The Science and Technology Committee

The Science and Technology Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Office of Science and Innovation and its associated public bodies.

Current membership

Mr Phil Willis MP (Liberal Democrat, Harrogate and Knaresborough) (Chairman)
Adam Afriyie MP (Conservative, Windsor)
Mr Jim Devine MP (Labour, Livingston)
Mr Robert Flello MP (Labour, Stoke-on-Trent South)
Dr Evan Harris MP (Liberal Democrat, Oxford West & Abingdon)
Dr Brian Iddon MP (Labour, Bolton South East)
Margaret Moran MP (Labour, Luton South)
Mr Brooks Newmark MP (Conservative, Braintree)
Anne Snelgrove MP (Labour/Co-op, South Swindon)
Bob Spink MP (Conservative, Castle Point)
Dr Desmond Turner MP (Labour, Brighton Kemptown)

Previous Member of the Committee

Dr Ian Gibson MP (Labour, Norwich South)

Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental Select Committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No.152. These are available on the internet via www.parliament.uk

Publications

The reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the internet at www.parliament.uk/s&com

A list of reports from the Committee in this Parliament is included at the back of this volume.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are: Dr Lynn Gardner (Clerk); Celia Blacklock (Second Clerk); Dr Anne Simpson (Committee Specialist); Ana Ferreira (Committee Assistant); Robert Long (Senior Office Clerk); and Christine McGrane (Committee Secretary).

Previous Committee staff during the Session: Chris Shaw (Clerk) and Dr Hayaatun Sillem (Committee Specialist)

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Proceedings of the Committee

Wednesday 20 July 2005

Members present:

Adam Afriyie  Mr Brooks Newmark
Mr Robert Fello  Anne Snelgrove
Dr Ian Gibson  Bob Spink
Dr Evan Harris  Dr Desmond Turner
Dr Brian Iddon  Mr Phil Willis
Margaret Moran

1. Declaration of Interests

Members disclosed their interests, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Election of Chairman

Motion made, by Bob Spink, That Dr Ian Gibson do take the Chair of the Committee.

Motion made, by Dr Evan Harris, That Mr Phil Willis do take the Chair of the Committee.

Motion, that Dr Ian Gibson do take the Chair of the Committee, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr Phil Willis accordingly took the Chair.

The Chairman declared no interests, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

3. Nomination of representative for POST board

Ordered, That Dr Desmond Turner represent the Committee on the POST board.

4. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Committee’s regular meeting day

Ordered, That the Committee’s regular meeting time would be Wednesdays at 9.00am.
6. Publication of Memoranda

Ordered, That those who submit memoranda accepted as evidence by the Committee to any of its inquiries be given leave to publish them once the first oral evidence session has taken place, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No 135(1).

7. Publication of uncorrected transcripts

Ordered, That uncorrected transcripts of oral evidence sessions be published on the Committee’s website.

8. Committee awayday

Ordered, That the Committee hold an awayday in the Autumn.

9. Forensic Science on Trial

Draft Special Report [Forensic Science on Trial: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2004-05], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, of the last session, be appended to the Report.

10. Strategic Science Provision in English Universities

Draft Special Report [Strategic Science in English Universities: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2004-05], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, of the last session, be appended to the Report.

11. Future Inquiries

Resolved, That the Committee hold an inquiry into Carbon Capture and Storage Technologies and that further topics for future inquiries would be discussed at the Committee’s awayday.
Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Professor Alan Thorpe, Chief Executive, Natural Environment Research Council in the Autumn.

Resolved, That the Committee continue to hold quarterly Science Question Time sessions with the Minister for Science and Innovation.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, Department for Education and Skills, and the Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England to follow up the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2004-05, Strategic Science in English Universities.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Ministers to follow up the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2004-05, Forensic Science on Trial.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October at 9.00am.

Wednesday 12 October 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Anne Snelgrove
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Science Question Time

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October at 9.00 am.]
Wednesday 19 October 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fiello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Brooks Newmark
Anne Snelgrove
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law
Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Ministers from the Department of Health to follow up the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2004-05, Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law.

3. Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Research Council: Introductory Hearing
Professor Alan Thorpe, Chief Executive, Natural Environment Research Council gave oral evidence.

4. Science Question Time
Lord Sainsbury of Turville, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Science and Innovation, Department of Trade and Industry gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November at 9.00am.]
Wednesday 2 November 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fiello
Dr Brian Iddon
Dr Evan Harris
Mr Brooks Newmark

1. The Committee's programme of work (future inquiries)

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Scientific Advice to Government.

Resolved, That the Chairman writes on behalf of the Committee to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee with a view to holding a joint inquiry into abortion time limits.

2. Carbon Capture and Storage Technologies

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit E.ON's Ratcliffe power station and the British Geological Survey in connection with the inquiry.

3. Avian Influenza

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into avian influenza.

4. Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: follow-up

Mr Bill Rammell MP, Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, Department for Education and Skills and Sir Howard Newby, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November at 9.00 am.]
Wednesday 9 November 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Desmond Turner
Bob Spink

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chairman do write on behalf of the Committee to Research Councils
UK to inquire about any underspend in Research Council budgets and, where necessary,
explanations for that underspend.

2. Carbon Capture and Storage Technology (appointment of specialist advisers)

Resolved, That Professor Stuart Haszeldine and Dr Paul Freund be appointed as
specialist advisers to assist the Committee in matters relating to its inquiry into carbon
capture and storage technology. —(The Chairman)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 November at 9 am.

Wednesday 16 November 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Desmond Turner
Bob Spink

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Resolved, That Sir David King, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Sue Duncan,
Government Chief Social Researcher be invited to give oral evidence on Scientific
advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them.
3. Science Question Time

Resolved, That the next Science Question Time evidence session would be held on Wednesday 25 January 2006.

4. Carbon Capture and Storage Technology

Brian Morris, Head, Carbon Abatement Technologies, Energy Group, and George Marsh, Advisor on Cleaner Coal, Department of Trade and Industry, Dr Jim Penman, Head, Response Strategies Branch, Global Atmosphere Division, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Ms Helen Fleming, Head, Competition and Economic Regulation Team, HM Treasury gave oral evidence.

Dr Jon Gibbins, Energy Technology for Sustainable Development Group, Imperial College London, and Dr David Reiner, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, UK Carbon Capture and Storage Consortium, Dr Nick Riley, Head, Sustainable & Renewable Energy Programme and Dr. Sam Holloway, Senior Principal Scientist in underground CO₂ storage, British Geological Survey gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November at 9 am.]

Wednesday 23 November 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Hello
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Joint Meeting with the European Parliament on Energy Efficiency

Resolved, That Dr Desmond Turner have leave to visit Brussels in January to represent the Committee at the joint meeting of MEPs and national parliamentarians on energy efficiency and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for the expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Commissioning of Research

Resolved, That research be commissioned on the classification of illegal drugs in order to inform the inquiry into Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them.
4. Forensic Science on Trial: follow-up

Andy Burnham MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith QC, Attorney General, and Rt Hon Harriet Harman QC MP, Minister of State, Department for Constitutional Affairs gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 November at 9 am.]

Thursday 24 November 2005

[Mr Phil Willis, Adam Afriyie and Mr Brooks Newmark visited Ratcliffe Power Station and the British Geological Survey, near Loughborough, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 2 November 2005, in connection with the inquiry into carbon capture and storage technology.]

Monday 28 November 2005

[Mr Phil Willis, Dr Brian Iddon and Bob Spink visited BP, Sunbury on Thames in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 2 November 2005, in connection with the inquiry into carbon capture and storage technology.]

Wednesday 30 November 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Resolved, That the Committee visit Washington and New York in March 2006 in connection with the inquiry and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for the expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Research Council scrutiny: knowledge transfer

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Research Council support for knowledge transfer.
4. Avian Influenza

Professor Colin Blakemore, Chief Executive, Medical Research Council, Dr Alan Hay, Director, WHO Influenza Reference Centre at MRC, National Institute for Medical Research, Professor Andrew McMichael, Professor of Molecular Medicine, MRC Human Immunology Unit, University of Oxford, and Professor Anne Johnson, Deputy Chairman, MRC Infectious and Immunity Board (IIB), Department of Primary Care and Population Sciences, University College London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December at 9 am.

Wednesday 7 December 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afiyie
Mr Robert Fielo
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Carbon Capture and Storage Technology

Mr Colin Scoins, Director of New Business, E.ON UK plc, Mr Rodney Allam, Consultant, Air Products plc, Mr Nick Otter, Director, Technology and External Affairs, Alstom Power and Mr Gardiner Hill, Manager Group Environmental Technology, BP plc; Mr Russell Marsh, Head of Policy, Green Alliance, Dr Douglas Parr, Chief Scientist, Greenpeace and Ms Germana Canzi, Senior Climate Change Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December at 9 am.]
Wednesday 14 December 2005

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them: appointment of specialist advisers

Ordered, That an informal Sub-Committee oversee the appointment of specialist advisers for the individual case studies to be undertaken during the inquiry.

3. Winter Supplementary Estimates

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Carbon Capture and Storage Technology

Malcolm Wicks MP, Minister of State for Energy, Ms Bronwen Northmore, Director of Emerging Energy Technologies, Mr Brian Morris, Head of Carbon Abatement Technologies, Energy Group, and Mr George Marsh, Advisor on Cleaner Coal, secondee to Energy Group, Department of Trade and Industry, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January at 9 am.

Wednesday 11 January 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris
Margaret Moran
Dr Brian Iddon
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. *Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them: appointment of specialist advisers for individual case studies*

Resolved, That the Chairman and Dr Desmond Turner be members of an informal Sub-Committee to make recommendations on the appointment of specialist advisers for the individual case studies to be undertaken during the inquiry.—(The Chairman)

Resolved, That Lord May of Oxford be invited to an informal meeting with the Committee.

3. *Fourth Asia– Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting*

Resolved, That Dr Desmond Turner serve on a delegation from the House at the Fourth Asia–Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting to be held in Helsinki in May 2006.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January at 9 am.

**Wednesday 18 January 2006**

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyle
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris
Margaret Moran

Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Brian Iddon
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. *The Committee’s programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Science Question Time*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Opinion on the 7th European Framework Programme*

An Opinion, prepared by the Chairman, for the European Scrutiny Committee on the proposed 7th European Framework Programme was brought up and read a first and second time and agreed.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman do convey the Opinion to the European Scrutiny Committee.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January at 9 am.]
Wednesday 25 January 2006

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris

Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Brian Iddon

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Responses from RCUK, OST and NERC to Committee's follow-up questions

Resolved, That the Chairman and other interested Members would meet Professor Alan Thorpe, Chief Executive, Natural Environment Research Council, to discuss the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology closures.

3. Science Question Time

Lord Sainsbury of Turville, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Science and Innovation, Department of Trade and Industry gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 30 January at 5 pm.

Monday 30 January 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris
Margaret Moran

Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Brian Iddon
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (appointment of specialist adviser in respect of the case study into illegal drugs)

Ordered, That Professor Michael Gossop be appointed as a specialist adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to its inquiry into Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them—(The Chairman).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February at 9 am.

Wednesday 1 February 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris
Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Brian Iddon
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Carbon Capture and Storage Technology

Draft Report [Meeting UK Energy and Climate Needs: The Role of Carbon Capture and Storage], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, HC 578-I, p 79.]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February at 9 am.]
Wednesday 8 February 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Jim Devine
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (appointment of specialist adviser in respect of the case study into identity cards)

Ordered, That Professor Brian Collins be appointed as a specialist adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to its inquiry into Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 February at 9 am.

Wednesday 15 February 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Jim Devine
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Professor Sir David King, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Ms Sue Duncan, Chief Government Social Researcher gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 March at 9 am.]
Wednesday 1 March 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie  
Mr Jim Devine  
Mr Robert Fello  
Dr Evan Harris  
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran  
Mr Brooks Newmark  
Bob Spink  
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in May 2006 in connection with the case study into MRI equipment and the EU Physical Agents (Electromagnetic Fields) Directive and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for the expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the use of human enhancement technologies in sport—(The Chairman)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 March at 9 am.

Sunday 5 March – Wednesday 8 March 2006

[Mr Phil Willis, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Brooks Newmark, Bob Spink and Dr Desmond Turner visited Washington and New York in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 30 November 2005, in connection with the inquiry into Scientific advice, risk and evidence, how Government handles them.]
Wednesday 15 March 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Jim Devine
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Closure of the Chemistry Department at Sussex University

Resolved, That the Committee hold an evidence session with Vice Chancellor and the Head of the Chemistry Department at the University of Sussex and the Acting Chief Executive of HEFCE—(The Chairman)

3. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (appointment of specialist adviser in respect of the case study into MRI)

Ordered, that Janet de Wilde be appointed as a specialist adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to its inquiry into Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them—(The Chairman)

4. OST Scrutiny

Resolved, That the Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry, the Government Chief Scientific Adviser and the Permanent Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry be invited to give evidence in relation to the restructuring of the Office of Science and Technology.

5. Research Council support for knowledge transfer

Professor Sir Keith O’Nions, Director General, Research Councils, Professor Christopher Snowden, Vice Chancellor, University of Surrey, Professor Diane Green, Vice Chancellor, Sheffield Hallam University and Dr Bob Bushaway, University of Birmingham, AURIL gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 March at 9 am.]
Wednesday 22 March 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie  Margaret Moran
Mr Jim Devine  Bob Spink
Mr Robert Fello  Dr Desmond Turner
Dr Brian Iddon

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Research Council Institutes

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Research Council Institutes.

3. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (case study into technologies supporting the Government’s identity card proposals)

Ms Katherine Courtney, Director, Identity Cards Programme, Dr Henry Bloomfield, Technical Lead, Identity Cards Programme, Mr Nigel Seed, Project Director, National Identity Register and Operational Technology Infrastructure and Mr Marek Rejman-Greene, Head, Home Office Biometrics Centre of Expertise, Home Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 March at 5 pm.

Monday 27 March 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie  Dr Brian Iddon
Dr Evan Harris  Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Closure of the Chemistry Department at Sussex University

Professor Alasdair Smith, Vice Chancellor, University of Sussex, Dr Gerry Lawless, Head of Chemistry, University of Sussex and Mr Steve Egan, Acting Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 March at 9 am]
Wednesday 29 March 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Robert Halfo
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Margaret Moran
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Research Council support for knowledge transfer

Professor John Murphy, Chairman, Mrs Barbara Doig, Member, and Professor Richard Brook OBE, Member, External Challenge Panel, Sir John Chisholm, Executive Chairman, QinetiQ Group plc, Dr Malcolm Skingle, Director, Academic Liaison, GlaxoSmithKline, Tony McBride, CBI (Confederation of British Industry) and Dr Ian Ritchie, Technology Entrepreneur, Coppertop gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 March at 9 am.

Wednesday 19 April 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Research Council support for knowledge transfer

Professor Ian Diamond, Chief Executive, Economic and Social Research Council and Chair of the RCUK Executive Group, Professor Philip Esler, Chief Executive, Arts and Humanities Research Council, Professor Keith Mason, Chief Executive, Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council and Professor John O’Reilly, Chief Executive, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 April at half past 3pm.]
Monday 24 April 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Mr Jin Devine
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Meeting UK Energy Needs: the Role of Carbon Capture and Storage

Draft Special Report [Meeting UK Energy Needs: the Role of Carbon Capture and Storage: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2005-06], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the First Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman)

3. Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: A Follow-up

Draft Report [Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: A Follow-up], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, HC 1011, p 23.]

4. OSI Scrutiny

Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Sir Brian Bender KCB, Permanent Secretary, Professor Sir Keith O’Nions, Director General of Science and Innovation, Department of Trade and Industry, and Professor Sir David King, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of the Office of Science and Innovation gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 April at 9am.]
Wednesday 26 April 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Jim Devine
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (case study into the classification of illegal drugs)

Professor Colin Blakemore, Chief Executive, Medical Research Council and Professor of Physiology at the University of Oxford, Professor John Strang, Professor in Addiction Research and Director of the National Addiction Centre, Mr Andy Hayman, Chair of the Association of Chief Police Officers Drugs Committee, Mr Steve Rolles, Information Officer, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, Mr Martin Barnes, Chief Executive of DrugScope and Mrs Lesley King-Lewis, Chief Executive, Action on Addiction gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 May at 9 am.

Wednesday 3 May 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Jim Devine
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (case study into technologies supporting the Government’s identity card proposals)

Nick Kalisperas, Director for Markets, Intellect, Jerry Fishenden, National Technology Officer, Microsoft, Professor Martyn Thomas, Member of the Executive, UK
Computing Research Committee, and David Birch, Director, Consult Hyperion gave oral evidence.

Dr Tony Mansfield, Head of Biometrics Testing, National Physical Laboratory, Dr John Daugman, Reader in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge, Dr Edgar Whitley, Reader in Information Systems, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Professor Angela Sasse, Professor of Human-Centred Technology, University College London gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 May at 9am.

Wednesday 10 May 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris
Mr Brooks Newmark

Margaret Moran
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Dame Deidre Hutton, Chair and Dr Andrew Wadge, Director of Food Safety Policy and Acting Chief Scientist, Food Standards Agency gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 11 May at 10.45 am.

Wednesday 10 May 2006

[Mr Phil Willis, Dr Evan Harris, Bob Spink and Dr Desmond Turner visited Brussels, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 1 March 2006, in connection with the inquiry into Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (case study into MRI Equipment and EU Physical Agents (Electromagnetic Fields) Directive).]
Thursday 11 May 2006

The Committee met at the DG/EMPL offices at Rue Joseph II 27, Brussels

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Desmond Turner
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.


Mr Bernhard Jansen, Director for Social Dialogue, Social Rights, Working Conditions, Adaptation to Change, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Directorate and Mr Jose Ramon Biosca de Sagustuy, Head of Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work Unit, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Directorate, European Commission gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 May at 9 am.

Wednesday 17 May 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport

Resolved, That Members of the Committee attend a conference in Lausanne in July 2006 and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for the expenditure in connection with the conference.
Resolved, That the Committee visit Australia in October 2006 in connection with the inquiry and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for the expenditure in connection with the visit.


Dr Stephen Keevil, Head of Magnetic Resonance Physics, Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust, Professor Colin Blakemore, Professor of Physiology, University of Oxford and Chief Executive, Medical Research Council, Professor Ray Dolan, Head, Wellcome Department of Imaging Neuroscience, University College London, Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Mr Geoffrey Podger, Chief Executive of the Health and Safety Executive, Dr John Stather, Deputy Director, Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards, Health Protection Agency, and Dr Alastair McKinlay, Head of the Physical Dosimetry Department, Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards, Health Protection Agency gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 May at 9 am.

Wednesday 24 May 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Dr Richard Pike, Chief Executive, Royal Society of Chemistry, Professor Martin Taylor, Physical Secretary and Vice-President, Royal Society, Dr Caroline Wallace, Science Policy Advisor, Biosciences Federation, Dr Peter Cotgreave, Director of the Campaign for Science and Engineering, Professor Tim Hope, Professor of Criminology, University of Keele, Norman Glass, Chief Executive, National Centre for Social Research and William Solesbury, Senior Research Fellow at the ESRC Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 June at 10 am.]
Tuesday 6 June 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Brian Iddon                       Dr Desmond Turner
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Research Council support for knowledge transfer

Draft Report [Research Council Support for Knowledge Transfer], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, HC 995-I, p 39.]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 June at 9 am.

Wednesday 7 June 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie                       Mr Brooks Newmark
Dr Brian Iddon                    Bob Spink
Margaret Moran  Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Sir Nicholas Stern, Head, Government Economic Service, Professor Sir Gordon Conway KCMG, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for International Development, Professor Paul Wiles CB, Chief Scientific Adviser, Home Office and Professor Frank Kelly, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Transport gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 June at 9 am.]
Wednesday 14 June 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fidler
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Science Question Time
The Committee agreed questions for the Science Question Time session on Wednesday 20 June 2006.

3. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (case studies into technologies supporting the Government’s identity card proposals, and the classification of illegal drugs)

Joan Ryan MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for nationality, citizenship and immigration and Vernon Coaker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for policing, security and community safety, Home Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 June at 10 am.

Tuesday 20 June 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Brian Iddon

Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Science Question Time
Lord Sainsbury of Turville, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Science and Innovation, Department of Trade and Industry gave oral evidence.

Draft Report [Watching the Directives: Scientific Advice on the EU Physical Agents (Electromagnetic Fields) Directive], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, HC 1030, p 54.]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 June at 9 am.

Wednesday 21 June 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 June at 9 am.

Wednesday 28 June 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Research Council Institutes

Professor Julia Goodfellow, Chief Executive, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Professor Colin Blakemore, Chief Executive, Medical Research Council and Professor Alan Thorpe, Chief Executive, Natural Environment Research Council gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 July at 12.45 pm.

Wednesday 5 July 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Professor Sir David King, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Sir Brian Bender KCB, Permanent Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 July at 8.45 am.

Wednesday 12 July 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport (appointment of specialist adviser)

The Committee agreed that Professor Ron Maughan be appointed as a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to its inquiry into human enhancement technologies in sport.

3. Research Council Institutes

Resolved, That Committee members visit various Research Council Institutes.

4. Civil Space Policy

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into civil space policy.

5. Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law: follow-up

Caroline Flint MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health, Mr Hugh Whittall, Divisional Head, Scientific Development and Bioethics Division and Mr Ted Webb, Section Head, Assisted Reproduction: Services, Policy and Regulation, Department of Health gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 July at 10 am.

Tuesday 18 July 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (case study into the classification of illegal drugs)

Draft Report [Drug Classification: making a hash of it?], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, HC 1031, p 58.]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 July at 9 am.]
Wednesday 19 July 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Flello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to the Office of Science and Innovation
Resolved, That the Committee visit the Office of Science and Innovation on Wednesday 25 October.

3. Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: A Follow-up
Draft Special Report [Strategic Science in English Universities: A Follow-up: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2005-06], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the Second Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman)

4. Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport
Mr Matthew Reader, Head of Elite Sports Team, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Mr John Scott, Director of Drug-Free Sport, and Ms Allison Holloway, Education Manager for Drug Free Sport, UK Sport gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 July at 9 am.]
Thursday 20 July 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport

Resolved, That the Committee visit the English Institute of Sport and Loughborough University in the autumn.

3. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them (case study into technologies supporting the Government’s identity card proposals)

Draft Report [Identity Card Technologies: Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, HC 1032, p 65.]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 October at 9 am.

Friday 6 – Friday 13 October 2006

[Mr Phil Willis, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Margaret Moran, Bob Spink and Dr Desmond Turner visited Sydney and Canberra in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 17 May 2006, in connection with the inquiry into human enhancement technologies in sport.]
Wednesday 18 October 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair
Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Margaret Moran
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee's programme of work
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Drug Classification: making a hash of it?
Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Minister and the Chairman of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs to follow up the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2005-06, Drug Classification: making a hash of it?

3. Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport
Resolved, That the Committee visit Loughborough University in connection with the inquiry.

4. Research Council Support for Knowledge Transfer
Draft Special Report [Research Council Support for Knowledge Transfer: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2005-06], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the Third Report from the Committee be appended to the Report. – (The Chairman)

Draft Special Report [Watching the Directives: Scientific Advice on the EU Physical Agents (Electromagnetic Fields) Directive: Responses to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2005-06], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Sixth Special Report of the Committee to the House.
Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government’s response to the Fourth Report from the Committee together with the response from the Health Protection Agency be appended to the Report —(The Chairman)

6. Science Question Time

Lord Sainsbury of Turville, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Science and Innovation, Department of Trade and Industry gave oral evidence.

7. Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them

The Committee considered the Chairman’s draft Report, on Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence-Based Policy Making.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 October at 9 am.

Wednesday 25 October 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Mr Robert Fello
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Margaret Moran
Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee’s programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport

Professor Ian McGrath, University of Glasgow and Chairman of the Physiological Society, Dr Anna Casey, Research Fellow, QinetiQ, Dr Bruce Hamilton, Team Doctor, UK Athletics and John Brewer, Director of Sports Science and the Lucozade Sport Science Academy, GlaxoSmithKline gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 26 October at half past 9 am.]
Thursday 26 October 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Dr Desmond Turner

1. **Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them**

Draft Report [Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence Based Policy Making], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

*The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, HC 900-I, p 113.*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 November at 9 am.

Wednesday 1 November 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. **The Committee’s programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Research Council Institutes**

Professor Martin Shirley, Director, Institute of Animal Health, Professor Chris Pollock, Director, Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research, Professor Ian Crute, Director, Rothamsted Research, Lord Rooker, Minister of State (Sustainable Farming and Food), and Professor Howard Dalton, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 November at 9 am.]
Wednesday 8 November 2006

Members present:
Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Adam Afriyie
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Brooks Newmark
Bob Spink
Dr Desmond Turner

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Chief Executive of the Arts and Humanities Research Council: Introductory Hearing

Resolved, That Professor Philip Esler, Chief Executive of the Arts and Humanities Research Council be invited to give oral evidence on Wednesday 28 February 2007.

3. The Cooksey Review

Resolved, That Sir David Cooksey be invited to give oral evidence on his review to build agreement on the best institutional arrangements for the new single fund for health research.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 November at 9 am.]
Appendix

Name
Mr Phil Willis MP
Adam Afriyie MP
Mr Robert Fiello MP
Dr Ian Gibson MP
Dr Evan Harris MP
Dr Brian Iddon MP
Chris Mole MP
Margaret Moran MP

Interests - July 2005

Mr Phil Willis MP
None

Adam Afriyie MP
Pecuniary interests
Director (non-exec Chairman) of an IT services company called "Connect Support Services Ltd"

Mr Robert Fiello MP
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
Regular articles on science policy in the British Association for Advancement of Science Journal. (Up to £5,000)

Overseas visits
11-14 June 2004, to Portugal as a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Football Team, with travel, accommodation and hospitality by the Portuguese parliament. (Registered 14 July 2004)
18-23 September 2004, to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Ramalah, to see the work of Medical Aid for Palestinians, a charitable organisation who paid the costs of the visit. (Registered 25 January 2005)

None stipendiary
Member of Stem Cell Foundation Board (unpaid)
Member of Royal Society Committee on Public Understanding of Science
Member of Board of Institute of Food Research Norwich

Dr Ian Gibson MP
Pecuniary interests
Flights and accommodation to the US for 2 day trip and lectures to scientists and policy makers funded by Amgen.

Sponsorship financial or material support
Provision of office rented at reduced rate (but still market rate) by Wellister Investments

Dr Evan Harris MP
Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests
Chairman (unpaid) of Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd.
Patron of the Catalyst Museum
Honorary Membership of the Society of Chemical Industry
Fellow of and parliamentary Adviser (unpaid) to the royal Society of Chemistry

Dr Brian Iddon MP
Sponsorship or financial or material support:
Donation from Connect, the union for professionals in communications (Registered 24 May 2005)

Chris Mole MP
Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests
unpaid;
Trustee citizens Online
Chair E qualities Networks

Margaret Moran MP
Mr Brooks Newmark MP

Pecuniary interests
Iesy Hessen GmbH (German Cable TV)
Cablecom GmbH (Swiss Cable TV)
Hexion Corp (Global Chemical)
Director
Iesy Hessen GmbH (German Cable TV)
Thinking CapTechnology Ltd (Software Research)

Remunerated directorships
Telesis Management Ltd.

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
I provide research and advice on investment opportunities in the UK and Europe to Apollo Management LP, both independently and through Telesis Management Ltd.

Sponsorship or financial or material support
Donation to my constituency party received from Mr M Lewis (business man - personal donation). (Registered 26 July 2005)

Overseas visits
19-20 September 2005, to Washington DC on introductory visit, for meetings at the State Department, National Security Council, White House and Congress. Travel and accommodation costs met by Dr Liam Fox's office from a donation by Mr Michael Lewis, a London businessman. I received free upgrades of airline seats from Virgin Atlantic during my flights to and from Washington. (Registered 18 October 2005)

Registrable share holdings
(a) Telesis Management Ltd

Anne Snelgrove MP

Pecuniary interests
Worked for BNFL from July 2001-31st May 2004

Bob Spink MP

Sponsorship or financial or material support:
Contribution towards publication of my constituency advice newsletter by way of The Yellow Advertiser wrap in January 2004 from my Westminster Club. (Registered 16 December 2004)

Overseas visits:
30 September - 5 October 2004, to Kazakhstan. Accommodation paid for by the Parliament of Kazakhstan. Travel paid for by the Consolidated Construction International Company (CCC) and British Gas (BG). Registered 18 November 2004

Dr Desmond Turner MP

None