mrs May Reader.
Gifts, benefits and hospitality: use of a company car provided by Strutt and Parker (chartered surveyors, Norwich), 6 May to 30 June 2010.
Land and Property: partner in a family farm near Halesworth, Suffolk. Beneficial interest in a farm near Ipswich, Suffolk.
Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Countryside Alliance and East Suffolk Travellers’ Association. Member also, through the family farm, of the National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association.

Neil Carmichael:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Charles Fisher.
Land and Property: Two farms in Northumberland, from which rental income is received.
Member of the National Farmers Union and Countryside Alliance.
Spouse of research fellow on the Built Environment at the University of the West of England. Party to a planning application for wind turbines.

Zac Goldsmith:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: self-employed farming activity in Devon (not paid because loss-making).
Land and Property: Farmhouse and cottage in Devon owned by family trust, from which rental income is received. Land in Andalucia, Spain, owned by family trust.
Shareholdings: Fibre 7 (suppliers of treated wood), Fitzdares Holdings Ltd (bespoke bookmaker) and Ecosystems Ltd (ecology website).
Partnership in a film, provisionally entitled “War in Babylon”, from which no income has been received.
Investment in WHEB Ventures Private Equity LP, from which no income is received and over whose investments I have no influence.

Caroline Lucas:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Michael Constantine, Jonathan Porritt, Corduroy Productions Ltd (production company, London), Political Animal Lobby (animal welfare company, London) and Abbots’ Living Wood Ltd (courses in green woodwork, Bishops Frome).
Caroline Nokes:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Mrs A C L De Souza, Mr E W Pinchbeck, Mr A A Dunn, Thornwood Investments Ltd (development and selling of real estate, Braishfield, Romsey), Sir David Plastow, Caledonia Investments Plc (UK investment trust company, London) and Mr M Slade.
Member of the Countryside Alliance.

Mr Mark Spencer:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Partner in CH Spencer and Son (farmers, Mapperley Plains, Notts), which pays telephone, heating and council tax of my family home.
Member of Nottinghamshire County Council. Member of Gedling Borough Council.
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Mary and Don Brown, Jonathan Hammond, Andrew Hammond and Richard Tuxford.
Land and Property: Spring Lane Farm, Sherwood, from which rental income received.
Floralands Garden Centre, Sherwood, from which rental income received.
Shareholdings: Floralands Ltd (garden centre).
Member of the Countryside Alliance and National Farmers Union.

Joan Walley:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Unity trade union (Hanley), Unison trade union (Birmingham) and Hugh Edwards.
Other sponsorships: assistance from the Lighting Industry Federation (who pay part of the salary of a researcher in my office, who provides support to the All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group of which I am Joint Chair).
Honorary Vice-president of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. Member of Globe. Joint Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group, where Lighting Industry Federation provides the secretariat.

Dr Alan Whitehead:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Unite (London).
Land and Property: Flat inhabited by my father in Southampton.

Simon Wright:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: editor of newsletters, for East of England Liberal Democrats.
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Andrew Haisley and Liberal Democrat Group (Norwich City Council).

8 September 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

Martin Caton:
Member of Socialist Environmental Resources Association and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.
Wife employed as Parliamentary assistant.

**Katy Clark:**
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Transport and Salaried Staff’s Association, Fire Brigades Union, GMB Union and National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers.
Member of Friends of the Earth.

**Mark Lazarowicz:**
Member of Faculty of Advocates (non-practising) and Friends of the Earth.
Unpaid Board Member of Leith Museum Company Limited and Edinburgh Community Energy Co-operative Limited.

**16 February 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests**

**Neil Bird:**
Prior to joining the Overseas Development Institute in 2002, employed by DFID as a technical cooperation officer in Guyana and previously had completed other contracts of work for DFID. Since 2002, undertaken several research projects commissioned by DFID on environmental issues.

**30 March 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests**

**Farooq Ullah:**
Until March 2011, a member of staff of the Sustainable Development Commission. Member of ‘Brighter Future’, a climate change action group, and ‘Alliance for Future Generations’, a group which seeks to bring long-term thinking into public policy.

**Prof Tim O’Riordan:**
Donor to Green Party and Liberal Democrat Party, and to a range of environmental, social justice and developmental charitable organisations. Adviser to Asda’s corporate responsibility board. Consultant to Anglian Water. External examiner for several universities.

**7 April 2011: declaration of Members’ interests**

**Peter Aldous:**
Member of the Aldersgate Group.

**Zac Goldsmith:**
Trustee of Green Alliance.
Paid for a paper from the International Institute for Environment and Development submitted to the Committee’s inquiry on Overseas Aid (memorandum OAE 09b).
Caroline Lucas:
Member of the Aldersgate Group.

7 September 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests
Kelvin MacDonald:
Chief policy adviser to the Royal Town Planning Institute, involving, *inter alia*, acting as the RTPI’s representative on a Planning Sounding Board first established by the Conservative Party before the 2010 general election and now chaired by John Howell MP, PPS to Decentralisation Minister, Rt. Hon. Greg Clarke MP. This group has discussed amongst other things the Localism Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework.
Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Land Economy, Cambridge University; a Registered Commissioner on the Infrastructure Planning Commission; a member of the Enabling Panel for the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment; and a member of the Board of Trustees of Shelter.

12 October 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests
Farooq Ullah: Head of Policy and Advocacy, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future.

29 February 2012: declaration of Members’ interests
Zac Goldsmith:
Patron of Client Earth.

12 July 2012: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests
Andrew Raingold
Executive Director of Aldersgate Group since December 2012, Director of Core Coalition since June 2012 (an alliance of voluntary organisations, trade unions and companies that campaign for transparent and accountable corporate responsibility), chair of Green Economy Council Skills Taskforce since June 2012 (a subgroup of the Green Economy Council that addresses specific skills needs to meet the transition to a green economy), member of the Green Economy Council Working Group since January 2011 (providing guidance and support for the Green Economy Council), sustainability advisor to carpet manufacturer InterfaceFlor since May 2012, member of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Performance League Table Review Group since May 2012 (advising DECC on reputational drivers for business energy efficiency strategies), member of the Red Tape Challenge Environment Sounding Board since August 2011 (advising Defra on business issues relating to the Red Tape Challenge environment theme) and member of the Sustainable Consumption & Production Business Contact Group since May 2010 (advising Defra on business drivers for resource efficiency and related Government policy).

4 December 2012: declaration of Members’ interests
Dr Matthew Offord:
Overseas visits: Visit to Bangladesh in January 2012, paid for by Canary Wharf Group plc, to see how the UK’s International Development budget is being spent.
Elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

9 January 2013: declaration of Members’ interests

Chris Evans:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: fees (donated to charities or local organisations) for completing IPSOS Mori, ComRes and Populus opinion surveys. Parliamentary private secretary to the shadow Defra frontbench.

18 December 2013: declaration of Members’ interests

Mrs Caroline Spelman:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: payments from Civil Service Learning for talks for the Civil Service Fast Stream on Understanding Government. Sponsorships support from Christian Action Research and Educations, providing a volunteer intern. Land and Property: part-share of residential property in Bath, residential property in London, West Midlands and Portugal. Vice-President of Christian charity Tearfund, a vice-president of GLOBE International, and member of Kingfisher’s NetPositive programme, which aims to redesign business for a positive impact on nature. Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs until September 2012.

26 February 2014: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Dr William Sheate:
Adviser to HS2 Action Alliance and Chiltern Conservation Board on the judicial review of HS2 and the HS2 Appraisal of Sustainability (2011-2013); and project manager on Defra’s evaluation of the biodiversity offsetting pilot scheme in England (2012-2014).

26 March 2014: declaration of Members’ interests

Mike Kane:
Directorships: Until elected, was the paid acting chief executive of Movement for Change. Expected to become an unpaid non-executive director of Movement for Change.
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30 April 2014: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Martin Brocklehurst:
Independent environmental consultant with KempleyGreen Consultants, advising a number of clients on waste and resource management, catchment management, citizen science and ecosystem services. Until 2011, employed by the Environment Agency.

13 May 2014: amended declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Professor Tim O’Riordan:
Donor to a range of environmental, social justice and developmental charitable organisations. Adviser to the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership and to Anglian Water. Fellow of the British Academy. External examiner for several universities.