International Development Committee

The International Development Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for International Development and its associated public bodies.

Current membership
Malcolm Bruce MP (Liberal Democrat, Gordon) (Chair)
John Battle MP (Labour, Leeds West)
Hugh Bayley MP (Labour, City of York)
Richard Burden MP (Labour, Birmingham Northfield)
Mr Nigel Evans MP (Conservative, Ribble Valley)
Mr Mark Hendrick MP (Labour Co-op, Preston)
Daniel Kawczynski MP (Conservative, Shrewsbury and Atcham)
Mr Mark Lancaster MP (Conservative, North East Milton Keynes)
Mr Virendra Sharma (Labour, Ealing Southall)
Mr Marsha Singh MP (Labour, Bradford West)
Andrew Stunell (Liberal Democrat, Hazel Grove)

The following Members were also Members of the Committee during the current Parliament.
John Barrett MP (Liberal Democrat, Edinburgh West)
John Bercow MP (Conservative, Buckingham)
Mr Stephen Crabb MP (Conservative, Preseli Pembrokeshire)
Mr Quentin Davies MP (Labour, Grantham & Stamford)
James Duddridge MP (Conservative, Rochford & Southend East)
Jeremy Hunt MP (Conservative, South West Surrey)
Ann McKechin MP (Labour, Glasgow North)
Joan Ruddock MP (Labour, Lewisham, Deptford)
Sir Robert Smith MP (Liberal Democrat, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine)
Jim Sheridan MP (Labour, Paisley and Renfrewshire North)

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

Committee staff
The staff of the Committee are Carol Oxborough (Clerk), Keith Neary (Second Clerk), Anna Dickson (Committee Specialist), Ian Hook (Senior Committee Assistant), Vanessa Hallinan (Committee Assistant) and Alex Paterson (Media Officer).

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 24 November 2009

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle Mr Mark Lancaster
Mr Nigel Evans Andrew Stunell

1. Declaration of Interests: New Member

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

**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**

Owner of a retail convenience store in Swansea.

**Overseas visits**

23–8 July 2008, to the Cayman Islands with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Cayman Islands, as guest of the Cayman Islands Government, who paid for flights and hotel accommodation.

31 October–3 November 2008, to Egypt, to attend Party Conference as an international observer at the invitation and expense of the National Democratic Party.

25 July–2 August 2009, Delhi and Cochin, as part of a parliamentary delegation at the invitation of the Government of India, to gain a better understanding of matters concerning the country. Cost approximately £7,500, which includes travel to and from India, travel within the country, accommodation and some meals.

**Other**

Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Egypt

2. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS

Draft Report (*Progress on the Implementation of DFID’s HIV/AIDS 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 First Report of the Committee, HC 49.*
3. Inquiry into DFID Annual Report 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the DFID Annual Report 2009 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

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Nemat Shafik, Permanent Secretary, Mark Lowcock, Director General for Country Programmes, Andrew Steer, Director General for Policy and Research, and Richard Calvert, Director General for Corporate Performance, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 November at 3.00 pm.]
Wednesday 25 November 2009

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle               Mr Mark Lancaster
Richard Burden           Mr Virendra Sharma
Mr Nigel Evans           Andrew Stunell
Mr Mark Hendrick

1. Work of the Committee in Session 2008-2009

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into DFID Annual Report 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Steer, Director General for Policy and Research, and Martin Dinham, Director General, International, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 December at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 1 December 2009

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle  Mr Mark Hendrick
Hugh Bayley  Daniel Kawczynski
Richard Burden  Andrew Stunell

1. Draft Bill on International Development Spending

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into DFID’s assistance to Zimbabwe

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Bangladesh

The Committee considered this matter.

Geoff Wood, Professor of International Development, University of Bath, Dr Martin Greeley, Institute of Development Studies, Pierre Landell-Mills, the Policy Practice and Partnership for Transparency Fund, and Dr Thomas Tanner, Institute of Development Studies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 December at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 15 December 2009

Members present:

John Battle  Mr Marsha Singh
Mr Virendra Sharma  Andrew Stunell

In the temporary absence of the Chair, John Battle was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. **Work of the Committee in Session 2008-09**

Draft Report (*Work of the Committee in Session 2008-09*), 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 167.*

2. **Inquiry into DFID Annual Report 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Inquiry into DFID’s assistance to Zimbabwe**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Nepal**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Nepal be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

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Liz Philipson, Director, Conciliation Resources, Professor Surya Subedi, Professor of International Law, University of Leeds, and Rosy Cave, Head of Asia Programme, Saferworld, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 1.15 pm.]
Tuesday 16 December 2009

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle
Hugh Bayley
Mr Mark Hendrick
Mr Marsha Singh
Andrew Stunell

1. Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Bangladesh

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Bangladesh be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

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Mr Michael Foster MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Chris Austin, Head of DFID Bangladesh, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 January at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 12 January 2010

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle               Mr Mark Lancaster
Hugh Bayley               Mr Virendra Sharma
Mr Nigel Evans            Andrew Stunell
Mr Mark Lancaster

1. Inquiry into Urbanisation and Poverty

Draft Special Report (*Urbanisation and Poverty: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2008–09*) 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 in Session 2008–09 was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Nigeria

Draft Special Report (*DFID’s Programme in Nigeria: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2008–09*) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eighth Report from the Committee in Session 2008–09 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.

3. Inquiry into Draft Bill on International Development Spending

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Overseas visits: Zimbabwe

The Committee considered this matter.
5. Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Nepal

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Nepal be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

| NEP 07 | Dr Mary Hobley |

Professor Antony Costello, Director of University College London Centre for International Health and Development, Linda Doull, Director of Health and Policy, Merlin, Simon Brown, VSO, Dr Mary Hobley, independent consultant and Professor Mick Moore, Research Fellow, Governance Team, Institute of Development Studies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 January at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 19 January 2010

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle
Hugh Bayley
Richard Burden
Mr Nigel Evans
Daniel Kawczynski
Andrew Stunell

1. Inquiry into the Draft International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Haiti

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

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[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 January at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 26 January 2010

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair
John Battle
Hugh Bayley
Richard Burden
Mr Virendra Sharma
Andrew Stunell

1. Travel in a Representative Capacity

Resolved, That the Chair has leave to attend the Conference of Foreign Affairs and Development Committee Chairmen in Madrid on 25–26 February.

Ordered, That the Chair seek approval from the Liaison Committee for expenditure connected with the visit.

2. Overseas Visit: Zimbabwe

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Haiti

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

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Donald Steinberg, Deputy President (Policy), International Crisis Group, Professor Teddy Brett, Associate Programme Director, London School of Economics, Dr Steve Kibble, Zimbabwean Europe Network, Rob Rees, Africa Advocacy Co-ordinator, CAFOD, William Anderson, Country Manager Zimbabwe, Christian Aid and Justin Byworth, Chief Executive, World Vision, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 28 January at 10.00 am.]
Thursday 28 January 2010

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair
Hugh Bayley         Andrew Stunell

1. Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Nepal

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Michael Foster MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Sarah Sanyahumbi, Head, DFID Nepal, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 February at 12.45 pm.]
Sunday 31 January – Friday 5 February 2010

The Chair, John Battle, Hugh Bayley, Richard Burden, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Mark Lancaster, Daniel Kawczynski and Andrew Stunell visited Zimbabwe in connection with the inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 10 November 2009

Tuesday 23 February 2010

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle  Mr Nigel Evans
Hugh Bayley  Mr Mark Lancaster
Richard Burden  Andrew Stunell

1. Inquiry into Progress on the Implementation of DFID’s HIV/AIDS Strategy

Draft Special Report (Progress on the Implementation of DFID’s HIV/AIDS Strategy: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2009-10) 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.

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.

2. Inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

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Gareth Thomas MP, Minister of State for International Development, Mark Lowcock, Director General for Country Programmes, Department for International Development and John Dennis, Head of Zimbabwe Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.
3. Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Bangladesh

Draft Report (DFID’s Programme in Bangladesh), 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 from the Committee, HC 95.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15 am.]
Wednesday 24 February 2010

MORNING SITTING

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair
John Battle
Mr Nigel Evans
Mr Mark Lancaster
Andrew Stunell

1. Department for International Development Spring Supplementary Estimate 2009–10

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Department for International Development Spring Supplementary Estimate 2009–10 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Inquiry into the Draft International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill

Prof Lawrence Haddad, Director, Institute of Development Studies, Alison Evans, Director, Overseas Development Institute, Simon Maxwell, Senior Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute, Ms Karen Jorgensen, Head, Review and Evaluation Division, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD, Patrick Watt, Director of Development Policy, Save the Children, Max Lawson, Head of Development Finance & Public Services, Oxfam, and Besinati Mpepo, UK Aid Network, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 1.30 pm.]
Wednesday 24 February 2010

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair
John Battle               Mr Mark Hendrick
Richard Burden           Mr Virendra Sharma
Mr Nigel Evans           Andrew Stunell
Mr Mark Lancaster

1. Inquiry into the Draft International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill

Gareth Thomas MP, Minister of State for International Development, Sam Sharpe, Director, Finance and Corporate Performance Division, Department for International Development, and Lizzie Rattee, Treasury Solicitor, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 March at 10.00 am.]
Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 February 2010

The Chair visited Madrid, Spain to attend the Conference of Foreign Affairs and Development Committee Chairpersons of EU member states in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 26 January 2010.

Tuesday 2 March 2010

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair
Hugh Bayley Mr Marsha Singh
Daniel Kawczynski Andrew Stunell
Mr Virendra Sharma

1. Inquiry into DFID’s performance in 2008–09 and the 2009 White Paper

Draft Report (DFID’s performance in 2008–09 and the 2009 White Paper), 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 from the Committee, HC 48.

2. Inquiry into the Draft International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 March at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 16 March 2010

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair
John Battle Mr Nigel Evans
Hugh Bayley Andrew Stunell
Richard Burden

1. **Travel in a Representative Capacity**

*Resolved*, That the Chair and a member of staff have leave to attend a briefing on Post Copenhagen: Practical Consequences for Europe in Brussels on 23 March.

*Ordered*, That the Chair seek approval from the Liaison Committee for expenditure connected with the visit.

2. **Inquiry into DFID’s Programme in Nepal**

Draft Report (*DFID’s Programme in Nepal*), 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 from the Committee, HC 168.

3. **Inquiry into the Draft International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill**

Draft Report (*Draft International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill*), 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 from the Committee, HC 404.

4. **Inquiry into DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe**

Draft Report (*DFID’s Assistance to Zimbabwe*), 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 from the Committee, HC 252.

[The Committee adjourned.]
Tuesday 23 March 2010

The Chair visited Brussels, Belgium, in a representative capacity, to attend a briefing on Post Copenhagen: Practical Consequences for Europe, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 16 March 2010.