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The Committee of Public Accounts

The Committee of Public Accounts is appointed by the House of Commons to examine “the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by Parliament to meet the public expenditure, and of such other accounts laid before Parliament as the committee may think fit” (Standing Order No 148).

Membership

Rt Hon Margaret Hodge (*Labour, Barking*) (Chair)
Mr Richard Bacon (*Conservative, South Norfolk*)
Mr Stephen Barclay (*Conservative, North East Cambridgeshire*)
Guto Bebb (*Conservative, Aberconwy*)
Jackie Doyle-Price (*Conservative, Thurrock*)
Chris Heaton-Harris (*Conservative, Daventry*)
Meg Hillier MP (*Labour, Hackney south and Shoreditch*)
Mr Stewart Jackson (*Conservative, Peterborough*)
Mrs Anne McGuire (*Labour, Stirling*)
Austin Mitchell (*Labour, Great Grimsby*)
Nicky Morgan (*Conservative, Loughborough*)
Nick Smith (*Labour, Blaenau Gwent*)
Ian Swales (*Liberal Democrats, Redcar*)
Justin Tomlinson (*Conservative, North Swindon*)

The following were also members of the Committee during this Parliament.

Sajid Javid (*Conservative, Bromsgrove*)
Fiona Mactaggart (*Labour, Slough*)

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 <http://www.parliament.uk/pac>.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee is Sarah Petit (Clerk), Claire Cozens (Inquiry Manager), James McQuade (Senior Committee Assistant), Ian Blair (Committee Assistant), Sue Alexander (Committee Assistant) and Janet Coull Trisic (Media Officer).

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13 May 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb	Fiona Mactaggart
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an Awayday at Dorneywood House to discuss working practices.

2. *FiRe Control*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and David Corner, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *FiReControl* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Communities and Local Government.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government, John Bonney, Chief Fire Officer of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Paul Hancock, Chief Fire Officer, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Authority, and Peter Holland, Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser, gave oral evidence.

3. *Early action: landscape review*

Draft Report, (*Early action: landscape review*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Second report of the Committee, HC 133 [including HC 1007 of Session 2012-13]

4. DCLG: Financial sustainability of local authorities

Draft Report, (Financial sustainability of local authorities), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Third report of the Committee, HC 134 [including HC 1006 of Session 2012-13]

5. Regulating Consumer credit

Draft Report, (Regulating Consumer credit), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Eighth report of the Committee, HC 165. [including HC 866 of Session 2012-13]

6. HM Revenue & Customs: tax credits error and fraud

Draft Report, (Financial sustainability of local authorities), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fourth report of the Committee, HC 135.

7. Department for Work and Pensions: Responding to change in jobcentres

Draft Report, (Department for Work and Pensions: Responding to change in jobcentres), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifth report of the Committee, HC 136.

8. Cabinet Office: Improving government procurement and the impact of government's ICT savings initiatives

Draft Report, (Cabinet Office: Improving government procurement and the impact of government's ICT savings initiatives), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Sixth report of the Committee, HC 137.

9. Charity Commission: the Cup Trust and tax avoidance

Draft Report, (Charity Commission: the Cup Trust and tax avoidance), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Seventh report of the Committee, HC 138.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 May 2012 at 2.00pm.

15 May 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay	Meg Hillier
Guto Bebb	Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyel-Price	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit BBC Salford Quays, to take evidence from the BBC in connection with its inquiry into the BBC's move to Salford.

2. *Equitable Life*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Steve Corbishley, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Paul Braithwaite, General Secretary, Equitable Members Action Group, Paul Weir, Communications Director, Equitable Members Action Group, Peter Scawen, Equitable Life Trapped Annuitants, gave oral evidence.

Sir Nicholas Macpherson, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, Mike Williams, HM Treasury, and Jane Platt, Chief Executive, NS&I gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 May 2013 at 9.30am.

16 May 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay	Mr Austin Mitchell
Guto Bebb	Nick Smith
Jackie Doyle-Price	Ian Swales
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier	

1. *Tax Avoidance–Google*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Paul Keane, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallagher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Tax Avoidance–Google* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Google

John Dixon, head of Tax, Ernst & Young, and Matt Brittin, Vice-President for Sales and operations, Northern Ireland and central Europe, Google, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 May 2012 at 3.00pm.]

20 May 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Implementing the transparency agenda

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Tim Banfield, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Jon Thompson, Permanent Secretary, Bernard Gray, Chief of Defence Materiel, Air Marshal Stephen Hillier, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Military Capability), Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

2. Regulating consumer credit

Draft Report, (Regulating consumer credit), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Eighth report of the Committee, HC 165.

[Adjourned till Monday 3 June 2013 at 3.00pm.]

3 June 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price

FionaMactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
JustinTomlinson

Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *New Homes Bonus*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Angela Hands, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government, Simon Ridley, Director, Local Government Finance, DCLG, and Peter Schofield, Director, General Neighbourhoods, DCLG, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 June 2012 at 2.00pm.]

5 June 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Duchy of Cornwall Accounts 2011-12*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Poundbury, Dorset, in connection with its inquiry into the Duchy of Cornwall Accounts 2012-13.

3. *Police procurement*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Louise Bladen, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Mark Sedwill, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Stephen Rimmer, Director General, Crime and Policing, Home Office, and John Fernau, Commercial Director, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 June 2012 at 3.00pm.]

10 June 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Guto Bebb
Meg Hillier

Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Tax Avoidance–Google*

Draft Report, (Tax Avoidance–Google), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Ninth report of the Committee, HC 112.

3. Police procurement

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Peter Gray, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Zarin Patel, Chief Financial Officer, BBC, Peter Salmon, Director, BBC North, and Anthony Fry, trustee, BBC Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 2.00pm.]

12 June 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Meg Hillier
Stephen Barclay	Mr Stewart Jackson
Guto Bebb	Ian Swales
Jackie Doyle-Price	Justin Tomlinson
Chris Heaton-Harris	

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Serious Fraud Office severance

Draft Report, (Serious Fraud Office severance payments), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Tenth report of the Committee, HC 360.

3. NHS Consultants

Draft Report, (Managing NHS Consultants), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Eleventh report of the Committee, HC 358.

4. National Programme for IT

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Laura Brackwell, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir David Nicholson, Chief Executive, NHS in England, Charlie Massey, Director General of External Relations, Department of Health, and Tim Donohoe, Senior Responsible Owner for Local Service Providers, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 June 2013 at 3.00pm.]

13 June 2013

Working practices awayday

The Chair, Mr Richard Bacon, Stephen Barclay, Guto Bebb, Jackie Doyle-Price, Chris Heaton-Harris, Meg Hillier, Mr Stewart Jackson, Fiona Mactaggart, Nick Smith, Ian Swales and Justin Tomlinson visited Dorneywood, House for a working practices awayday, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 May 2013.

17 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Richard Bacon, in the Chair

Guto Bebb

Jackie Doyle-Price

Chris Heaton-Harris

Fiona Mactaggart

Nick Smith

Ian Swales

Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Clinical trials—Tamiflu*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Ashley MacDougall, Director, and David Moon, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Clinical trials-Tamiflu* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Roche.

Dr Ben Goldacre, Wellcome Research Fellow in Epidemiology, and Dr Fiona Godlee, Editor in Chief, British Medical Journal, gave oral evidence.

Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Sir Andrew Dillon, Chief Executive, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, Professor Sir Kent Woods, Chief Executive, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, and Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 June 2013 at 2.00pm.]

19 June 2012

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay	Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb	Nick Smith
Jackie Doyle-Price	Ian Swales
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Capital funding for new school places*

Draft Report, (Capital funding for new school places), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twelfth report of the Committee, HC 359.

3. *Thameslink*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Geraldine Barker, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport, Michael Hurn, Director Rail Projects, Department for Transport, and David Higgins, Chief Executive, Network Rail, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 June 2012 at 3.00pm.]

24 June 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb	Stewart Jackson
Jackie Doyle-Price	Fiona Mactaggart
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Tobacco smuggling*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Paul Keane, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Lin Homer, Permanent Secretary, HM Revenue and Customs, Sir Charles Montgomery, Director General, Border Force, Jennie Granger, Director General, Enforcement and Compliance, HMRC, and Kevin Franklin, Director, National Customs Operations, Border Force, gave oral evidence.

3. *FiRe Control: Update report*

Draft Report, (FiReControl: Update report), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Sixteenth report of the Committee, HC 110.

4. *Integration across government and Whole-Place Community Budgets*

Draft Report, (Integration across government and Whole-Place Community Budgets), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fourteenth report of the Committee, HC 472.

5. *The provision of out of hours care in Cornwall*

Draft Report, (The provision of out of hours care in Cornwall), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifteenth report of the Committee, HC 471 [Incorporating HC 1105, Session 2012-13].

[Adjourned till Monday 1 July 2013 at 3.00pm.]

1 July 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Richard Bacon
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *High Speed 2*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Geraldine Barker, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport, David Prout, Director General for HS2, Department for Transport, and Alison Munro, Chief Executive, HS2 Ltd, gave oral evidence.

3. *Equitable Life*

Draft Report, (Equitable Life), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Seventeenth report of the Committee, HC 111.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 July 2012 at 2.00pm.]

3 July 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris

Mr Stewart Jackson
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Confidentiality Clauses and Special Severance Payments*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Simon Reason, Director, were in attendance.

Paula Diggle, Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Sir David Nicholson, Chief Executive, NHS England, and Sharon White, Director General, Public Services, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 July 2013 at 2.00pm.]

Monday 8 July: Visit to Poundbury, Dorset

Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Stewart Jackson and Nick Smith visited Poundbury, Dorset, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 June 2013.

10 July 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Chris Heaton-Harris
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *BBC severance packages*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Peter Gray, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *BBC severance packages* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: BBC and BBC Trust.

Lucy Adams, HR Director, BBC, Lord Patten of Barnes, Chairman, BBC Trust, Lord Hall of Birkenhead, Director General, BBC and Anthony Fry, BBC Trustee, gave oral evidence.

3. *Carrier strike: the 2012 reversion decision*

Draft Report, (Carrier strike: the 2012 reversion decision), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Eighteenth report of the Committee, HC 113.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 July 2013 at 3.00pm.]

15 July 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Meg Hillier	Ian Swales
Mr Stewart Jackson	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Duchy of Cornwall Accounts 2011-12*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Paul Keane, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Duchy of Cornwall Accounts 2011-12* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Republic.

William Nye, Principal Private Secretary to their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, Keith Willis, Finance Director of the Duchy, and Paula Diggle, Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, gave evidence.

3. *National Programme for IT*

Draft Report, (National Programme for IT), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Nineteenth report of the Committee, HC 294.

4. *The BBC's move to Salford*

Draft Report, (The BBC's move to Salford), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twentieth report of the Committee, HC 293.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 July 2013 at 2.00pm.]

17 July 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Sajid Javid
Stephen Barclay	Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb	Nick Smith
Jackie Doyle-Price	Ian Swales
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier	
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Rural Broadband

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and David Corner, Director, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Rural Broadband* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: VillageNetworks and UK Broadband.

Malcolm Corbett, Chief Executive Officer, Independent Networks Co-operative Association, Dido Harding, Chief Executive Officer, TalkTalk, Nicholas James, Chief Executive Officer, UK Broadband, and Sean Williams, Group Director of Strategy, Policy and Portfolio, BT Group, gave evidence.

3. Police procurement

Draft Report, (Police procurement), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-first report of the Committee, HC 115

[Adjourned till Monday 2 September 2013 at 3.00pm.]

2 September 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Customer service lines across Government*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Andy Morrison, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Customer service lines across Government* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: PCS, Ofcom and Fair Telecoms.

Ruth Owen, Director General Personal Tax, HM Revenue & Customs, Richard Heaton, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office, and Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions gave evidence.

3. *High Speed 2: a review of early programme preparation*

Draft Report, (High Speed 2: a review of early programme preparation), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-second report of the Committee, HC 478

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 September 2013 at 2.00pm.]

4 September 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris

Meg Hillier
Fiona Mactaggart
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *The fight against Malaria*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Phil Gibby, Director for International Development, national Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary, Liz Ditchburn, Director, Value for Money, and Chris Whitty, Chief Scientific Advisor and Director, Research & Evidence, Department for International Development, gave evidence.

3. *Tobacco smuggling*

Draft Report, (Tobacco smuggling), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-third report of the Committee, HC 297

[Adjourned till Monday 9 September 2013 at 3.00pm.]

9 September 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales

Meg Hillier

Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Severance payments and wider benefits for senior BBC managers

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Peter Gray, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Severance payments and wider benefits for senior BBC managers* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Mark Thompson, BBC, Sir Michael Lyons, BBC Trust and Marcus Agius.

Mark Thompson, Former Director-General, BBC, Marcus Agius, Former Chairman of the BBC Executive Board Remuneration Committee, Lord Patten, Chairman, BBC Trust, Anthony Fry, BBC Trustee, Sir Michael Lyons, Former Chairman BBC Trust, Lucy Adams, Human Resources Director, Nicholas Kroll, Director, BBC Trust, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 September 2013 at 2.00pm.]

11 September 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Universal Credit*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Ed Humpherson, Assistant Auditor General and Max Tse, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Universal Credit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Citizens Advice.

Dr Norma Wood, Interim Director General, Major Projects Authority, gave evidence.

Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions, Howard Shiplee, Director General, Universal Credit, Department for Work and Pensions, Mike Driver, Finance Director, Department for Work and Pensions, Sharon White, Director General, Public Spending, HM Treasury, chair of Major Projects Review Group for Universal Credit, gave evidence.

3. *The rural broadband programme*

Draft Report, (The rural broadband programme), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-fourth report of the Committee, HC 474

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 October 2013 at 2.00pm.]

9 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *UK Border Force*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Louise Bladen, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Mark Sedwill, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, and Sir Charles Montgomery, Director General, Border Force, gave evidence.

3. *Universal Credit*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Universal Credit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Work and Pensions.

4. *The fight against Malaria*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The fight against Malaria* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for International Development.

5. *Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department of Health, HM Treasury and Sir David Nicholson.

6. *Duchy of Cornwall Accounts*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Duchy of Cornwall Accounts* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: The Duchy of Cornwall,

The Principal Private Secretary to TRH The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall and Republic.

7. Severance payments and wider benefits for senior BBC managers

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Severance payments and wider benefits for senior BBC managers* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Lucy Adams and the BBC.

8. Progress in delivering the Thameslink programme

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Progress in delivering the Thameslink programme* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Thameslink programme, Network Rail and Department for Transport.

9. Clinical trials – Tamiflu

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Clinical trials - Tamiflu* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Medicines and Healthcare Products, Department of Health, Cochrane Neuraminidase Review Group and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.

10. New Homes Bonus

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *New Homes Bonus* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: DCLG

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 October 2013 at 9.30am.

10 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments – follow-up

Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Paul Oliffe, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments – follow-up* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Treasury.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Head of the Civil Service, Sir Jonathan Stephens, former Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Jon Thompson, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, and Sharon White, Director General, Public Spending, HM Treasury, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 October 2013 at 3.00pm.]

14 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Mr Stewart Jackson	Ian Swales
Fiona Mactaggart	Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Royal Household Accounts

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and John Thorpe, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Alan Reid, Keeper of the Privy Purse and Treasurer to the Queen, and Mike Stevens, Deputy Treasurer to the Queen, gave evidence.

3. *The Duchy of Cornwall*

Draft Report, (The Duchy of Cornwall), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-fifth report of the Committee, HC 475.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 October 2013 at 2.00pm.]

16 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *HMRC Accounts 2012-13*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Paul Keane, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Lin Homer, Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive, HM Revenue & Customs, Ruth Owen, Director General Personal Tax, HM Revenue & Customs, Simon Bowles, Chief

Finance Officer, HM Revenue and Customs, and Nick Lodge, Director General Benefits Tax, HM Revenue & Customs, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 October 2013 at 3.00pm.]

21 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Jackie Doyle-Price

Chris Heaton-Harris

Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart

Nick Smith

Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Whole of Government Accounts

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Steve Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Nicholas Macpherson, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, Karen Sanderson, Deputy Director, Whole of Government Accounts, and Sharon White, Director General Public Spending (WGA Accounting Officer), gave evidence.

3. The fight against Malaria

Draft Report, (The fight against Malaria), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-eighth report of the Committee, HC 618

4. Progress in delivering the Thameslink programme

Draft Report, (Progress in delivering the Thameslink programme), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-sixth report of the Committee, HC 296.

5. Charges for customer telephone lines

Draft Report, (Charges for customer service lines), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-seventh report of the Committee, HC 617

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 2.00pm.]

23 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay	Mr Stewart Jackson
Guto Bebb	Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The New Homes Bonus

Draft Report, (The New Homes Bonus), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Twenty-ninth report of the Committee, HC 114.

[Adjourned till Monday 28 October 2013 at 3.00pm.]

28 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Guto Bebb
Meg Hillier
Fiona Mactaggart

Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *HMRC Accounts 2012-13*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Ashley McDougall, Director, National Audit Office and Paul Keane, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Madeleine Smith, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Edward Troup, Tax Assurance Commissioner, HM Revenue & Customs, Jim Harra, Director-General, Business Tax, HM Revenue & Customs, and Jennie Granger, Director-General, Enforcement & Compliance, HM Revenue & Customs, gave evidence.

3. *Customer service lines across government*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Customer service lines across government* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Cabinet Office and HMRC.

4. *Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments- follow-up*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments-follow-up* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: DCMS

5. *Royal Household Accounts*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Royal Household Accounts* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Treasury and the Deputy Treasurer to the Queen.

[Adjourned till Thursday 31 October 2013 at 9.30am.

31 October 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb	Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Universal Credit*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 November 2013 at 3.00pm.

4 November 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Mr Stewart Jackson
Stephen Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb	Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Nuclear decommissioning - progress at Sellafield

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Jill Goldsmith, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Nuclear decommissioning – progress at Sellafield* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and Nuclear Management Partners.

John Clarke, Chief Executive, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Stephen Lovegrove, Permanent Secretary, Department of Energy and Climate Change, and Mark Higson, Chief Executive, Office for Nuclear Development, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave evidence.

3. Universal Credit: early progress

Draft Report, (Universal Credit: early progress), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirtieth report of the Committee, HC 619.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 2.00pm.]

6 November 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Supporting UK business exports*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Jeremy Lonsdale, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Simon Fraser, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Andrew Mitchell, Director, Prosperity Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Nick Baird, Chief Executive Officer and Crispin Simon, Managing Director for Trade, UK Trade and Investment, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 November 2013 at 3.00pm]

11 November 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *SMEs' access to finance*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Peter Gray, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *SMEs' access to finance* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: British Chamber of Commerce.

Mike Spicer, Head of Research, British Chambers of Commerce, Mike Cherry, National Policy Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses, Dr Richard Roberts, SME Market Analysis Director and Economic Adviser, Barclays, gave evidence.

Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, John Kingman, Second Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, Ceri Smith, Director, Business Bank and Public Data Group (PDG) Unit, Shareholder Executive, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 November 2013 at 3.00pm]

18 November 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Bacon	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *E-borders*

Ordered, That Mark Sedwill attend the Committee on Wednesday 20 November.

2. *Maternity Services*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Laura Brackwell, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Professor Susan Bewley, Consultant Obstetrician and Senior Honorary Lecturer, King's College, Belinda Phipps, Chief Executive, National Childbirth Trust, Professor Cathy Warwick, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives, gave evidence.

Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Sir David Nicholson KCB CBE, Chief Executive, NHS England, Professor Juliet Beal, Director of Nursing, NHS

England, and Dr Catherine Calderwood, Clinical Director, Women's Services, NHS England, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 2.00pm]

20 November 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon

Stephen Barclay

Jackie Doyle-Price

Chris Heaton-Harris

Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart

Austin Mitchell

Nick Smith

Ian Swales

Justin Tomlinson

1. *E-borders*

Resolved, That the Committee's decision of 18 November to order Mark Sedwill to attend the Committee be rescinded.

2. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *The delivery of public services by private contractors*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Keith Davis, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Ashley Almanza, Chief Executive, G4S, Paul Pindar, Chief Executive, Capita, Alastair Lyons, Chairman, Serco, and Ursula Morgenstern, Regional CEO UK and Ireland, Atos, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 November 2013 at 3.00pm]

25 November 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb	Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Managing government suppliers*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Keith Davis, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Stephen Kelly, Chief Operating Officer, Cabinet Office, Bill Crothers, Chief Procurement Officer, Cabinet Office, Les Mosco, Commercial Director, Ministry of Defence, Vincent Godfrey, Commercial Director, Ministry of Justice, and Richard Douglas, Director General of Finance and the NHS, Department of Health, gave evidence.

3. *Supporting UK business exports*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Supporting UK business exports* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: FCO and UKTI.

4. *SMEs access to finance*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *SMEs access to finance* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HMT and BIS.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 December 2013 at 3.00pm]

2 December 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Guto Bebb	Fiona Mactaggart
Chris Heaton-Harris	Austin Mitchell
Meg Hillier	Ian Swales
Mr Stewart Jackson	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Gift Aid*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Rob Prideaux, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, HM Revenue & Customs, and David Richardson, Director, Counter Avoidance, HM Revenue & Customs, gave evidence.

3. *The Border force: securing the border*

Draft Report, (*The Border force: securing the border*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-first report of the Committee, HC 663.

4. *Whole of Government Accounts 2011-12*

Draft Report, (*Whole of Government Accounts 2011-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-second report of the Committee, HC 667.

5. *Managing government suppliers*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Managing government suppliers* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: MOD and Cabinet Office.

6. *Maternity services in England*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Maternity services in England* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Royal College of Midwives and Dr Susan Bewley.

7. *The delivery of public services by private contractors*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The delivery of public services by private contractors* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: G4S, Serco and Capita.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 December 2013 at 2.00pm]

4 December 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Meg Hillier

Fiona Mactaggart
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Nuclear decommissioning – progress at Sellafield*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Jill Goldsmith, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Tom Zarges, Chairman, Nuclear Management Partners, Tony Price, Managing Director, Sellafield Ltd, and John Clarke, Chief Executive, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, gave evidence.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Nuclear decommissioning – progress at Sellafield* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: NMP and NDA.

3. *BBC Severance Packages*

Draft Report, (*BBC Severance Packages*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-third report of the Committee, HC 476.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 December 2013 at 3.00pm

11 December 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Mr Stewart Jackson
Stephen Barclay	Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Student loans repayments*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Peter Gray, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Luke Edwards, Deputy Director, OGD Products and Process and Commissioning, HM Revenue and Customs, and Mick Laverty, Chief Executive, Student Loans Company, gave evidence.

3. *HMRC Tax collection: Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13*

Draft Report, (*HMRC Tax collection: Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-fourth report of the Committee, HC 666.

4. *Managing government suppliers*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Managing government suppliers* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Atos.

5. *Nuclear Decommissioning – progress at Sellafield*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Nuclear Decommissioning – progress at Sellafield* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sellafield Ltd.

6. *Gift Aid*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Gift Aid* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HMRC.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 December 2013 at 3.00pm]

16 December 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon

Guto Bebb

Jackie Doyle-Price

Chris Heaton-Harris

Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart

Ian Swales

Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *The effectiveness of the Charity Commission as a regulator*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Vikki Keilthy, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Nazo Moosa, Non-executive member of the Charity Commission board, and Chair of the Audit Committee, and Sam Younger, Chief Executive and Accounting Officer, Charity Commission, gave evidence.

3. *Nuclear Decommissioning – progress at Sellafield*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Nuclear Decommissioning – progress at Sellafield* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sellafield Ltd and NDA.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 December 2013 at 2.00pm]

18 December 2013

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Emergency admissions to hospitals — managing demand

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Leon Bardot, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir David Nicholson KCB CBE, Chief Executive, NHS England; Sir Bruce Keogh, Medical Director, NHS England; Dame Barbara Hakin, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Health; and Richard Douglas, Director General, Finance, Department of Health, gave evidence.

3. Clinical Trials – Tamiflu

Draft Report, (*Clinical Trials - Tamiflu*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-fifth report of the Committee, HC 295.

4. Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments

Draft Report, (*Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-sixth report of the Committee, HC 477.

5. Supporting UK exporters overseas

Draft Report, (*Supporting UK exporters overseas*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-seventh report of the Committee, HC 709.

6. Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses

Draft Report, (*Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-eighth report of the Committee, HC 775.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 January 2014 at 3.00pm]

13 January 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Crossrail*

Resolved, That the Committee visit a Crossrail site, in connection with its inquiry into Crossrail.

3. *Establishing Free Schools*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Peter Lauener, CEO, Education Funding Agency, and Chris Wormald, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January 2014 at 2.00pm]

15 January 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay	Mr Stewart Jackson
Guto Bebb	Fiona Mactaggart
Jackie Doyle-Price	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Confiscation Orders*

Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Keith Bristow, Director-General, National Crime Agency, Peter Handcock, Chief Executive, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, Alison Saunders, Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown Prosecution Service and Mark Sedwill, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, gave evidence.

3. *The Sovereign Grant*

Draft Report, (*The Sovereign Grant*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Thirty-ninth report of the Committee, HC 665.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 January 2014 at 3.00pm]

20 January 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Jackie Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nicky Morgan
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. OECD Parliamentary Group on Tax Matters

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Paris in February to attend the OECD Parliamentary Group on Tax Matters in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Council tax support

Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Mike Suffield, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Head of the Civil Service, and Simon Ridley, Director for Local Government Finance, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave evidence.

4. Maternity Services

Draft Report, (*Maternity Services*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fortieth report of the Committee, HC 776.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 2.00pm

22 January 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay	Austin Mitchell
Guto Bebb	Nick Smith
Jackie Doyle-Price	Ian Swales
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Infrastructure investment: the impact on consumer bills*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Vikki Kielthy, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Andrew Wright, Interim Chief Executive, Ofgem, Cathryn Ross, Chief Executive, Ofwat, Keith Mason, Senior Director of Finance and Networks, Ofwat, Dr John McElroy, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, RWE/npower, and Nick Fincham, Director of Strategy and Regulation, Thames Water, gave evidence.

3. *BBC Digital Media Initiative*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the BBC Digital Media Initiative* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Bill Garrett.

4. *Emergency admissions to hospitals: managing demand*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Emergency admissions to hospitals: managing demand* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department of Health.

5. *Confiscation orders*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Confiscation orders* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: R. G. Lorkin.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 January 2014 at 3.00pm]

27 January 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Treasury minutes follow-up: Severance payments, Interpreter services, Rural broadband*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Jenny George, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir David Nicholson KCB CBE, Chief Executive, NHS England, Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Mark Sedwill, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, gave evidence.

Ann Beasley CBE, Director-General of Finance, Ministry of Justice, Peter Handcock CBE, Chief Executive, Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service, gave evidence.

Sue Owen, Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Sean Williams, Director of Strategy, Policy and Portfolio, BT Group, and Jon Zeff, Director and Programme SRO, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave evidence.

3. *Treasury minutes follow-up: Interpreter services*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Treasury minutes follow-up: Interpreter services* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Professional Interpreters for Justice.

4. *BBC Digital Media Initiative*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the BBC Digital Media Initiative* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: John Linwood.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 January 2014 at 2.00pm]

29 January 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay	Austin Mitchell
Guto Bebb	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Programmes to help families facing multiple challenges:*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Tom McDonald, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Jim Hopkinson, Head of Targeted Services, Children's Services, Leeds City Council, Colette O'Brien, Director, Children and Young People's Services, Liverpool City Council, David Holmes, Chief Executive, Family Action, gave evidence.

Louise Casey, Director General, Troubled Families, Department for Communities and Local Government, Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions and Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Head of the Home Civil Service, gave evidence.

3. *Gift Aid and other tax reliefs on charitable donations*

Draft Report, (*Gift Aid and other tax reliefs on charitable donations*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-first report of the Committee, HC 835.

4. *The Charity Commission*

Draft Report, (*The Charity Commission*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-second report of the Committee, HC 792

5. *Confiscation orders*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Confiscation orders* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: CPS, the Home Office and the NCA.

[Adjourned till Monday 3 February 2014 at 3.00pm]

3 February 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Stephen Barclay	Austin Mitchell
Guto Bebb	Nick Smith
Jacqui Doyle-Price	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *BBC Digital Media Initiative*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Peter Gray, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

John Linwood, former Chief Technology Officer, BBC, gave evidence.

Mark Thompson, former Director General, Caroline Thomson, former Chief Operating Officer, Anthony Fry, former Trustee, Dominic Coles, Director of Operations, and Zarin Patel, former Financial Officer, BBC, gave evidence.

3. *Progress at Sellafield*

Draft Report, (*Progress at Sellafield*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-third report of the Committee, HC 708.

4. *BBC Digital Media Initiative*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the BBC Digital Media Initiative* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: the BBC, John Linwood and Bill Garrett.

5. *Infrastructure investment: the impact on consumer bills*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Infrastructure investment: the impact on consumer bills* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ofgem, Thames Water, HM Treasury.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 February 2014 at 2.00pm]

5 February 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jacqui Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Asylum accommodation*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Louise Bladen, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

James Thorburn, Managing Director, Home Affairs, Serco, Stephen Small, Managing Director, Immigration and Borders, G4S Care and Justice Services (UK) Limited, and James Vyvyan-Roberts, Managing Director, Clearsprings, gave evidence.

Mark Sedwill, Permanent Secretary, John Fernau, Commercial Director, and Glyn Williams, Director of Asylum, Home Office, gave evidence.

3. *Infrastructure investment: the impact on consumer bills*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Infrastructure investment: the impact on consumer bills* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ofwat and Npower.

4. *Council Tax Support*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Council tax support* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: DCLG.

5. *Establishing Free Schools*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Establishing Free Schools* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Education and the Education Funding Agency.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 February 2014 at 3.00pm]

10 February 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jacqui Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Managing the prison estate*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Dame Ursula Brennan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Michael Spurr, Chief Executive, National Offender Management Service, and Mandie Campbell, Director-General for Immigration and Enforcement, Home Office, gave evidence.

3. *Student loan repayments*

Draft Report, (*Student loan repayments*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-fourth report of the Committee, HC 886.

4. *Excess Votes 2012-13*

Draft Report, (*Excess Votes 2012-13*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-fifth report of the Committee, HC 1068.

5. *Programmes to help families facing multiple challenges*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Programmes to help families facing multiple challenges* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: DWP.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 February 2014 at 2.00pm

12 February 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Mr Stewart Jackson
Stephen Barclay	Fiona Mactaggart
Jacqui Doyle-Price	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Justin Tomlinson
Meg Hillier	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Managing NHS Waiting Lists*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Keith Hawkswell, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Dr Sonia Swart, Chief Executive, Northampton General Hospital and Tracey Fletcher, Chief Executive, Homerton University Hospital, gave evidence.

Una O'Brien Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Sir David Nicholson, Chief Executive of NHS England; Dr David Bennett, Chief Executive of Monitor and Dale Bywater, Delivery and Development Director, Trust Development Authority, gave evidence.

3. *Programmes to help families facing multiple challenges*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Programmes to help families facing multiple challenges* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: DCLG, Family Action, Leeds City Council and Liverpool City Council.

4. *Treasury minutes follow-up, Severance payments, Interpreter services, Rural broadband*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Treasury minutes follow-up, Severance payments, Interpreter services, Rural broadband* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: DCMS, Department of Health and the Home Office.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 February 2014 at 3.00pm

24 February 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon

Jacqui Doyle-Price

Chris Heaton-Harris

Austin Mitchell

Nick Smith

Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2013-23 and Major Projects Report 2013*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Jon Thompson, Permanent Secretary, David Williams, Finance Director, Bernard Gray, Chief of Defence Materiel, and Air Marshall Stephen Hillier, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence, gave evidence.

3. *Emergency admissions to hospital – managing demand*

Draft Report, (*Emergency admissions to hospital – managing demand*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-sixth report of the Committee, HC 885.

4. *Treasury minutes follow-up, Severance payments, Interpreter services, Rural broadband*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Treasury minutes follow-up, Severance payments, Interpreter services, Rural broadband* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department of Health.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 February 2014 at 2.00pm]

26 February 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Jacqui Doyle-Price	Austin Mitchell
Chris Heaton-Harris	Nick Smith
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Contracting out public services to the private sector*

Draft Report, (*Contracting out public services to the private sector*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-seventh report of the Committee, HC 777.

3. *BBC Digital Media Initiative*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the BBC Digital Media Initiative* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: BBC.

4. *Managing the prison estate*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Managing the prison estate* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Home Office.

[Adjourned till Monday 3 March 2014 at 3.00pm]

3 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Mr Stewart Jackson
Guto Bebb	Austin Mitchell
Jacqui Doyle-Price	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Infrastructure investment: the impact on consumer bills*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Vikki Keilthy, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Bronwyn Hill, Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, John Kingman, Second Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, Geoffrey Spence, Chief Executive, Infrastructure UK, HM Treasury, and Simon Virley, Director General, Markets and Infrastructure Group, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 2.00pm]

5 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Education Funding Agency and Department for Education Accounts*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Jacqui Smillie, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Chris Wormald, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, Peter Lauener, Chief Executive Officer, and Simon Parkes, Chief Financial Officer, Education Funding Agency, gave evidence.

3. *Council Tax Support*

Draft Report, (*Council Tax Support*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-eighth report of the Committee, HC 943.

4. *Confiscation orders*

Draft Report, (*Confiscation orders*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Forty-ninth report of the Committee, HC 942.

5. *Management of NHS waiting lists*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *the Management of NHS waiting lists* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department of Health.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 March 2014 at 3.00pm]

10 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon

Guto Bebb

Jackie Doyle-Price

Chris Heaton-Harris

Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson

Austin Mitchell

Ian Swales

Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Local economic growth and progress on the Regional Growth Fund*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Helen Booth, Director and Aileen Murphie, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, and Debbie Gillett, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Growth Fund Programme, Department for Communities and Local Government, Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business Innovation and Skills, gave evidence.

3. *Managing the prison estate*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Managing the prison estate* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice.

4. *Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2013 to 2023 and the Major Projects Report 2013*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2013 to 2023 and the Major Projects Report 2013* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Defence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 2.00pm]

12 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Mr Stewart Jackson
Stephen Barclay	Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb	Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Probation: landscape review*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Mike Newbury, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Dame Ursula Brennan, Permanent Secretary, Antonia Romeo, Director General, Criminal Justice Group, Michael Spurr, Chief Executive, National Offender Management Service, and Sarah Payne, Director, National Offender Management Service, Wales, Ministry of Justice, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 March 2014 at 3.00pm]

17 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Criminal Justice System: landscape review*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Jeremy Lonsdale, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Dame Ursula Brennan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Mark Sedwill, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Alison Saunders, Director of Public Prosecutions, and Peter Lewis, Chief Executive, Crown Prosecution Service, gave evidence.

3. *Excess Votes 2011-12*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Excess Votes 2011-12* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary for the Department for International Development* and *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Energy and Climate Change*.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 March 2014 at 9.30am]

20 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Personal Independence Payments: early progress

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Max Tse, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

James Bolton, Policy Officer, Mencap, Vicky Pearlman, Social Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Bureau and Lesley Hawes, Chief Executive Officer, DABD UK, gave evidence.

Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, and Jason Feeney, Benefits Director, Department for Work and Pensions, Lisa Coleman, Senior Vice President, Health, Atos, and Dr Stephen Duckworth, Chief Executive Officer, Capita PIP, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 March 2014 at 3.00pm]

24 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. OECD Forum

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Paris in May to attend the OECD Forum in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Whistleblowing

Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Paul Oliffe, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Kay Sheldon, Care Quality Commission, Cathy James, Chief Executive, Public Concern at Work, gave evidence.

Lin Homer, Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary, HM Revenue and Customs, Jonathan Slater, Director General Transformation and Corporate Strategy, Ministry of Defence, Chris Wormald, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, Charlie Massey, Director General, Strategy and External Relations, Department of Health, gave evidence.

4. The Rural Broadband Programme

Draft Report, (*The Rural Broadband Programme*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fiftieth report of the Committee, HC 834-I and -II.

5. Programmes to help families facing multiple challenges

Draft Report, (*Programmes to help families facing multiple challenges*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-first report of the Committee, HC 668.

6. Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2013 to 2023 and the Major Projects Report 2013

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2013 to 2023 and the Major Projects Report 2013* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Defence.

7. Local economic growth and the Regional Growth Fund

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Local economic growth and the Regional Growth Fund* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: BIS and DCLG.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 2.00pm

26 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Adult Social Care in England*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sandie Keene, President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and Director of Adult Social Care Services, Leeds City Council, Emily Holzhausen, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Carers UK, and Caroline Abrahams, Charity Director, Age UK, gave evidence.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, and Helen Edwards, Deputy Permanent Secretary and Director-General for Localism, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Jon Rouse, Director General, Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships, Department of Health, gave evidence.

3. *BBC Digital Media Initiative*

Draft Report, (*BBC Digital Media Initiative*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-second report of the Committee, HC 985.

4. Confidentiality clauses and special severance payments

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Excess Votes 2011-12* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Correspondence with the Head of the Civil Service*.

[Adjourned till Monday 31 March 2014 at 2.45pm]

31 March 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Jackie Doyle-Price
Mr Stewart Jackson
Fiona Mactaggart

Austin Mitchell
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Taxation

Resolved, That the Committee visit Paris in June 2014 in connection with its programme of work on taxation, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Monitor

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Laura Brackwell, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Una O'Brien CB, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, and Dr David Bennett, Chief Executive, Monitor, gave evidence.

4. *Personal Independence Payments*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Personal Independence Payments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *DABD UK*.

5. *Gift Aid*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Gift Aid* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Correspondence with the Chief Executive & Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue & Customs*.

6. *Correspondence*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Elexon ltd* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change*.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 2.00pm]

2 April 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Mr Stewart Jackson

Fiona Mactaggart
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Help to Buy equity loans*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Aileen Murphie, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, and Peter Schofield, Director General for Neighbourhoods, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Andrew Rose, Chief Executive, Homes and Communities Agency, gave evidence.

3. *Adult Social Care in England*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Adult Social Care in England* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Scope and UKHCA*.

4. *Criminal Justice System: Landscape Review*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Criminal Justice System: Landscape Review* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Home Office*.

5. *Personal Independence Payments*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Personal Independence Payments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Atos*.

6. *Probation: Landscape Review*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Probation: Landscape Review* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Ministry of Justice*.

[Adjourned till Monday 7 April 2014 at 3.00pm]

7 April 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon	Fiona Mactaggart
Guto Bebb	Austin Mitchell
Jackie Doyle-Price	Nick Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Ian Swales
Meg Hillier	Justin Tomlinson
Mr Stewart Jackson	

1. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Tax Reliefs

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Rob Prideaux, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Sir Nicholas Macpherson, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, and Lin Homer, Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive, HM Revenue and Customs, gave evidence.

3. Ministry of Justice and National Offender Management Service: Managing the prison estate

Draft Report, (*Ministry of Justice and National Offender Management Service: Managing the prison estate*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-third report of the Committee, HC 1001.

4. COMPASS: Provision of asylum accommodation

Draft Report, (*COMPASS: Provision of asylum accommodation*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-fourth report of the Committee, HC 1000.

5. NHS waiting times for elective care in England

Draft Report, (*NHS waiting times for elective care in England*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-fifth report of the Committee, HC 1002.

6. Adult Social Care in England

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Adult Social Care in England* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Age UK and Sandie Keene*.

7. Criminal Justice System: Landscape Review

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Criminal Justice System: Landscape Review* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice.

8. Education Funding Agency and the Department for Education Accounts

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Education Funding Agency and the Department for Education Accounts* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: DfE.

9. Whistleblowing

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Whistleblowing* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: NAO.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 2.00pm]

9 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Richard Bacon, in the Chair

Stephen Barclay

Guto Bebb

Jackie Doyle-Price

Chris Heaton-Harris

Meg Hillier

Austin Mitchell

Nick Smith

Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Crossrail

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Geraldine Barker, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary, Department of Transport, Sir Peter Hendy, Commissioner, Transport for London and Andrew Wolstenholme, Chief Executive, Crossrail Ltd., gave evidence.

3. *Adult Social Care in England*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Adult Social Care in England* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *DCLG*.

4. *Education Funding Agency and the Department for Education Accounts*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Education Funding Agency and the Department for Education Accounts* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Department for Education*.

[Adjourned till Monday 28 April 2014 at 3.00pm]

28 April 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Meg Hillier
Mr Stewart Jackson

Rt Hon Anne McGuire
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Ian Swales
Justin Tomlinson

1. *Declaration of Interests*

Rt Hon Anne McGuire declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (*see Appendix*).

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry on the privatisation of Royal Mail, namely, that she had benefitted from the privatisation via her late husband's pension fund.

2. *Forward programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Whistleblowing

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health on 12 May in private.

4. The privatisation of Royal Mail

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Matthew Rees, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Martin Wheatley, Chief Executive, Financial Conduct Authority, and William Amos, Director, Wholesale Banking and Investment Management, FCA, gave evidence.

5. Adult Social Care in England

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Adult Social Care in England* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Department of Health* and the *National Autistic Society*.

6. Crossrail

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Crossrail* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Department for Transport*.

7. Help to Buy equity loans

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Help to Buy equity loans* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Department for Communities and Local Government*.

8. Monitor

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Monitor* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Department of Health* and *Monitor*.

9. Personal Independence Payments

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Personal Independence Payments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *DWP* and *Atos*.

10. Tax reliefs

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Tax reliefs* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *HMRC* and *HM Treasury*.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 April 2014 at 2.00pm]

30 April 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Guto Bebb
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Rt Hon Anne McGuire
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The privatisation of Royal Mail

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Matthew Rees, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

William Rucker, Chief Executive, Lazard & Co., Alan Custis, Managing Director, UK Equities, Lazard Asset Management Ltd, James Robertson, Managing Director, UBS Ltd, Richard Cormack, Managing Director, Co-Head of Equity Capital Markets, Goldman Sachs, Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Mark Russell, Chief Executive, Shareholder Executive, gave evidence.

3. Establishing Free Schools

Draft Report, (*Establishing Free Schools*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-sixth report of the Committee, HC 941.

4. Whistleblowing

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Whistleblowing inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Education.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 2.00pm]

7 May 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Mr Stewart Jackson

Rt Hon Anne McGuire
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Debt owed to Government

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Keith Davis, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Mike Driver, Director General, Finance, Department for Work and Pensions, Lin Homer, Permanent Secretary, HM Revenue and Customs, Stephen Kelly, Chief Operating Officer for Government, Cabinet Office, and Sharon White, Second Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, gave evidence.

3. The Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2013-23 and Major Projects Report 2013

Draft Report, (*The Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2013-23 and Major Projects Report 2013*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-seventh report of the Committee, HC 1060.

4. Probation: landscape review

Draft Report, (*Probation: landscape review*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-eighth report of the Committee, HC 1114.

5. The Criminal Justice System

Draft Report, (*The Criminal Justice System*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Fifty-ninth report of the Committee, HC 1115.

6. Smart meters follow-up

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Smart meters follow-up inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Energy and Climate Change.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 May 2014 at 3.00pm]

12 May 2014

Members present:

Mrs Margaret Hodge, in the Chair

Mr Richard Bacon
Stephen Barclay
Jackie Doyle-Price
Chris Heaton-Harris
Meg Hillier

Mr Stewart Jackson
Rt Hon Anne McGuire
Austin Mitchell
Nick Smith
Justin Tomlinson

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Equitable Life recall*

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Steve Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, HM Treasury, was in attendance.

Jane Platt, Chief Executive, National Savings and Investments, and Mike Williams, Director, Business and International Tax, HM Treasury, gave evidence.

3. *Whistleblowing*

The public withdrew, in accordance with the Committee's Resolution of 28 April.

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, Gabrielle Cohen, Assistant Auditor General and Steve Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, gave evidence.

4. *Promoting economic growth locally*

Draft Report, (*Promoting economic growth locally*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Sixtieth report of the Committee, HC 1110.

5. *Education Funding Agency and Department for Education 2012-13 financial statements*

Draft Report, (*Education Funding Agency and Department for Education 2012-13 financial statements*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the Sixty-first report of the Committee, HC 1068.

6. *Whistleblowing*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Whistleblowing* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: *Department of Health*.

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 June at 9.30 am.]

APPENDIX

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

In accordance with the resolution of the House on 13 July 1992. Members of select committees are required to give details of their pecuniary interests for circulation to the Committee, before proceeding to the election of a Chairman or, if appointed to the Committee subsequently, when attending their first meeting. Such declarations of interest, when made, are recorded in the minutes of proceedings.

The interests have been recorded below under the categories used in the Register of Member's interests:

1. Directorships
2. Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc.
3. Clients
4. Sponsorship or financial material support
5. Gifts, benefits and hospitality (U.K.)
6. Overseas visits
7. Overseas benefits and gifts
8. Land and property
9. Registrable shareholdings
10. Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

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2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Payments from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JA, for opinion survey.

Payment of £75 for opinion survey in 2013. Hours: 45 mins-1 hr. Payment donated directly to Stirling Constituency Labour Party. (*Registered 12 April 2013*)

4. Sponsorships

(b) Support in the capacity as an MP:

Name of donor: Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales

Address of donor: 39 Ecclestone Square, London SW1V 1BX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: an education allowance of £4,884, and accommodation, will be provided for an intern in my parliamentary office for 10 months, October 2012-July 2013

Date of receipt: 8 October 2012

Date of acceptance: 8 October 2012

Donor status: registered charity

(Registered 19 December 2012)

6. Overseas visits

Name of donor: Labour Friends of Israel

Address of donor: BM LFI, London W1N 3XX

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): benefits with a value of £1,800, including flights and additional transport to the value of £610 and accommodation, food and drink to the value of £1,190. Some hospitality was provided by the Israeli Government, Palestinian Authority, British embassy and the IDC Herzliya

Destination of visit: Israel and the Palestinian territories

Date of visit: 29 September – 4 October 2013

Purpose of visit: Fact-finding visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories with defence and security focus

(Registered 28 October 2013)