Formal Minutes of the Committee

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  
Oliver Colvile  
Lady Hermon  
Kate Hoey

Naomi Long  
Nigel Mills  
Ian Paisley  
David Simpson

1. The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Mark Durkan MP, former Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland, and Dave Cox QPM, former Director of the Historical Enquiries Team.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 June at 10.30am]

MONDAY 9 JUNE 2014 – TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2014

The Chair, Mr Joe Benton, Oliver Colvile, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Kate Hoey, Naomi Long, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Nigel Mills, Ian Paisley and David Simpson visited Belfast, Northern Ireland, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 9 April 2014.

MONDAY 9 JUNE 2014

MORNING SESSION

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter from Gerry Kelly MLA to Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee
- Response from the Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee to Gerry Kelly MLA
- Written evidence from Sinn Fein

The Committee took public evidence from Nick Perry, Permanent Secretary, Department of Justice.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 June at 1.30pm]

MONDAY 9 JUNE 2014

AFTERNOON SESSION

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long

Nigel Mills
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Ian Paisley
David Simpson

1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from William Frazer, Barry Halliday, and Gordon Murdock, Families Acting for Innocent Relatives; John Beggs, Secretary to the Commission, Adrian McNamee, Head of Policy and Research, Commission for Victims and Survivors, Ann Travers, and David Scott, Victims and Survivors Forum.
1. Police Service of Northern Ireland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Belfast, Northern Ireland, to observe PSNI operations.

2. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Barra McGrory QC, Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland
Aileen Quinton
Innocent Victims United
Christopher Daly

The Committee took public evidence from David Ford MLA, Minister of Justice; Barra McGrory QC, Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland; and Rt Hon Peter Robinson MLA, First Minister of Northern Ireland.
Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long

Nigel Mills
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
David Simpson

1. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Anne Connolly, Chair, Brian Rea CBE JP, Member, and Sam Pollock, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Policing Board; Kenny Donaldson, Phyllis Carrothers, Stephen Gault, and Shelley Gilfillan, Innocent Victims United; and John Larkin QC, Attorney General for Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 June at 2.00pm]

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**WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long

Jack Lopresti
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
Andrew Percy

1. **NI Human Rights Commission**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **United Airlines service between Belfast and Newark**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Visit to observe the PSNI operation on 11-12 July**
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **British-Irish Association Conference, 5-7 September**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **The Open Championship**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Christopher Daly, representing the Hyde Park families.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 June at 2.00pm]

**WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2014**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Oliver Colvile
Mr Stephen Hepburn
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Jack Lopresti

Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
David Simpson

1. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon the Lord Reid of Cardowan, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 July at 12.45pm]
WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Mr Stephen Hepburn
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley

1. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the correspondence received from the Minister of State for Northern Ireland relating to the Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon the Lord Goldsmith, former Attorney General, and Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, Attorney General.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 July at 2.00pm]

TUESDAY 8 JULY 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Kate Hoey
Nigel Mills
1. The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Next Committee visit to Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 July at 2.00pm]

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Stephen Hepburn
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long

Jack Lopresti
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
Andrew Percy
David Simpson

1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Commission For Victims and Survivors relating to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee took public evidence from Cat Wilkinson and Michael Gallagher, Omagh Support and Self Help Group, and Brian Hambleton and Julie Hambleton, Justice4the21.

2. Northern Ireland Questions in the House of Commons on 16th July 2014

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 July at 2.00pm]
SATURDAY 12 JULY 2014

Mr Stephen Hepburn, Kate Hoey, and Ian Paisley visited Belfast and Ballymena, Northern Ireland, to observe PSNI operations, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 10 June 2014.

TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Lady Hermon  Nigel Mills
Kate Hoey  Ian Paisley
Naomi Long  David Simpson
Jack Lopresti

1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Families Moving On relating to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon Paul Murphy MP, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 July at 1.30pm

THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Lady Hermon  Ian Paisley
Dr Alasdair McDonnell  David Simpson
Nigel Mills
1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visits in a representative capacity

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 3 September at 2.00pm]

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile Nigel Mills
Lady Hermon Ian Paisley
Kate Hoey David Simpson
Naomi Long

1. The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Documentary series “Inside the Commons”

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland, with dates to be considered at a future meeting.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin, with dates to be considered at a future meeting

4. Fuel laundering and smuggling
The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Sir Jonathan Stephens KCB, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till 8 September at 9.30am]

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
Oliver Colvile Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Lady Hermon Nigel Mills
Kate Hoey David Simpson
Naomi Long

1. Liaison Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Jonathan Powell, former Chief of Staff, 10 Downing Street.

[Adjourned till 10 September at 2.00pm]

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
Oliver Colvile Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Lady Hermon Nigel Mills
1. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till 15 October at 9.30am]

**WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Oliver Colvile                Jack Lopresti
Lady Hermon                  Ian Paisley
Dr Alasdair McDonnell

1. **The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Closure of JTI, Ballymena**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Visit to Dublin**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Dublin in December, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.
WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson   Naomi Long
Oliver Colvile      Jack Lopresti
Lady Hermon         Nigel Mills
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Ian Paisley
Kate Hoey           David Simpson

1. Visit to Belfast

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Metropolitan Police Service relating to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee took public evidence from Mark Rowley, Assistant Commissioner for Specialist Operations, and Duncan Ball, Commander of the Counter Terrorism Command, Metropolitan Police Service.

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Dave Anderson       Jack Lopresti
Steve Hepburn       Ian Paisley
Lady Hermon         David Simpson
Naomi Long

1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 4 November at 9.30am

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2014 (MORNING SESSION)

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Dave Anderson
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long
Jack Lopresti
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley

1. The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Closure of JTI, Ballymena

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Meeting with Age Sector Platform

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Lord Mandelson, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

[Adjourned till 1.45pm

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2014 (AFTERNOON SESSION)

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Dave Anderson
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
1. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Drew Harris OBE, Deputy Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland.

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1. **The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Visit to Dublin**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Next visit to Northern Ireland**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Peter Sheridan OBE, former Assistant Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary GC/Police Service of Northern Ireland; Dr Michael Maguire, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland; Adrian McAllister, Chief Executive, and Paula Cunningham, Deputy Senior Investigations Officer, Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Dave Anderson
Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey

Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
David Simpson

1. Current issues facing the PSNI

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Sir Bill Jeffrey KCB, former Political Director, Northern Ireland Office, and Sir Jonathan Phillips KCB, former Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till 26 November at 2.00pm]
2. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by Lord Goldsmith relating to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Next visit to Northern Ireland**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold a meeting in Belfast on 3 December in connection with the ongoing multi-party talks.

[Adjourned till 10 December at 2.00pm]

**TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2014 – THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2014**

The Chair, Dave Anderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Kate Hoey, Dr Alasdair McDonnell and Nigel Mills, visited Belfast, Northern Ireland, from Tuesday 2 December 2014 to Wednesday 3 December 2014 in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 26 November 2014.

The Chair, Dave Anderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn and Nigel Mills, visited Dublin, Republic of Ireland, from Wednesday 3 December 2014 to Thursday 4 December 2014 in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 October 2014.

**WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2014**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Oliver Colvile   Naomi Long
Lady Hermon   Nigel Mills
Mr Stephen Hepburn   Ian Paisley
Kate Hoey   David Simpson

1. **Committee visit to Belfast and Dublin**

The Committee considered this matter.
2. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Rt Hon Tony Blair attend the Committee on Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 2.30pm at the House of Commons.

Ordered, That Mr Mark Sweeney and Dr Simon Case attend the Committee on Wednesday 7 January 2015, at 2.30pm and at 4.00pm respectively, at the House of Commons.

3. The Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 17 December at 2.00pm]