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Transport Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2014–15
The Transport Committee

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

Current membership

Mrs Louise Ellman (Labour/Co-operative, Liverpool Riverside) (Chair)
Sarah Champion (Labour, Rotherham)
Jim Fitzpatrick (Labour, Poplar and Limehouse)
Mr Tom Harris (Labour, Glasgow South)
Karen Lumley (Conservative, Redditch)
Jason McCartney (Conservative, Colne Valley)
Karl McCartney (Conservative, Lincoln)
Mr Adrian Sanders (Liberal Democrat, Torbay)
Chloe Smith (Conservative, Norwich North)
Graham Stringer (Labour, Blackley and Broughton)
Martin Vickers (Conservative, Cleethorpes)

Powers

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Publications

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The Reports of the Committee, the formal minutes relating to that report, oral evidence taken and some or all written evidence are available in a printed volume. Additional written evidence may be published on the internet only.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Gordon Clarke (Clerk), Nick Beech (Second Clerk), Alexandra Meakin (Committee Specialist), Adrian Hitchins (Senior Committee Assistant), Stewart McIlvenna (Committee Assistant) and Hannah Pearce (Media Officer).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Monday 9 June 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick  Mr Adrian Sanders
Karen Lumley  Chloe Smith
Jason McCartney  Graham Stringer
Karl McCartney  Martin Vickers

1. UK shipping strategy: Government Response to the Committee’s Thirteenth Report of Session 2013-14

Draft Special Report (UK shipping strategy: Government Response to the Committee’s Thirteenth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government response to the Thirteenth Report of Session 2013-14 was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Strategic river crossings

The Committee discussed this matter.

3. Motoring of the future

The Committee discussed this matter.

4. Smaller airports

The Committee discussed this matter.

5. Petition

The Committee considered the following petition to the House:

- Petition from Sharon Hodgson regarding Tyne and Wear Metro to Washington (P001346).

6. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Reading station for the purposes of the Committee’s inquiry on Investing in the railway.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Andrew Bodman (IWR001).
7. Cycling safety

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Cycling safety be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Batched on Site Association (CYS0151); Satnam Singh (CYS0152).

8. Government motoring agencies—the user perspective

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Government motoring agencies—the user perspective be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Transport for London (GMA025).

9. Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Maritime and Coastguard Agency be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Louise Ellman MP to Sir Alan Massey relating to navigational safety in UK ports dated 19 May 2014.

10. Offshore helicopter safety

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Offshore helicopter safety be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Oil & Gas UK (HCS027).

11. Network Rail

Mark Carne, Chief Executive, Network Rail, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 June at 4 pm

Tuesday 10 June
The Chair visited Reading station in connection with the Committee’s inquiry on Investing in the railway, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 9 June.

Tuesday 17 June 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Dobbin         Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Fitzpatrick    Chloe Smith
Karen Lumley       Graham Stringer
Jason McCartney    Martin Vickers

1. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Deborah King (IRW0002); Transport for All (IRW0003); Birmingham Airport (IRW0004); ASLEF (IRW0005); Rail Freight Group (IRW0006); TravelWatch NorthWest (IRW0007); Neil Pothecary (IRW0008); South
Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (IRW0009); FirstGroup (IRW0010); RMT (IRW0011).

2. Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Maritime and Coastguard Agency be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Memorandum from the DfT - Progress of coastguard modernisation programme; Letter from Sir Alan Massey to the Chair regarding navigational safety in UK ports dated 4 June 2014.

3. NATS

Richard Deakin, Chief Executive Officer, Catherine Mason, Managing Director Services, and Martin Rolfe, Managing Director Operations, NATS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 June at 4pm

Monday 23 June 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair
Sarah Champion Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Fitzpatrick Graham Stringer
Karl McCartney Martin Vickers

1. Government motoring agencies—the user perspective

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Government motoring agencies—the user perspective be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (GMA0026); Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (GMA0027).

2. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Angel Trains Ltd (IRW0013); GB Railfreight (IRW0014); Stoke-on-Trent City Council (IRW0015); Rail North (IRW0016); Leeds City Region (LCR) (IRW0017); Gatwick Airport Limited (IRW0018); DB Schenker Rail UK (IRW0019); Department for Transport (IRW0020); West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (IRW0021); Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (IRW0022); NECTAR (IRW0023); Office of Rail Regulation (IRW0024); The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (IRW0025); M.A.G (IRW0026); Peninsula Rail Task Force (IRW0027); Passenger Focus (IRW0028); Rail Delivery Group (IRW0029); Merseytravel (IRW0030); The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IRW0031); Chiltern Railways (IRW0032); London TravelWatch (IRW0033); Rosalind Todhunter (IRW0034); DeltaRail (IRW0035); pteg (IRW0036); Campaign for Better Transport (IRW0037); Freightliner Group (IRW0038); North Yorkshire County Council (IRW0039); Network Rail (IRW0040); Freight Transport Association (IRW0041); Greater London Authority (IRW0042); Association of North East Councils (IRW0043); Siemens Rail Automation (IRW0044).
3. Maritime and Coastguard Agency

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to Maritime and Coastguard Agency be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Sir Alan Massey to the Chair regarding navigational safety in UK ports dated 13 June 2014.

4. Offshore helicopter safety

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to Offshore helicopter safety be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Steve Brine MP (HCS0027).

5. Security on the railway

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to Security on the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Rail Delivery Group (SOR0014). Baroness Kramer, Minister of State, and Steve Marshall-Camm, Head of Rail Sponsorship and Stakeholders, Department for Transport; Paul Crowther, Chief Constable, British Transport Police, and Millie Banerjee, Chair, British Transport Police Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 June at 4pm]

**Tuesday 30 June 2014**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion  Karl McCartney
Jim Dobbin      Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Fitzpatrick Chloe Smith
Karen Lumley    Graham Stringer
Jason McCartney Martin Vickers

1. Driving premiums down: fraud and the cost of motor insurance

Draft Report (*Driving premiums down: fraud and the cost of motor insurance*), 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 285.

2. Offshore helicopter safety

Draft Report (*Offshore helicopter safety*), 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 289.
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Offshore helicopter safety be reported to the House for publication on the internet: EASA (HCS0029); James Nugent (HCS0030).

3. Smaller airports

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Smaller airports.

4. InterCity West Coast Rail Franchise

Ordered, That the following correspondence regarding the InterCity West Coast Rail Franchise be reported to the House for publication on the Internet: Letter from Patrick McLoughlin MP to the Chair dated 19 June 2014.

5. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: RMT/TUC (IRW0045); Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (IRW0046); London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IRW0047).

Paul Plummer, Group Strategy Director, Network Rail, Nigel Jones, Rail Delivery Group member and Head of Planning at DB Schenker, Jeremy Long, Rail Delivery Group Member and Chief Executive Officer, European Business of MTR Corporation, Clare Moriarty, Director General, Corporate Group, Department for Transport, and Roger Jones, Deputy Director, Rail Network Outcomes, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 7 July at 4pm

Monday 7 July 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair
Ken Lumley
Mr Adrian Sanders
Clare Smith
Graham Stringer
Martin Vickers

1. Network Rail

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Network Rail be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Mark Carne, Chief Executive, Network Rail to Louise Ellman MP regarding a letter sent to infrastructure supply partners concerning employees’ safety and wellbeing dated 14 May 2014; Letter from Network Rail to Louise Ellman MP regarding the evidence session of 9 June dated 30 June 2014; Letter from Network Rail to Jason McCartney MP regarding the evidence session of 9 June dated 30 June 2014.
2. Motoring of the future

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Drivers Union (MOF0001).

The Committee discussed this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 July at 4pm

Monday 14 July 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair
Sarah Champion Karl McCartney
Jim Dobbin Graham Stringer
Jim Fitzpatrick Martin Vickers

1. Cycling safety

Draft Report (Cycling safety), 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 286.

2. Passenger transport in isolated communities

Draft Report (Passenger transport in isolated communities), 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 288.

3. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:
- Petition from Andrew George regarding High Speed Rail Investment (P001362)
- Petition from John Glen regarding the A303 road west of Stonehenge (P001367)

4. Airports Commission

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the Airports Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from the Airports Commission to Louise Ellman MP regarding Gatwick and Heathrow runways costs dated 27 June 2014.

5. Network Rail

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Network Rail be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Patrick McLoughlin MP to Louise Ellman MP dated 10 July 2014.
6. Investing in the railway

Richard Price, Chief Executive, Office of Rail Regulation, John Larkin, Director, Economic Regulation, Office of Rail Regulation, Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Passenger Focus and Mike Hewitson, Head of Passenger Issues, Passenger Focus, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 1 September at 4 pm

Monday 1 September 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion        Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Dobbin            Chloé Smith
Jim Fitzpatrick       Graham Stringer
Jason McCartney       Martin Vickers

1. Security on the railway

Draft Report (Security on the railway), 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 428.

2. Government motoring agencies

Draft Report (Government motoring agencies), 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 287.

3. Local Transport Expenditure: who decides?

Draft Special Report (Local transport expenditure: Who decides?: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventeenth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.
The Government response to the Seventeenth Report of Session 2013-14 was appended to the Report.
Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.
Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Putting passengers first: disruption at Gatwick, Christmas Eve 2013

Draft Special Report (Putting passengers first: disruption at Gatwick, Christmas Eve 2013: Airport Operators Association Response to the Committee’s Fourteenth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.
The Airport Operators Association response to the Fourteenth Report of Session 2013-14 was appended to the Report.
Resolved, That the Report be the Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.
Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

5. Motoring of the future

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Zero Carbon Futures (MOF0002).

6. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

- From Caroline Spelman, on Proposed Airspace Changes at Birmingham Airport Limited (P001370)
- From David Morris, on train services at Silverdale rail station (P001374)
- From David Morris, on reinstatement of the platforms at Carnforth Station (P001375)

7. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: City of London Corporation (SRC0001).

8. Transpennine Express Rail Franchise Competition

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Transpennine Express Rail Franchise Competition be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Patrick McLoughlin MP to Louise Ellman MP dated 19 August 2014.

9. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported the House for publication on the internet: Association for Consultancy and Engineering (IRW0050); Letter from Network Rail to Adrian Sanders MP dated 14 July 2014 (IRW0051); Letter from Network Rail to Louise Ellman MP dated 21 July 2014 (IRW0052); Office of Rail Regulation (IRW0053); Consortium of East Coast Main Line Authorities (IRW0054).

David Brown, Director General, Merseytravel, representing Rail North, Dr Jon Lamont, Chief Executive, Transport for Greater Manchester, representing One North, Dr Ian Kelly, CEO Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce, Councillor Chris Shaw, Leader, North East Lincolnshire Council, Councillor Liz Redfern, Leader, North Lincolnshire Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 October at 4 pm]

Monday 20 October 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair
1. **Better roads: Improving England’s Strategic Road Network**

Draft Special Report ( Better roads: Improving England’s Strategic Road Network: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifteenth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government response to the Fifteenth Report of Session 2013-14 was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. **Driving premiums down: fraud and the cost of motor insurance**

Draft Special Report ( Driving premiums down: fraud and the cost of motor insurance: Government and Association of British Insurers Responses to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government and Association of British Insurers responses to the First Report of Session 2014-15 were appended to the Report.

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

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

3. **Offshore helicopter safety**

Draft Special Report ( Offshore helicopter safety: Government and Oil & Gas UK Responses to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government and Oil & Gas UK responses to the Second Report of Session 2014-15 were appended to the Report.

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

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

4. **Cycling safety**

Draft Special Report ( Cycling safety: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.


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

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

5. **Passenger transport in isolated communities**

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

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

6. HS2: update

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Sir David Higgins on 17 November 2014 at Manchester University.

7. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

- From Seema Malhotra, on direct bus service from Hounslow West Tube Station to West Middlesex Hospital (P001379)
- From David Morris, on traffic calming measures in Morecambe (P001384)
- From Peter Bone, on heavy traffic congestion on the A45 (P001386)

8. Competition and Markets Authority’s Final Report on private motor insurance

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Competition and Markets Authority’s Final Report on private motor insurance be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from ABI to Louise Ellman MP dated 7 October 2014.

9. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (IRW0055); Rail North (IRW0056); Dr Richard Turner (IRW0057); Sanjeev Kumar Appicharla (IRW0059); Sanjeev Appicharla (IRW0060).


Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Putting passengers first: disruption at Gatwick, Christmas Eve 2013 be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Civil Aviation Authority—Aviation resilience workstreams summary.

11. Safety at level crossings

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Safety at level crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Baroness Kramer to the Chair concerning the DfT response to the Law Commission review of level crossing legislation dated 13 October 2014.

12. Smaller airports
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Regional Development (SMA0001); London Oxford Airport (SMA0003); London Assembly Transport Committee (SMA0004); Dr Jean-Paul Addie (SMA0005); Supporters of Manston Airport (SMA0008); BVRLA (SMA0009); Tees Valley Unlimited (SMA0010); Air Medical Ltd (SMA0011); East of England Energy Group (SMA0013); Thanet District Council (SMA0014); Allan Clifford (SMA0016); Bristol Airport (SMA0017); General Aviation Awareness Council (SMA0018); Friends of Liverpool Airport (FoLA) (SMA0019); Airport Operators Association (SMA0020); TAG Farnborough Airport Ltd (SMA0021); Stobart Group Ltd (SMA0022); Manchester Airports Group (M.A.G) (SMA0023); Civil Aviation Authority (SMA0024); No Night Flights and Manston Pickle (SMA0025); Oil & Gas UK (SMA0026); Mr Laurence N Price (SMA0027); Save Manston Airport Group (SMA0029); Exeter City Council and Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (SMA0030); Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce (SMA0031); Liverpool John Lennon Airport (SMA0032); States of Guernsey (SMA0033); Kent County Council (SMA0034); Gary and Marta Easton (SMA0035); Oxfordshire County Council and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) (SMA0036); Newcastle International Airport Ltd (SMA0037); Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK (SMA0038); Department for Transport (SMA0039); Rigby Group plc / Regional & City Airports (RCA) (SMA0040); Regional and Business Airports Group (SMA0041); RiverOak Investment Corp LLC (SMA0042); Why Not Manston (SMA0043); Birmingham Airport (SMA0044); The Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS) (SMA0046); Royal Aeronautical Society (SMA0047); Welsh Government (SMA0048); Indigo Planning on behalf of London Ashford Airport (SMA0050); London City Airport (SMA0051); Association of International Courier and Express Services (ACES) (SMA0052); WYG Planning and Design on behalf of Leeds Bradford International Airport (SMA0053); North East Scotland Regional Transport Partnership (Nestrans) (SMA0054); Peel Holdings Management Limited (SMA0055); London Biggin Hill Airport (SMA0056); ABTA (SMA0057); Winbourne Martin French (SMA0058).

13. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Martin Blaiklock (SRC0002); Jackie Doyle-Price MP (SRC0004); Francis Wilson (SRC0006); Terry Brown (SRC0007); Mr and Mrs Alan and Daphne Revell (SRC0008); Department for Transport (SRC0009); Roger Pipe (SRC0010); Tom Benton (SRC0011); John Elliott (SRC0012); Simon Norton (SRC0014); Brian Little (SRC0015); Stephen Metcalfe MP (SRC0016); Association for Consultancy and Engineering (SRC0017); Thurrock Council (SRC0018); London Borough Of Newham (SRC0019); ITS United Kingdom (SRC0020); Merseytravel (SRC0021); Kent County Council (SRC0022); John Cox (SRC0023); London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SRC0024); Professor Harry T. Dimitriou (SRC0025); Freight Transport Association (SRC0026); Automobile Association (SRC0027); National Alliance Against Tolls (SRC0029).

14. Motoring of the future

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Brake, the Road Safety Charity (MOF0003); Department for Transport (MOF0004); Transport Planning Society (MOF0006); TRL Limited (MOF0007); Guide Dogs (MOF0008); Autogas Ltd (MOF0009); Autogas Ltd
Chris Reeves, Commercial Manager, Intelligent Mobility and Future Transport Technologies, Motor Industry Research Association Ltd, Professor John Miles, Board Director, Arup and Research Chair of Transitional Energy Strategies, Cambridge University, Professor Paul Newman, Department of Engineering Science, University of Oxford; Gerry Keaney, Chief Executive Officer, British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Agency, Neil Greig, Director of Policy and Research, Institute of Advanced Motorists and Mikes Hawes, Chief Executive Officer, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 October at 4 pm

Monday 27 October 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman in the Chair

Sarah Champion  Chloe Smith
Jim Fitzpatrick  Graham Stringer
Karen Lumley  Martin Vickers
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. HS2 update

The Committee discussed this matter.

2. Investing in the railway

The Committee discussed this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited (IRW0061).

3. Departmental overview

The Committee discussed this matter.

4. Motoring of the future
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Dearman Engine Company (MOF0040).

5. Post Legislative Assessment of the Driving Instruction (Suspension and Exemption Powers) Act 2009

Ordered, That the following memorandum relating to the Post Legislative Assessment of the Driving Instruction (Suspension and Exemption Powers) Act 2009 be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Memorandum from the Department for Transport.

6. Smaller airports

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Winbourne Martin French (SMA0060).

7. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Mr Alan Revell and Mrs Daphne Revell (SRC030); Greater London Authority (SRC0031).

8. Investing in the railway

Tracey Lee, Chief Executive Officer, Plymouth City Council and Lead Chief Executive Officer for the Peninsula Rail Task Force, Mark Pendlington, Chairman, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, Isabel Dedring, Deputy Mayor for Transport, Greater London Authority; Malcolm Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Angel Trains, Mary Kenny, Chief Executive Officer, Eversholt Rail, Paul Francis, Managing Director, Porterbrook, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 3 November at 4 pm

Monday 3 November 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick  Chloé Smith
Jason McCartney  Martin Vickers
Karl McCartney

1. Security on the railway

Draft Special Report (Security on the railway: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Ninth Special Report of the Committee to the House. Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Smaller airports

The Committee discussed this matter. 

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: British Air Transport Association Bata (SMA0062)

3. Strategic river crossings

The Committee discussed this matter.

4. Additional costs added to the published prices in transport

The Committee discussed this matter.

5. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

- From Seema Malhotra, on direct bus service from Hounslow West Tube Station to West Middlesex Hospital with observations (P001379)
- From Peter Bone, on heavy traffic congestion on the A45 with observations (P001386)

6. Motoring of the future

Denis Naberezhnykh, Head of Low Carbon Vehicles and ITS Technology, Transport Research Laboratories, Professor Phil Blythe, Professor of Intelligent Transport Systems, Newcastle University and Graham Grant, Transport Development Specialist, Newcastle City Council; Andy Eastlake, Managing Director, Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership and Dr Colin Herron, Managing Director, Zero Carbon Futures, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 November at 4 pm at the University of Manchester]

The Chair, Jason McCartney, Graham Stringer, Martin Vickers, Second Clerk, Alexandra Meakin (Committee Specialist), Adrian Hitchins (Senior Committee Assistant) visited the University of Manchester in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into HS2: update, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 20 October 2014.

Monday 17 November 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair
1. HS2: update

Sir David Higgins, Chair, HS2 Limited, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 November at 4pm

Monday 24 November 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Karen Lumley
Karl McCartney
Mr Adrian Sanders

Chloe Smith
Graham Stringer
Martin Vickers

1. Smaller airports

The Committee discussed this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Flybe Plc (SMA0063).

2. Petition

The Committee noted the following petition to the House:

• From David Morris, on the reinstatement of the platforms at Carnforth Station (P001375)

3. Cost of motor insurance: whiplash

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Cost of motor insurance: whiplash be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Stephen Evans to Chair dated 29 October 2014.

4. Contingent liability to trustees of the Air Travel Trust Fund

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Contingent liability to trustees of the Air Travel Trust Fund be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Patrick McLoughlin MP to Louise Ellman MP dated 18 November 2014.

5. Investing in the railway
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the Railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Industrial Communities Alliance (IRW0062).

6. Review of Traffic Commissioners

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Review of Traffic Commissioners be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Claire Perry MP to Louise Ellman MP dated 10 November 2014.

7. Motoring of the future

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Oliver Carsten (MOF0041); Mayor of London/Greater London Authority (MOF0042); Zero Carbon Futures (MOF0043).

Professor Eric Sampson, Visiting Professor Newcastle University, Andrew Miller, Chief Technical Officer, Thatcham Research, Darren Capes, Transport Systems Manager, City of York Council; Richard Cuerden, Technical Director for Vehicle Safety, Engineering and Assurance, Transport Research Laboratories, Professor Oliver Carsten, Professor of Transport Safety, Leeds University, Professor Pete Thomas, Professor of Road and Vehicle Safety, Loughborough University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 1 December at 4pm]

Monday 1 December 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion Karl McCartney
Jim Fitzpatrick Graham Stringer

1. Offshore helicopter safety

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Offshore helicopter safety be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Robert Goodwill MP to Louise Ellman MP dated 25 November 2014.

2. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sanjeev Appicharla (IRW0064); Sanjeev Appicharla (IRW0065).
Maggie Simpson, Executive Director, Rail Freight Group, Lindsay Durham, Head of Rail Strategy, Freightliner Group, and John Smith, Managing Director, GB Railfreight, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 8 December at 4pm

Monday 8 December 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion  Karl McCartney
Jim Fitzpatrick  Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Harris  Graham Stringer
Karen Lumley  Martin Vickers

1. Declaration of interests

Mr Tom Harris declared interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

- Payment of £75 for participation in April 2014 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 June 2014)
- Payment of £75 for participation in May-June 2014 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 1 August 2014)
- Payment of £75 for participation in July 2014 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 13 October 2014)
- Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London, EC1Y 8RT, for opinion surveys: Payment of £80 received on 6 January 2014 for participation in November 2013 online survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 6 January 2014)
- Payment of £80 received on 4 June 2014 for participation in survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 9 June 2014)
- Payments from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY, for completing surveys: Payment of £200. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 27 January 2014)
- Member of Community (union)

2. Price transparency

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sanjeev Appicharlâ (IRW0066).
4. Motoring of the future

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Beemcar Limited (MOF0045).

Claire Perry MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ian Yarnold, Head of International Vehicle Standards, and Richard Bruce, Head of the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 December at 4pm

Monday 15 December 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion  Karl McCartney
Jim Fitzpatrick  Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Harris  Chloë Smith
Karen Lumley  Graham Stringer
Jason McCartney  Martin Vickers

1. Government motoring agencies – the user perspective

Draft Special Report (Government motoring agencies – the user perspective: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.


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

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

2. Smaller airports

The Committee discussed this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sir Roger Gale MP (SMA0064).

3. Motoring of the future

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Eric Sampson (MOF0046).

4. Coastguard

The Committee discussed this matter.
5. NATS: failure of air traffic management system

The Committee discussed this matter.

6. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Office of Rail Regulation (IRW0068).

Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State, and Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 December at 2pm]

Wednesday 17 December 2014

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr Tom Harris, Karen Lumley, Jason McCartney, Chloe Smith, Graham Stringer, Martin Vickers

1. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

- From Stewart Jackson, on the upgraded the continuous railway line adjacent to North Werrington (P001408)
- From Stewart Jackson, on the upgrade to railway line adjacent to Peakirk (P001409)

2. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sanjeev Kumar Appicharla (IRW0070); Department for Transport (IRW0071); Department for Transport (IRW0072).

3. Motoring of the future

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: PACTS (MOF0047).

4. NATS: failure of air traffic management system
Richard Deakin, Chief Executive, National Air Traffic Services, Martin Rolfe, Managing Director Operations, National Air Traffic Services, Andrew Haines, Chief Executive, Civil Aviation Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 January 2015 at 4pm]

**Monday 12 January 2015**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion  Karl McCartney
Jim Fitzpatrick  Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Harris  Chloe Smith
Karen Lumley  Martin Vickers
Jason McCartney

1. **European Commission 2015 work programme**

   *Resolved*, That the Committee respond to the European Scrutiny Committee’s request for comment on the European Commission’s 2015 work programme.

   *Ordered*, That the following correspondence relating to the European Commission 2015 work programme be forwarded to the European Scrutiny Committee: Letter from Louise Ellman MP to Sir William Cash MP dated 12 January 2015.

2. **Railway network disruption (Christmas 2014)**

   *Resolved*, That the Committee take evidence from Network Rail and the Office of Rail Regulation on Wednesday 14 January on disruption to passengers over the Christmas period.

3. **Smaller Airports**

   The Committee considered this matter.

   *Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Lab-Tools Ltd (Nano-Science) (SMA0067).

4. **Declaration of interest**


   - Jason McCartney held a Jobs Fair in his constituency sponsored by Grand Central rail on 6 October 2014.

5. **Driver Certificate of Professional Competence**
Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Driver certificate of professional competence be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Patrick McLoughlin MP to Louise Ellman MP dated 6 January 2015.

6. Motoring of the future

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Motoring of the future be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Transport (MOF0048).

7. Investing in the railway

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: David Cooper-Smith (IRW0073).

8. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: The Institution of Engineering and Technology (SRC0032).


[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 January at 2pm]

Wednesday 14 January 2015

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick  Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Harris  Chloë Smith
Jason McCartney  Graham Stringer
Karl McCartney  Martin Vickers

1. HS2: update
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to HS2: update be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Mr M Rawson (HS20001).

2. Smaller airports

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Mrs Sue Girdler (SMA0068); Belfast International Airport (BIA) (SMA0069).

3. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sanef Operations Ltd (SRC0033); No to Silvertown Tunnel (SRC0034)

4. Railway network disruption (Christmas 2014)

Ordered, That the following written evidence related to Railway network disruption (Christmas 2014) be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Jeremy Corbyn MP (RWD0001); Govia Thameslink Railway (RWD0002); Office of Rail Regulation (RWD0003).

Mark Carne, Chief Executive, Network Rail and Robin Gisby, Managing Director, Network Operations, Network Rail; Richard Price, Chief Executive, Office of Rail Regulation and Joanna Whittington, Director, Railway Markets and Economics, Office of Rail Regulation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 19 January at 4pm

Monday 19 January 2015

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Sarah Champion Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Fitzpatrick Chloe Smith
Karen Lumley Graham Stringer
Jason McCartney Martin Vickers

1. HS2: update

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to HS2: update be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HS2 Ltd (HS20002).

2. Investing in the railway
Draft Report (Investing in the railway), 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 257.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Investing in the railway be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Transport (IRW0074).

3. Offshore helicopter safety

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Offshore helicopter safety be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to the Chair dated 23 December 2014.

4. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Mersey Gateway Crossings Board on behalf of Halton Borough Council (SRC0035).

5. Smaller airports

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

Nathan Stower, Chief Executive, British Air Transport Association, Darren Caplan, Chief Executive, Airport Operators Association, Iain Osborne, Group Director for Regulatory Policy, Civil Aviation Authority, Paul Le Blond, Chairman, Aviation Forum, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, John Spooner, Chairman, Regional and Business Airports Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 January at 4pm]

Monday 26 January 2015

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick        Chloe Smith
Mr Tom Harris          Martin Vickers
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: North East Combined Authority (SRC0036).
Steve Nicholson, Special Adviser, Mersey Gateway Crossings Board and Stephen Joseph, Chief Executive, Campaign for Better Transport; Rachel Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer, TT2 Limited and Paul Woods, Chief Finance Officer, North East Combined Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 February at 4pm]

Monday 2 February 2015

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick
Mr Tom Harris
Karen Lumley
Chloe Smith
Graham Stringer
Martin Vickers

1. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions and observations to the House:

- From Stewart Jackson, on the upgraded the continuous railway line adjacent to North Werrington (P001409)
- From Tim Farron MP regarding Traffic safety measures in Cartmel (P001432)

2. Railway network disruption (Christmas 2014)

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Railway network disruption (Christmas 2014) be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Network Rail (RWD0005).

3. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Peter Smethurst (SRC0037); Port of London Authority (SRC0038); John Elliott (SRC0039).

4. Smaller airports

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Coastal Airports (Holdings Limited) (SMA0072); Dover District Council (SMA0074).

Pauline Bradley, Director, Manston Skyport Limited, Alastair Welch, Interim Director, Kent Airport Limited, Alan Mackinnon, Interim Director, Kent Airport Limited, George Yerrall, Partner, RiverOak Investment Corp, and Tony Freudmann, Partner, RiverOak Investment Corp; Paul Carter, Leader, Kent County Council, David Smith, Director of Economic Development, Kent County Council, Councillor Iris Johnston, Leader, Thanet District Council, Madeline Homer, Acting Chief Executive,
Thanet District Council, Adrian Verrall, Strategic Planning Manager, Thanet District Council, and Sir Roger Gale MP; Ms Rosalyn McIntyre, No Night Flights, Dr Beau Webber, Chair, Save Manston Airport Group, and Angie Sutton, Why Not Manston?, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 February at 4pm]

Monday 9 February 2015

Members present:
Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick          Chloe Smith
Karl McCartney           Martin Vickers
Adrian Saunders

1. Smaller airports

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: TG Aviation Limited (SMA0073); RiverOak Investment Corp., LLC (SMA0075); Coastal Airports (Holdings Limited) (SMA0076); Finlays Horticulture Investments Ltd (SMA0077); Supporters of Manston Airport (SMA0081); Stuart Vint (SMA0085).

2. Strategic river crossings

Eur Ing Sharon Kindleysides, Chairman, ITS United Kingdom, Mike Llywelyn-Jones, Chair, Roads Sector Interest Group, Association for Consultancy and Engineering, Tim Healey, Deputy Chair, Roads Sector Interest Group, Association for Consultancy and Engineering; John Hayes MP, Minister of State, Department for Transport, James Hooson, Project Director for the Lower Thames Crossing, Department for Transport, Graham Dalton, Chief Executive, Highways Agency, Penny Mordaunt MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 February at 4pm]

Monday 23 February 2015

Members present:
Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick          Graham Stringer
Karl McCartney           Martin Vickers

1. Motoring of the future

Draft Report (Motoring of the future), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 429.

2. Liaison Committee

Ordered, That the Chair submit a memorandum relating to Select Committee effectiveness to the Liaison Committee.

3. European Court of Justice ruling on Vnuk case

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the European Court of Justice ruling on the Vnuk case be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Letter from Robert Goodwill MP to Louise Ellman MP dated 22 December 2014.

4. Supplementary Estimate 2014-15

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the Supplementary Estimate 2014-15 be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Memorandum from the Department for Transport.

5. Strategic river crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Strategic river crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Gravesham Borough Council (SRC 0040).

6. Smaller airports

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Manston Skyport Ltd (SMA0089); RiverOak Investment Corp. LLC (SMA090); Supporters of Manston Airport (SMA0091); No Night Flights (SMA0092); Trevor Cartner and Chris Musgrove (SMA0093); RiverOak Investment Corp. LLC (SMA0094).

Robert Goodwill MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Mr Ben Smith, Deputy Director, Aviation Policy and Delivery, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 March at 4pm

Monday 2 March 2015

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick Karen Lumley

1. Smaller airports
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Smaller airports be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Regional & Business Airports Group (SMA0095); Consumer Council (SMA0096).

2. Petitions

The Committee noted the following petitions and observations to the House:

- From John Glen MP on dual carriageway for the A303 (P001367)
- From Mrs Caroline Spelman MP on proposed airspace changes at Birmingham Airport (P001370)
- From Tim Farron MP on traffic safety measures in Cartmel (P001423)

3. Work of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Work of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Maritime and Coastguard Agency (TCS0001).

Sir Alan Massey, Chief Executive, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and Ian Woodman, Director, Maritime Directorate, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 March at 4pm

Monday 9 March 2015

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Jim Fitzpatrick  Mr Adrian Sanders
Karen Lumley  Chloe Smith
Jason McCartney  Martin Vickers

1. Smaller airports

Draft Report (Smaller airports), 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 Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 713.

2. Strategic river crossings

Draft Report (Strategic river crossings), 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 Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 714.
3. **Investing in the railway**  
   Draft Special Report (*Investing in the railway: Government and the Office of Rail Regulation Responses to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2014-15*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.  
   The Government and the Office of Rail Regulation Responses to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2014-15 were appended to the Report.  
   **Resolved**, That the Report be the Eleventh Special Report of the Committee to the House. **Ordered**, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. **Order to publish (24 November 2014)**
   **Ordered**, That the Committee discharge the Order (24 November 2014) to publish correspondence relating to a contingent liability to trustees of the Air Travel Trust Fund.

5. **Publication of written evidence before dissolution**
   **Resolved**, That the Chair report for publication to the House any memoranda or other papers received before the dissolution of the 2010-15 Parliament.

6. **Analysis of recommendations**
   **Resolved**, That the Chair write to the Department for Transport, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Rail Delivery Group and the Highways Agency analysing their responses to the Committee’s recommendations.

7. **Petitions**
   The Committee noted the following petitions and observations to the House:
   - From Keith Vaz MP on lack of appropriate parking around Shree Sanatan Mandir (P001431)
   - From Lee Scott MP on accident prevention measures for Redbridge roundabout (P001432)

9. **Work of the Department for Transport 2010-15**
   Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State, and Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.
   [Adjourned till a date and time to be fixed by the Chair]