



House of Commons
Scottish Affairs Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

Session 2010–12

The Scottish Affairs Committee

The Scottish Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Scotland Office (including (i) relations with the Scottish Parliament and (ii) administration and expenditure of the offices of the Advocate General for Scotland (but excluding individual cases and advice given within government by the Advocate General)).

Current membership

Mr Ian Davidson (*Labour/Co-op, Glasgow South West*) (Chair)
Fiona Bruce (*Conservative, Congleton*)
Mike Freer (*Conservative, Finchley and Golders Green*)
Jim McGovern (*Labour, Dundee West*)
Iain McKenzie MP (*Lab, Inverclyde*)
Graeme Morrice MP (*Lab, Livingston*)
David Mowat (*Conservative, Warrington South*)
Fiona O'Donnell (*Labour, East Lothian*)
Simon Reeve (*Conservative, Dewsbury*)
Mr Alan Reid (*Liberal Democrat, Argyll and Bute*)
Lindsay Roy (*Labour, Glenrothes*)
Dr Eilidh Whiteford (*Scottish National Party, Banff and Buchan*)

The following members were also members of the committee during the Parliament:

Cathy Jamieson (*Labour/Co-op, Kilmarnock and Loudoun*)
Fiona O'Donnell (*Labour, East Lothian*)
Mark Menzies (*Conservative, Fylde*)
Julian Smith (*Conservative, Skipton and Ripon*)

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/scotaffcom.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Dr Rebecca Davies (Clerk), Duma Langton (Inquiry Manager), James Bowman (Senior Committee Assistant), Gabrielle Henderson (Committee Assistant), Karen Watling (Committee Assistant) and Ravi Abhayaratne (Committee Support Assistant)

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Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 14 July 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
Mark Menzies
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Committee examine witnesses in public, except where it otherwise orders.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee approves the use of electronic equipment by Members during public and private meetings, provided that they are used in accordance with the rules and customs of the House.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland and Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Video Gaming Industry in Scotland.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State for Scotland requesting details of UK non-departmental public bodies with Scotland sections, together with a list of public appointments made by the Secretary of State and details of paid appointments.

3. Government response to the previous Committee's Report on Banking in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Joint Seminar on Devolution

Resolved, That the Committee hold a joint seminar on devolution with the Welsh Affairs and Northern Ireland Affairs Committees.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 July at 2.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

14 July 2010: declaration of Members' interests

Mr Ian Davidson (Chair):

Sponsorships: Unite £1,500; RMT £2,359; FBU £1,175; UCATT £1,000; GMB; CWU; UNISON

Employment of Family Members: Wife, Office Manager

Shareholder Glasgow Rangers Football Club.

Member Glasgow Rangers Supporters Trust.

Fiona Bruce:

Remunerated Employment, Office, Profession etc: £1,117 per calendar month from Fiona Bruce & Co LLP. In addition will receive an annual figure based on 40% of profits to the year ending 31 March.

Sponsorships: Sandback Ladies Luncheon Club £1,500; Westminster Dining Club £3,000.

Land And Property: 2 residential properties in Warrington, Cheshire; 4 commercial properties in Warrington, Cheshire and 1 commercial property in Knutsford, Cheshire.

Life Insurance/ investment policy with Allied Dunbar (Zurich).

Key Man Insurance policy for Fiona Bruce & Co LLP.

Member of the English Law Society.

Member of the National Trust.

Cathy Jamieson:

Remunerated Employment, Office, Profession Etc: Member of Scottish Parliament for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley. Annual salary of £18,641 which is split equally to charities "Who Cares? Scotland" and "Combat Stress".

Sponsorship: Co-operative Party £1,520 (constituency plan agreement) and £500 donation to campaign.

Miscellaneous financial interests: Unison £800; Ballochmyle Branch Labour Party £500; Des Browne £600; Unite £500; Thompsons Solicitors £500; East Ayrshire Labour Group £500; M Wallace £500 and M McLaughlin £500.

Jim McGovern:

Director of Claverhouse Group

Shareholder of Celtic Football Club

Two free tickets from DF Promotions for T in the Park, worth approximately £160

Mark Menzies

Sponsorships: Election campaign donations from Century Healthcare £5,000; Steve Clark £2,500; John McGlynn £2,500

David Mowat

Director of Warrington Town Football Club.

Fiona O'Donnell

Sponsorship: Election campaign donations from GMB Scotland £2500, Co-op Party, UNITE £1200, SCOTMID Cooperative Party Council £2000

Member of GMB, Co-op Party, NCT and RSPB.

2 Musselburgh Race Course annual passes under declarable level of £500.

Alan Reid

Shares in Santander. These are at a value less than that required for declaration in the declaration of members interests.

Shares in Lloyds Banking Group. These are at a value less than that required for declaration in the declaration of members interests.

Lindsay Roy

Sponsorship: election campaign donation from GMB £1,300.

Education: Past President of School Leaders Scotland (Headteachers Association), still an active member. International Confederation of Principals – Executive Member. General Teaching Council of Scotland – Registered and fully qualified teacher.

Membership: Member of GMB; Member of Co-operative Society; Formerly member of Board of management, Carnegie College, Dunfermline; Fellow of Royal Society for the Arts.

Julian Smith

Sponsorships: Fastflow Group Ltd, £2,000

Land And Property: Residential rental property in London

Shareholdings: Arq International Ltd, Executive Recruitment

Miscellaneous: Non-Executive Director of Arq International Ltd (also operating in Scotland). Temporary position until company is sold. Currently attend monthly board meeting and spend no more than a few hours a week advising and overseeing.

In addition, individual stock is held through a self-invested pension scheme in the following companies: AVIVA, HSBC, Lloyds and Standard Chartered. These are individually at a value less than that required for declaration in the declaration of members interests.

Shareholdings in State Street: These are at a value less than that required for declaration in the declaration of members interests.

Dr Eilidh Whiteford:

Sponsorships: Stewart Stevenson, £5,000.

Land And Property: Residential flat in Glasgow.

Non-remunerated Director of Turning Point Scotland.

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Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
Mark Menzies
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to authorise individual Member's travel, and the reimbursement of reasonable expenditure related to that travel, should Members wish to investigate possible future lines of inquiry for the Committee during the summer adjournment.

3. Joint seminar on devolution

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Scotland and the UK: cooperation and communication between Governments

Draft Special Report, (*Scotland and the UK: cooperation and communication between Governments: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2009–10*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government's response, together with the response from the Scottish Executive, to the Fourth Report of Session 2009–10 from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State for Scotland and First Minister in January 2011 to request an update on levels of cooperation and communication between Governments.

5. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Clerk apply for a debate in Westminster Hall on the Committee's Second Report of Session 2009–10, *Banking in Scotland*, and Government response to that Report.

6. Work of the Scotland Office

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Alisdair McIntosh, Director, Scotland Office gave oral evidence.

7. Video Games Industry in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dundee on 13 September in connection with its inquiry into the Video Games Industry in Scotland.

8. Work of the Electoral Commission

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair and other Members have leave to visit Glasgow to meet with interested parties in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 September at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 25 August

The Chair, Mrs Fiona Bruce, Ms Cathy Jamieson, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Lindsay Roy and Dr Eilidh Whiteford visited Glasgow in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Work of the Electoral Commission, in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July.

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 8 September 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowat
Fiona O'Donnell

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Strategic Defence Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Secretary of State for Scotland on the impact of the Strategic Defence and Security Review on Scotland.

3. Alcohol Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Secretary of State for Scotland on the outcome of the Government review on alcohol.

4. Visit to Glasgow on 25 August

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Cathy Jamieson have leave to visit various locations in Scotland in a representative capacity, subject to the prior approval of the Chair, for the purpose of the Committee's possible future inquiry into kinship care.

Resolved, That Lindsay Roy have leave to visit various locations in Scotland in a representative capacity, subject to the prior approval of the Chair, for the purpose of the Committee's possible future inquiry into cooperative and mutual societies.

5. Report of the Electoral Commission: General Election 2010

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair write to all Scottish MPs asking for their views on issues to be explored from the 2010 general election with the Electoral Commission.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chair of the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee on the issue of consultation of people in Scotland regarding the date of the AV referendum and Scottish Parliament elections in May 2011.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 September at 4.00 p.m.]

Monday 13 September

The Chair, Mrs Fiona Bruce, Ms Cathy Jamieson, Mr Mark Menzies, Ms Fiona O'Donnell, Mr David Mowat, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Lindsay Roy and Dr Eilidh Whiteford visited Dundee in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Video Games Industry in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July.

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 15 September 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat
Fiona O'Donnell

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Video Games Industry in Scotland: Visit to Dundee

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The Video Games Industry in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DCMS and BIS, Dundee City Council, Scottish Enterprise, Abertay University, Black Company, Nicholas Lovell, GAMESbrief, UKIE, Skillset, NESTA, Ludometrics Ltd, TIGA, The Scotland Office.

2. Banking in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair write to Clydesdale Bank, Lloyds Banking Group and Royal Bank of Scotland as a follow-up to the previous Committee's inquiry into *Banking in Scotland*.

3. Electoral Commission

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh, in connection with the date of the AV referendum.

Ordered, That the Chair write to various organisations asking for their views on the date of the 2011 Scottish Parliament elections and proposed referendum and that their responses be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Response from the Scotland Office

The Committee considered this matter.

5. UK Representation of Scottish interests in the Common Fisheries Policy

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee on consultation with Scottish stakeholders on the issue of fishing.

6. Developing Overseas Trade and Stimulating Inward Investment

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 13 October 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
Mark Menzies
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Visit to Edinburgh on 30 September

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scottish Parliament and the AV Referendum

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Banking in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Banking in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Clydesdale , Lloyds Banking Group, Citizens Advice Scotland, Royal Bank of Scotland.

4. Strategic Defence and Security Review and Spending Review

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Video Games Industry in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Video Games Industry in Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

6. The Video Games Industry in Scotland

Dr Daniel Livingstone, University of West of Scotland, Gamers' Voice, YOYO Games, Dr Richard Wilson, CEO, The Independent Game Developers' Association (TIGA), Michael Rawlinson, Director General, The Association for UK Interactive Entertainment (UKIE), Ian Livingstone, Life President, EIDOS, and Chair, Computer Games Skills Council and Paul Durrant, Director of Business Development, University of Abertay Dundee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 October at 9.00am.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 20 October 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Banking in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Developing Overseas Trade and Stimulating Inward Investment

The Committee considered this matter.

4. University of Strathclyde/Electoral Commission Conference: Putting the Voter First

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to attend the Electoral Commission conference in a representative capacity.

5. The Video Games Industry in Scotland

Edward Troup, Managing Director, Budget, Tax and Welfare, HM Treasury and Ed Vaizey MP, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 October at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 27 October 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
Mark Menzies
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Banking in Scotland: follow-up

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Developing Overseas Trade and Stimulating Inward Investment

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Postal Services in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Postal Services in Scotland.

5. Health and Safety Executive in Scotland

Ordered, That the Chair write to the National Audit Office to ask for a memorandum on the work of the Health and Safety Executive in Scotland.

6. The Video Games Industry in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 November at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 3 November 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Mark Menzies
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Postal Services in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Bids for Overseas Travel

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Implications for Scotland of the Strategic Defence and Security Review and Comprehensive Spending Review

Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland and Alisdair McIntosh, Director, Scotland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 November at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 10 November 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid

Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Postal Services in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Oban in December in connection with its inquiry into Postal Services in Scotland.

3. Briefing from Postal Services Bill Team

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 November at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 17 November 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Postal Services in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow on Monday 13 December in connection with its inquiry into Postal Services in Scotland.

3. The Video Games Industry in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Video Games Industry in Scotland* submitted by Denki Limited and Proper Games be reported to the House for publication on the internet

4. UK Border Agency

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow on Monday 29 November for meetings with the UK Border Agency, Scottish Refugee Council and Glasgow City Council.

5. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Briefing from Devolution Champions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 November at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 24 November 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
Mark Menzies
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Julian Smith
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The UK Border Agency in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *The UK Border Agency in Scotland*.

3. Devolution Champions

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Devolution Champions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Department of Energy and Climate Change, Department of Work and Pensions, Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, Further Department of Business, Innovation and Skills

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 December at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 1 December 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat
Fiona O'Donnell

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Supporting Scotland's Economy

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Supporting Scotland's Economy* submitted by CBI, FSB, BIS and UKTI be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Supporting Scotland's Economy

Philip Rycroft, Director General, Innovation and Enterprise, and Chief Executive, Better Regulation Executive, Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

Susan Haird, Deputy Chief Executive, UK Trade and Investment, gave oral evidence.

4. Declaration of Members Interests

Mr Simon Reeve declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 December at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 8 December 2010

Members present:

Mr Alan Reid, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Simon Reeve
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

Resolved that at this day's sitting, Mr Alan Reid take the Chair of the Committee.

1. Declaration of Members Interests

Mike Freer declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Postal Services in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Postal Services in Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

International Flower Essence Repertoire, Graham Neal, Communication Workers Union, National Federation of Subpostmasters, Association of British Credit Unions Limited, Consumer Focus Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses, Andrea Henderson, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Royal Mail Group, Further Royal Mail Group

6. Postal Services in Scotland

Adam Scorer, Director of External Relations, Richard Bates, Head of Community and Public Services Team, Douglas White, Senior Policy Advocate, Consumer Focus Scotland, George Thomson, General Secretary and Mervyn Jones, Commercial Director, National Federation of Subpostmasters, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 December at 2.15pm.]

Monday 13 December

The Chair, Cathy Jamieson, Jim McGovern, Mr Alan Reid, Lindsay Roy and Dr Eilidh Whiteford visited Dublin in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Postal Services in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 17 November.

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Tuesday 14 December 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Postal Services in Scotland

Peter Hunt, Chief Executive, Mutuo and Billy Hayes, General Secretary, Dave Ward, Deputy General Secretary (Postal) and John Brown, Regional Secretary, Scotland, Communication Workers Union and Brian Scott, Assistant National Secretary, Unite, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 December at 2.00pm.]

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Wednesday 15 December 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Postal Services in Scotland

Paula Vennells, Managing Director, Post Office Ltd, Ian McKay, Director of Scottish Affairs, Royal Mail Group, Tim Brown, Chief Executive, Postcomm, Jonathan Thompson, Director of Strategy, Ofcom and Edward Davey MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 December at 10.30am.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 21 December 2010

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Supporting Scotland's Economy

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Supporting Scotland's Economy.

2. Scotland Bill

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Scotland Bill.

3. Postal Services in Scotland

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

The draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 669.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 January 2011 at 2pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 19 January 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowat

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The implications for Scotland of the Strategic Security and Defence Review

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The potential benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *The potential benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics*.

4. Health and Safety in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

5. BMI in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

6. UK Border Agency and Glasgow City Council

Damian Green MP, Minister of State for Immigration, Phil Taylor, Regional Director for the Scotland and Northern Ireland Region (Immigration Group), Home Office, and Matthew Coats, UKBA, gave oral evidence.

8. Video games industry in Scotland: Consideration of Chair's draft Report

Draft Report (*Video games industry in Scotland*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 500-I.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 January 2011 at 2pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 26 January 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern
Fiona O'Donnell

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The Scotland Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Postal Services in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Video games industry in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee travel to Dundee to launch its Report on Monday 7 February.

4. Supporting Scotland's Economy

Colin Borland, FSB; and Bernadette Kelly, Director General for Market Frameworks Group, BIS, gave oral evidence.

Iain McMillan, Director and Lauren Mc Nicol, Policy Executive, CBI Scotland; Janette Harkess, Director of Policy and Research and Alf Young, Special Economic Counsel to the SCDI Board, Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 February 2011 at 2pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 2 February 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Cathy Jamieson
Fiona O'Donnell

David Mowat
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The Scotland Bill

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Scotland Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SCVO, Supplementary SCVO, The Scottish Wildlife Trust, Lesley Riddoch, Glasgow Prestwick Airport, Law Society of Scotland, British Aggregates Association, Michael Keating, University of Aberdeen, Community Land Scotland, Councillor Donald Macdonald, Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland, Reform Scotland, Scottish Community Alliance, Professor Andrew Hughes Hallett and Professor Drew Scott, United Free Church of Scotland, The Highland Council, Federation of Small Businesses, Association of British Insurers, Low Incomes Tax Reform Group, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, Scottish Retail Consortium, Scottish Council for Development and Industry, Scottish Property Federation, Consumer Focus Scotland.

2. Postal Services in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Video Games Industry in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. UK Border Agency and Glasgow City Council: Consideration of Chair's draft report

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

The draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 733.

5. The Scotland Bill

Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Chairman of the Commission, and Professor Jim Gallagher; Ruchir Shah, Head of Policy and Research Department, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations and David Griffiths, Chief Executive, Ecas and member of SCVO Policy Committee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 1 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 8 February 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Cathy Jamieson
Fiona O'Donnell

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The Video Games Industry in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. UKBA and Glasgow City Council

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Scotland Bill

Ordered, That the following written evidence received relating to *The Scotland Bill* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Brian Wilson, Andy Wightman, Iain McLean, Scotland Office, Scottish Islands Federation, Scottish Financial Enterprise, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, Alan Trench, Calum MacDonald, Michael Keating, University of Aberdeen (Additional), Rail & Maritime Transport Union (RMT)

4. The Scotland Bill

Professor Anton Muscatelli, Principal, Glasgow University and Professor Michael Keating, University of Aberdeen; Sarah Walker, Director PSN and Pamela Mulholland, Head of Devolved Taxation, HMRC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 February 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 9 February 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Fiona O'Donnell
David Mowat

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Strategic Defence and Security Review

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Supporting Scotland's Economy

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Scotland Bill

Terry Murden, Business Editor, The Scotsman and Scotland on Sunday, Bill Jamieson, Executive Editor, The Scotsman, Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, STUC and Andy Wightman, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 February 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 16 February 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Fiona O'Donnell
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowat

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Spring Supplementary Estimate

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The work of the Health and Safety Executive in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the work of the Health and Safety Executive in Scotland

4. Student Visas in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Student Visas in Scotland

5. Supporting Scotland's Economy

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the Crown Estate in Scotland.

7. Scotland Bill

Alan Trench, Professor Iain Mclean, Professor Drew Scott, Professor Andrew Hughes Hallet; Mr Michael Moore, Secretary of State for Scotland and David Mundell, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Chris Flatt, Deputy Director, Corporate and Constitution Division and Laura Crawford, Head of Scotland Bill Team, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March 2011 at 9.30am.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 1 March 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid

Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

The Scotland Bill

Resolved, that the Committee visit the Scottish Parliament Committee on the Scotland Bill in Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry into *The Scotland Bill*.

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Minister for Culture and External Affairs, Scottish Executive, Gerald Byrne, International and Constitution Directorate and Graeme Roy, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 March 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 2 March 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Fiona O'Donnell
Mike Freer
David Mowat

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Supporting Scotland's Economy

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The potential benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the potential benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics.

4. The work of the Health and Safety Executive in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee visit Aberdeen to launch the inquiry.

Resolved, that the Chair have leave to visit Glasgow, to attend the STUC conference in a representative capacity.

5. The Crown Estate in Scotland.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Inverness to hold an informal seminar in connection with its inquiry into *The Crown Estate in Scotland*.

6. Student Immigration System in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee visit Aberdeen to take oral evidence in connection with its inquiry into *The Student Immigration System in Scotland*.

7. Follow up to inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

8. The Scotland Bill- Chair's draft report

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March 2011 at 2 pm.]

Thursday 3 March

The Chair, Mr Alan Reid, Lindsay Roy and Dr Eilidh Whiteford visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Scotland Bill, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 1 March.

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 15 March 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Fiona O'Donnell
David Mowat

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Health and Safety in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Health and Safety in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NAO, Occupational and Environmental Health Research Group, Stirling University, British Safety Council, Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland, School Travel Forum (STF), Stan Brown, Force Safety Adviser, Tayside Police, RoSPA, Society of Chief Officers of Environmental Health, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), HBM Sayers, Highland & Islands Construction Safety Forum, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL), Scottish Retail Consortium, The Forum of Insurance Lawyers, Health & Safety Executive, Chemical Industries Association, Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, Scottish Trades Union Congress, Inverclyde Advice and Employment Rights Centre, Scottish Chamber of Commerce, Families Against Corporate Killers (FACK), RMT, NFUS Scotland, Confederation of British Industry (CBI), Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives.

3. Government Response to the Postal Services Report

Ordered, that the Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2010-11 be published as the Committee's Second Special Report of Session 2010-11, on 25 March.

4. The Scotland Bill

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

The draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 775.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 April 2011 at 2 pm.]

Monday 28 March

The Chair, Ms Fiona O'Donnell, Mr Alan Reid and Mr Lindsay Roy visited Inverness in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Crown Estate in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 2 March.

Formal Minutes

Monday 4 April 2011 (Aberdeen)

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona O'Donnell
Lindsay Roy

Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee visit Shetland/Orkney/Thurso and Wick, and Tiree, Barra and Lewis in relation to its inquiry into *The Crown Estate in Scotland*.

2. Spring Supplementary Estimate

Ordered, That the Estimate be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Student Immigration System in Scotland

Ordered, That the additional written evidence received to date relating to the Student Immigration System in Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Joy Elliot, NUS NEC, International Students Representative, Robin Parker, NUS President Elect, currently President of the University of Aberdeen's Student Association, Leslie McIntosh, Scottish President of the University and Colleges Union and Helen Martin, STUC Assistant Secretary: Professor Iain Diamond - Principal of the University of Aberdeen, Shona Cormack - Vice-Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor Student Experience & External Relations, Robert Gordon University, Professor John Duffield - Vice Principal (Academic) Edinburgh Napier University and Alastair Sim - Director, Universities Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 2 pm.]

Monday 4 April

The Chair, Ms Fiona O'Donnell, Mr Lindsay Roy and Dr Eilidh Whiteford visited Aberdeen in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Health and Safety in Scotland and The Student Immigration System in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 2 March.

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 11 May 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Fiona O'Donnell
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern

David Mowatt
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Estimate memorandum

Ordered, that the *Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General 2011-12 Main Estimates Memorandum*, be reported to the House for publishing on the internet.

3. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that Mr Robin Callander be appointed a Specialist adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into The Crown Estate in Scotland.

4. The student immigration System in Scotland

Damian Green MP, Minister for Immigration, Glyn Williams, Director of Immigration Policy, Home Office, and Phil Taylor, Regional Director, Scotland and Northern Ireland, UK Border Agency gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 18 May 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Fiona O'Donnell
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern

David Mowatt
Mr Alan Reid
Simon Reevell
Lindsay Roy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Follow-up to Inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Committee Communications Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 June 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 7 June 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowatt

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. High Speed Rail

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Implications of the Strategic Defence and Security Review for Scotland

Rt Hon Liam Fox MP, Secretary of State for Defence gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 8 June 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowatt
Fiona O'Donnell

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The Crown Estate in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The implications of the Strategic Defence and Security Review for Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Roger Bright, Chief Executive, and Tom Mallows, The Crown Estate, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 15 June 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowatt

Fiona O'Donnell
Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence related to The Crown Estate in Scotland be reported to the house for publication on the internet:

The Crown Estate, West Highland Anchorages and Moorings Association, Tobermory Harbour Association, Community Land Scotland, Andy Wightman, Plockton Harbour Community Interest Company, Highland Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Scottish Council for Development and Industry, RSPB, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), Scottish Boating Alliance (SBA), The Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation, The Scottish Government, Orkney Fisheries Association, Supplementary The Crown Estate, Additional The Crown Estate, First Minister of Scotland, Orkney Islands Council, Scotrenewables Tidal Power Ltd

2. The Scotland Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. High Speed Rail

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Health and Safety in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Postal Services in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June 2011 at 2 pm.]

Monday 20 June – Friday 24 June

The Chairman, Jim McGovern, Fiona Bruce and Lindsay Roy visited Shetland, Orkney and Thurso, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Crown Estate in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 4 April.

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 29 June 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern

Fiona O'Donnell
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. The Crown Estate in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Health and Safety in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence related to *Health and Safety in Scotland* be published on the internet:

Association of British Insurers, Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT), Health and Safety Division of Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

3. Health and Safety in Scotland

David Ashton, Director Field Operations Directorate, Paul Stollard, Regional Director Field Operations Scotland and Northern England, and David Snowball, Acting Director Hazardous Installations Directorate, Health and Safety Executive, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 July 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 6 July 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowatt

Jim McGovern
Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future programme

The Committee Considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee Visit Glasgow to take oral evidence in connection with its inquiry into *The Crown Estate in Scotland*.

3. Family Return Project

Resolved, That the Committee Visit Glasgow to take oral evidence on *The Family Return Project*.

4. Health and Safety in Scotland

The Committee Considered this matter.

5. The Scotland Bill

The Committee Considered this matter.

6. The Implications of the Strategic Defence and Security Review

The Committee Considered this matter.

7. Health and Safety in Scotland

Ian Tasker, Assistant Secretary, health and safety, STUC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 13 July 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowatt
Jim McGovern

Fiona O'Donnell
Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future programme

The Committee Considered this matter.

2. The Student Immigration System in Scotland

The Committee Considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 July 2011 at 9.30 am.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 19 July 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowatt
Fiona O'Donnell

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future programme

The Committee Considered this matter.

2. The Student Immigration System in Scotland

Draft Report (*The Student Immigration System in Scotland*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 912–I.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 4 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 14 September 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
David Mowatt

Fiona O'Donnell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Health and Safety in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee travel to Glenrothes, Fife to visit Tullis Russell, Diagio and Raytheon in relation to its inquiry into *Health and Safety in Scotland*.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee visit the office of the Crown Estate Commissioners in Edinburgh and Kings Park, Stirling, in connection to its inquiry into the Crown Estate in Scotland.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October 2011 at 2 pm.]

Tuesday 20 September

The Chairman, Jim McGovern and Lindsay Roy visited Glenrothes, Fife, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Health and Safety in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 14 September.

Wednesday 21 September – Saturday 24 September

The Chairman, Jim McGovern, Fiona O'Donnell, Lindsay Roy and Mr Alan Reid visited Tiree, Barra and Lewis, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Crown Estate in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 4 April.

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 12 October 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Cathy Jamieson
David Mowat
Mike Freer
Fiona O'Donnell

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Simon Reeve

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to *The Crown Estate in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Victor Thomas, Lerwick Port Authority, Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP, Orkney Fisheries, Supplementary Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Islay Energy Trust, Scottish Islands Federation (SIF), Community of Arran Seabed Trust, Further The Crown Estate, Kenneth J. Hutchison, Further Scottish Council for Development and Industry, Scottish Power Limited and ScottishPower Renewable Energy Limited, Further Highlands And Islands Enterprise, Further Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), Further Highland Council, Jenny Meade, Further Supplementary The Crown Estate

3. Health and Safety in Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to *Health and Safety in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Scotrenewables Tidal Power Limited, Scottish Hazards Campaign, Thompsons Solicitors Scotland

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 19 October 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Cathy Jamieson
Jim McGovern
Fiona O'Donnell

Simon Reevel
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland Annual Report 2011

Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, David Mundell MP, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland and Alisdair McIntosh, Scotland Office Director, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October 2011 at 2 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 26 October 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie

Graeme Morrice
David Mowat
Mr Alan Reid

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payments from Comres, 4 Millbank London SW1P 3JA, for participating in parliamentary surveys:

Received £75 for participating in a parliamentary survey. Hours: 30 mins.

(Registered 16 October 2010)

Received £75 on 10 January 2011. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 21 January 2011)*

Received £75 on 30 April 2011 for participating in March-April 2011 survey. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 28 May 2011)*

Payment of £80 received on 5 February 2011 from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for participating in parliamentary survey. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 22 February 2011)*

Payment of £150 from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road London SE1 1FY, for participating in a parliamentary survey. Hours: 1 hour *(Registered 10 August 2011)*

Miscellaneous: Member of West Lothian Council. No salary taken since the general election.

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

Nil.

3. Health and Safety in Scotland

Garry Clark, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Scottish Chambers of Commerce and Phil Scott, Safety & Risk Policy Manager, Chemical Industries Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 31 October 2011 at 1.15 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 31 October 2011

The Committee met at Glasgow City Chambers, Glasgow

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Brian Swinbanks, Chair, Tobermory Harbour Association; Robert Clement, Chairman, West Highland Anchorage and Moorings Association; Captain Ron Bailey, Harbour Master, Clydeport Operations Ltd; John Watt, Highland and Island Enterprise; Cllr Michael Foxley, Highland Council; Cllr Angus Campbell, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar; Cllr James Foubister, Orkney Islands Council; Cllr Sandy Cluness, Shetland Island Council; Cllr Dick Walsh, Argyll-Bute Council, gave oral evidence.

3. The Family Return Project

Phil Taylor, Regional Director, Scotland and Northern Ireland, UK Border Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November 2011 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 2 November 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Iain McKenzie

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to *The Crown Estate in Scotland* submitted by No Tìree Array be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Electoral Commission; Hugh Maguire; Peter Thomson; Professor Adam Tomkins, Professor of Public law, University of Glasgow; The Church & Society Committee of the Synod of Scotland of the United Reformed Church.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

John McCormick, Electoral Commissioner for Scotland, Andy O'Neill, Head of Office and Andrew Scallan, Director of Electoral Administration, The Electoral Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 2.00 pm.]

Thursday 3 November

Mr Lindsay Roy, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Graeme Morrice and Mr Mike Freer, visited Stirling in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Crown Estate in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 14 September.

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 9 November 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
Graeme Morrice

David Mowat
Simon Reevel
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to *The Crown Estate in Scotland* submitted by Argyll and Bute Council be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Health and Safety in Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to *Health and Safety in Scotland* submitted by Oil and Gas UK and Scottish Resources Group, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that Professor Jim Gallagher be appointed a Specialist adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into The Referendum on Separation for Scotland.

5. Health and Safety in Scotland

Nigel Miller, President and Scott Walker, Chief Executive, NFU Scotland; Martin Isles, Director, Health & Safety, Mineral Products Association and Robert Paterson, Health and Safety Director, Oil & Gas UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November 2011 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 23 November 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Supplementary The Electoral Commission; Further Supplementary The Electoral Commission; CBI Scotland; Professor Michael Keating; Rt Hon Michael Moore MP; Andrew HN Gray; A Walker

3. Supporting Scotland's Economy

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to *Supporting Scotland's Economy* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Scottish Retail Consortium
Ann McKechin MP

4. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh to take oral evidence in connection with its inquiry into *The Crown Estate in Scotland*.

5. Health and Safety in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow and Edinburgh to take oral evidence in connection with its inquiry into *Health and Safety in Scotland*.

6. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Philip Maxwell, Chairman, Islay Energy Trust, Sandy Brunton, Chairman, Scottish Islands Federation and Ruchir Shah, Head of Policy Department, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations; Phil Thomas, Chairman, Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation, Fiona Matheson, Secretary, Orkney Fisheries Association and Dr Sally Campbell, Vice Chair, Arran Seabed Trust gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 November 2011 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 29 November 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Graeme Morrice
Simon Reevel

Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Health and Safety in Scotland

Alex Botha, Chief Executive, British Safety Council, Laura Cameron, Partner, McGrigors LLP and Karen McDonnell, Head of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 5 December 2011 at 11.15 am.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 5 December 2011

The Committee met at Glasgow City Chambers, Glasgow

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Iain McKenzie
Graeme Morrice

Lindsay Roy
Mr Alan Reid

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Health and Safety in Scotland

Patrick McGuire, Thompsons Solicitors & Solicitor Advocate, Gordon Dalyell, Digby Brown solicitors, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL), Elena Fry, Brodies Solicitors, The Forum of Insurance Lawyers (FOIL), Jake Malloy, Regional Organiser, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT), Harry Frew, Regional Secretary, Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT), Harry Donaldson, Regional Secretary, General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union (GMB) and Debbie Hutchings, Regional Officer, Unite the Union, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 7 December 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
Graeme Morrice

David Mowat
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Lorne MacLeod, Community Land Scotland, Andy Wightman, Gareth Williams, Head of Policy, SCDI and Andrew Jamieson, Policy and Innovation Director at ScottishPower Renewables, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 December 2011 at 1.00 pm.]

Monday 12 December

The Chairman, Jim McGovern, Iain McKenzie, Graeme Morrice, Lindsay Roy and Mr Alan Reid visited Edinburgh, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Crown Estate in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 14 September.

Formal Minutes

Monday 12 December 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
Graeme Morrice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Linda Rosborough, Acting Director, Marine Scotland and David Wilson, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Marine Scotland, Gareth Baird, Scottish Commissioner, Rob Hastings, Director of the Marine Estate, Tom Mallows, Consents and External Relations Manager and Alasdair Rankin, Head of New Business Development in the Marine Estate, The Crown Estate, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 9.30 am.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 14 December 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
Graeme Morrice

David Mowat
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland* submitted by John Philip McAleer be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to *The Crown Estate in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Supplementary Community of Arran Seabed Trust
Patrick Stewart Marine Legislation Consultant to the Scottish Fishermen's Federation
Lorna Elliott
Highlands & Islands Local Authorities
Duncan MacPherson

4. Health and Safety in Scotland

Ordered, that the following supplementary written evidence relating to *health and Safety in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Oil and Gas UK
The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)

5. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Rt Hon Michael Moore, Secretary of State for Scotland, David Mundell, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland and Chloe Smith, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 14 December 2011

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Freer
Graeme Morrice
David Mowat

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Health and Safety in Scotland

Lord Advocate, Frank Mulholland QC, and Elaine Taylor, Head of Health and Safety Division, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 11 January 2012

Members present:

Mr Alan Reid, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern

Iain McKenzie
Simon Reevel
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to The Crown Estate in Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Additional Highlands and Islands Enterprise; Supplementary Chloe Smith, Economic Secretary to the Treasury

3. A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland

Resolved that the Committee inquire into *A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland*

4. Health and Safety in Scotland

Professor Ragnar Löfstedt, Director of King's Centre for Risk Management at King's College, London, and Chair of the independent review of health and safety legislation, Sarah Veale, Trades Union Congress, and member of the review advisory panel, Adam Marshall, British Chamber of Commerce, and member of the review advisory panel, Chris Grayling, MP, Minister of State for Employment, Judith Hackitt, Chair, Health and Safety Executive and Paul Stollard, Director Field Operations, Health and Safety Executive Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 25 January 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
David Mowat

Pamela Nash
Simon Reevel
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Declarations of Interests

Pamela Nash declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, (see Appendix).

3. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to The Crown Estate in Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Supplementary Community Land Scotland; Further Supplementary The Crown Estate, Councillor Michael Foxley Leader of the Council's Administration, The Highland Council

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Electoral Commission, Supplementary The Electoral Commission, Further Supplementary The Electoral Commission, Hugh Maguire, Peter Thomson, Adam Tomkins, The United Reformed Church, CBI Scotland, Professor Michael Keating, Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, John Philip McAleer, Further Rt Hon Michael Moore MP.

5. A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland

Jane Fowler, Chief Officer responsible for Emergency Planning/Civil Contingencies, Argyll and Bute Council; Alistair Redman, Sub Postmaster, Isle of Islay, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 1 February 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
David Mowat

Pamela Nash
Simon Reevel
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 8 February 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie

David Mowat
Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: Unanswered Questions

Draft Report (*The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: Unanswered Questions*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1806.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland, submitted by, Peter Kellner, President, YouGov, be reported to the House for publication on the internet

4. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to The Crown Estate in Scotland, submitted by Linda Rosborough, Interim Director of Marine Scotland, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Energy Networks Association, Alastair Redman, SSE, Supplementary Alastair Redman, John Shield, Don McNeil, West Highland Village Community of Clachan, John Muir Trust, James Robertson, Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), Scottish Renewables, Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD), Community Energy Scotland, SP Energy Networks, Ofgem, Jonathan Ward.

6. A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland

Paul Smith, Director of Operations, Energy Networks Association, Frank Mitchell, CEO, ScottishPower Energy Networks, Vicky Kelsall, Customer Service Director, ScottishPower Energy Networks, Mark Mathieson, Managing Director, Networks, Scottish & Southern Energy, Alan Broadbent, Head of Engineering, Networks, Scottish & Southern Energy, Rachel Fletcher, Acting Senior Partner, Smarter Grids and Governance: Distribution, Ofgem, Hannah Nixon, Acting Senior Partner, Transmission, Ofgem and Jeremy Sainsbury, Chairman, Scottish Renewables, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 February 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
David Mowat

Pamela Nash
Simon Reevel
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland, submitted by, Alan Page, Professor of Public Law, University of Dundee, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to A Robust Grid for 21st Century Scotland, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Supplementary Ofgem, Supplementary SHEPD

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland and Alisdair McIntosh, Director, Scotland Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 February 2012 at 12.30 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 27 February 2012

The Committee met at The Merchants Hall, Edinburgh

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie

Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Alan Page, Professor of Public Law, University of Dundee, Stephen Tierney, Professor of Constitutional Theory, School of Law, University of Edinburgh and Aidan O'Neill QC, Matrix Chambers and Ampersand Stable gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 6 March 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce

David Mowat
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Aidan O'Neill QC, John Kay, Iain McLean, Vernon Bogdanor, John Curtice

4. The Crown Estate in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 07 March 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 7 March 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
David Mowat

Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of Public Petitions

The Committee considered a petition to the House from residents of Linwood, Renfrewshire, concerning the need for the redevelopment of the town centre.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Professor Vernon Bogdanor, Research Professor at King's College London, Professor Iain McLean, Official Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College, Oxford, Professor John Curtice, Professor of Politics University of Strathclyde and Peter Kellner, President, YouGov gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 March 2012 at 5.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 7 March 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Iain McKenzie
Pamela Nash

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Draft Report (*The Crown Estate in Scotland*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1117.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee travel to Inverness to launch its Report on Monday 19 March.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 March 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 14 March 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie

David Mowat
Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland, submitted by, No Campaign Limited, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

John Kay, visiting Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics and Martin Wolf, chief economics commentator, Financial Times, Matthew Elliott, Campaign Director, NOtoAV Campaign; William Norton, Referendum Agent, NOtoAV Campaign; Katie Ghose, Yes to Fairer Votes campaign and Chief Executive, Electoral Reform Society, Willie Sullivan, Scottish Director of Electoral Reform Society and head of field operations, Yes to Fairer Votes campaign, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 March 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

Monday 19 March

The Chairman, Iain McKenzie, Lindsay Roy, Pamela Nash and Mr Alan Reid visited Inverness, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Crown Estate in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7 March.

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 21 March 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Iain McKenzie
Pamela Nash

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Supplementary Iain McLean; SSE (formerly Scottish and Southern Energy); True Wales; Dr Matt Qvortrup; Supplementary Rt Hon Michael Moore; Additional Rt Hon Michael Moore.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Owen Kelly, Chief Executive, Scottish Financial Enterprise, Iain McMillan, Director, CBI Scotland and David Lonsdale, Assistant Director, CBI Scotland, Dr Matt Qvortrup, Senior Lecturer of Comparative Politics, (CISR), Daran Hill, Managing Director, Positif Politics (Yes Campaign), Rachel Banner, True Wales (No Campaign), John McCormick, Electoral Commissioner for Scotland, Andy O'Neill, Head of Office, The Electoral Commission, Lisa Klein, Director of Party and Election Finance, and Andrew Scallan, Director of Electoral Administration, The Electoral Commission gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 10.30 am.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 27 March 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie
David Mowat

Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland, submitted by Nigel Smith, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 April 2012 at 2.30 pm.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 18 April 2012

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Fiona Bruce
Mike Freer
Jim McGovern
Iain McKenzie

David Mowat
Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to The Referendum on Separation for Scotland, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Robert Durward; Supplementary Electoral Reform Society; Ipsos MORI; Ruth Stevenson; Supplementary Electoral Commission; Professor Denis Mollison.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Martin Boon, Head of social & government research, ICM Research, Nigel Smith, chair of the cross party campaign for a Yes vote in the 1997 Scottish Devolution referendum, Andrew Hawkins, Chairman, ComRes and Mark Diffley, Research Director Ipsos Mori Scotland. gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 April 2012 at 2.00 pm.]

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

25 January 2012: declaration of Members' interests

Pamela Nash:

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

15 August 2011, received £75 for completing August 2011 survey from ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA. Payment donated to my Constituency Labour Party. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 1 September 2011)

6. Overseas visits

Name of donor: Astrium Ltd
Address of donor: Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, SG1 2AS
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1,365.37
Destination of visit: Bucharest, Romania
Date of visit: 24-26 October 2010
Purpose of visit: Parliamentary Space Committee delegation to EISC (European Interparliamentary Space Conference)
(Registered 17 November 2010)

Name of donor: Astrium Ltd
Address of donor: Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, SG1 2AS
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £4,160.24
Destination of visit: French Guiana
Date of visit: 25-28 November 2010
Purpose of visit: Parliamentary Space Committee delegation to Guiana Space Centre
(Registered 8 January 2011)

Name of donor: International Aids Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)
Address of donor: Herengracht 208, 1016 BS Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1,656.27
Destination of visit: Kenya and Uganda
Date of visit: 10-14 January 2011
Purpose of visit: to visit field-trials for potential AIDS vaccines being carried out by IAVI, and meet with AIDS campaigners in both countries
(Registered 9 February 2011)

Name of donor: International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
Address of donor: 4 Newhams Row, London SE1 3UZ
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £4,410.43
Destination of visit: Rwanda
Date of visit: 16-23 July 2011
Purpose of visit: to visit projects providing family planning advice to young women and meet with service providers, donors and beneficiaries of these services
(Registered 1 September 2011)

Name of donor: Labour Friends of Israel
Address of donor: BM LFI, London W1N 3XX
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1,250. Some hospitality within Israel and the Palestinian territories provided by the Portland Trust in Ramallah and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Destination of visit: Israel and the Palestinian territories.
Date of visit: 2-7 October 2011
Purpose of visit: fact-finding visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories
(Registered 24 October 2011)