Proceedings of the Committee

Wednesday 7 November 2007

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Clive Efford
Mrs Louise Ellman
Mr Philip Hollobone

Mr John Leech
Mr Lee Scott
Graham Stringer

1. **Galileo: recent developments**

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, 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 53.)

2. **Transport Security**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The Public Private Partnership (PPP) and London Underground**

Mr Graham Pimlott, former Chairman, Metronet, gave oral evidence.

Mr Alan Bloom, PPP Administrator, Ernst and Young (Metronet Administrators); and Mr Tim O’Toole, Managing Director, London Underground, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP, Secretary of State, Lucy Chadwick, Director of Regional and Local Transport Delivery, and Paul Collins, Head of Regional Transport London and South East, Department for Transport gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 14 November.]
Wednesday 14 November 2007

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford      Mr Lee Scott
Mrs Louise Ellman  David Simpson
Mr Philip Hollobone  Graham Stringer
Mr John Leech

1. Ticketing on Public Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme – Road Safety

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Road Safety.

3. Ticketing on Public Transport

Chris Austin, Director of Public Policy, and David Mapp, Commercial Director, Association of Train Operating Companies; and Richard Malins, Managing Director, Transport Investigations Ltd., gave oral evidence.

Elaine Holt, Managing Director, (First Capital Connect) and Martin Dean, Business Development Director, First Group plc; Les Warneford, Managing Director, UK Bus and Ian Dobbs, Chief Executive, Rail Division, Stagecoach Group plc, gave oral evidence.

Keith Halstead, Chief Executive and Ewan Jones, Director of Operations & Deputy Chief Executive, Community Transport Association UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 21 November.]
Wednesday 21 November 2007

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford        David Simpson
Mr Philip Hollobone Mr David Wilshire

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Galileo – Recent Developments

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Ticketing on Public Transport

Martin Stanley, Chief Executive and John Banfield, Inquiry Manager, Competition Commission; Harry Bush, Group Director Economic Regulation, and Daniel Storey Head, Airport Price Controls, Civil Aviation Authority, gave oral evidence.

Simon Evans, Chief Executive, Air Transport Users’ Council, gave oral evidence.

Roger Sealey, Transport Researcher, and Brendan Gold, National Officer, Unite; Paul Smith, BAA Group Secretary, and Mr Dennis Burke, President, BAA Section, Aviation Group, Public and Commercial Services Union, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 28 November.

Wednesday 28 November 2007

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Clive Efford          Mr Eric Martlew
Mrs Louise Ellman     Mr Lee Scott
Mr Philip Hollobone   David Simpson
Mr John Leech         Mr David Wilshire
1. **Petitions**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee considered the petition to the House from residents of Northampton and people who use the local rail services concerning Rail Services (Northampton).

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **The Future of BAA**

Paul Ellis, General Manager, Infrastructure Policy and Economic Regulation, British Airways; Toby Nicol, Communications Director, easyJet; Don Langford, Managing Director, Services, Europe & India and Jeff Ogar, Attorney, Competition Law / Regulatory, American Airlines, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Nelson, Chief Executive, Sir Nigel Rudd, Chairman, and Kyran Hanks, Director of Regulation, BAA Ltd, gave oral evidence.

Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Jonathan Moor, Director of Airport Strategy, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 5 December.]

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**Wednesday 5 December 2007**

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Clive Efford
Mrs Louise Ellman
Mr Philip Hollobone

Mr Eric Martlew
David Simpson
Mr David Wilshire

1. **Winter Supplementary Estimate**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Secretary of State.

2. **Future programme**
The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Future of BAA

Roy Wicks, Chair and Neil Scales Director General, Merseytravel, Passenger Transport Executive Group; David Cook, Chief Executive, Kettering Borough Council, Adrian Jones, Director of Environment and Regeneration, Nottingham City Council, and Greg Yates, County Transport and Regeneration Officer, Cheshire County Council, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

Dr Shashi Verma, Director of Fares & Ticketing and Steve Burton, Deputy Director of Transport Policing & Enforcement, Transport for London, gave oral evidence.

Gerry Doherty, General Secretary, Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association; Fran Hill, Chair, UNISON Bus Sector and Manuel Cortes, Assistant General Secretary, UNISON, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 12 December.

Wednesday 12 December 2007

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr John Leech
Clive Efford  Mr Eric Martlew
Mrs Louise Ellman  Mr Lee Scott
Mr Philip Hollobone  Graham Stringer

1. Transport security

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Freight Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30 Year Strategy for the Railways?

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Planning Bill
The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Ticketing on Public Transport**

Stephen Joseph, Executive Director, Campaign for Better Transport; Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Passenger Focus; Rufus Barnes, Chief Executive, London TravelWatch; and Gordon Edwards, Company Secretary, TravelWatch SouthWest, gave oral evidence.

Tom Harris MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport and Bob Linnard, Director, Rail Strategy & Stakeholder Relations, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 9 January.

**Wednesday 9 January 2008**

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland          Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford               David Simpson
Mrs Louise Ellman          Mr Lee Scott
Mr Philip Hollobone        Graham Stringer

1. **Public petitions**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

a. People of Boston and the Boston Bypass Pressure Group concerning the roads strategy for Boston, Lincolnshire; and

b. Mr Christopher Groome of Kettering Rail Users and others concerning rail passenger services to and from Kettering Station.

The Committee considered the Government’s observations on the petition from residents of Northampton and people who use the local rail services relating to Rail Services (Northampton).

Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Liaison Committee.

2. **Committee travel**

Resolved, That the Committee visit Heathrow Terminal 5.
3. Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-Year Strategy for the Railways

Jim Steer, Director and Julie Mills, Director, Greengauge 21; Roger Ford, Industry & Technology Editor, Modern Railways; and Paul Martin Director General, The Railway Forum, gave oral evidence.

Cliff Perry, Vice Chairman Railway Division, Institution of Mechanical Engineers; Martin Brennan, Chair Strategic Rail Forum, and Mary Bonar, Member Strategic Rail Forum, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport; Dr Ian Harrison, Deputy Director, Environment, Economy and Culture, Devon County Council and Mr Colin McKenna, Head of Highways and Transport, West Sussex County Council, County Surveyors Society gave oral evidence.

George Muir, Director General, Association of Train Operating Companies; Richard Brown CBE, Chief Executive Officer and Louisa Bell, Head of Environment and Energy, Eurostar UK; and Tony Collins, Chief Executive and Chris Gibb, Chief Operating Officer, Virgin Trains, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 16 January.

Wednesday 16 January 2008

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland Mr John Leech
Clive Efford Mr Eric Martlew
Mrs Louise Ellman David Simpson
Mr Philip Hollobone Graham Stringer

1. The Public Private Partnership and London Underground

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, 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 45.)

2. The Work of the Committee in 2007

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, 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 248.)
3. Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-Year Strategy for the Railways?

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Freight Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

John Chaplin, Member of the Maritime Panel, Institution of Civil Engineers; Mike Slinn, President, The Institution of Highways and Transportation; Professor Alan McKinnon, Logistics Research Centre, Heriot-Watt University; and John Edwards, Chief Executive, Advantage West Midlands, gave oral evidence.

James Hookham, Managing Director of Policy and Communications and Chris Welsh General Manager, Campaigns, Freight Transport Association; Sharon Davies, Director of Corporate Affairs, DHL, Association of International Couriers and Express Services; Roger King, Chief Executive and Jack Semple, Director of Policy, Road Haulage Association, gave oral evidence.

Bob Crow, General Secretary, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers; Andrew Linington, Head of Campaigns & Communications, Nautilus UK; and Dave Williams, Chair, National Committee, Road Transport—Commercial, Unite the Union, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 23 January.

Wednesday 23 January 2008

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Clive Efford                        Mr Lee Scott
Mrs Louise Ellman                  David Simpson
Mr Philip Hollobone                Graham Stringer
Mr Eric Martlew

1. Galileo: Recent Developments – Government response

Draft Special Report [Government response to the First Report from the Committee (Galileo: Recent Developments)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government response to the First Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman.)
2. The Public Private Partnership and London Underground
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

4. Network Rail engineering delays over the New Year period
The Committee considered this matter.

Sir Ian McAllister, Chairman, Iain Coucher, Chief Executive and Simon Kirby, Director Infrastructure Investment, Network Rail; Thomas McCarthy, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Rail Division, Bechtel Limited, gave oral evidence.

5. Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-Year Strategy for the Railways?
The Committee considered this matter.

Sir Ian McAllister, Chairman, Iain Coucher, Chief Executive and Paul Plummer, Director Planning and Regulation, Network Rail, gave oral evidence.

Chris Bolt, Chairman and Bill Emery, Chief Executive, Office of Rail Regulation (ORR), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 30 January.

Wednesday 30 January 2008

Members present:
Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair
Mr David Clelland Clive Efford Mrs Louise Ellman Mr Philip Hollobone Mr Eric Martlew
Mr Lee Scott David Simpson Graham Stringer Mr David Wilshire

1. Public petitions
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-appointment hearings
The Committee considered this matter.
3. Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-Year Strategy for the Railways?

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee do take further evidence from the Office of Rail Regulation.

4. The Department for Transport’s Annual Report 2007

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP, Secretary of State and Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 6 February.

Wednesday 6 February 2008

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr John Leech

Clive Efford
David Simpson

Mrs Louise Ellman
Graham Stringer

Mr Philip Hollobone

1. Blue Badge Scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Blue Badge Scheme.

2. The Future of BAA

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Freight Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Martyn Pellew, Group Development Director, PD Ports; Frank Robotham, Group Marketing Director, Peel Ports; David Whitehead, Director, British Ports Association; and Richard Bird, Executive Director, UK Major Ports Group, gave oral evidence.

Paul Plummer, Director, Planning & Regulation and Barbara Barnes, Head of Customer Service, Network Rail; Lindsay Durham, Head of Rail Strategy, Freightliner, Freight on
Rail; and Graham Smith, Planning Director, English Welsh and Scottish Railway, gave oral evidence.

Simon Salem, Marketing and Customer Service Director, British Waterways; Mike Garratt, Acting Chairman, Sea and Water; James Trimmer, Head of Planning and Partnerships, Port of London Authority; and John Spencer, Managing Director, GPS Marine Contractors Ltd, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 20 February.

Wednesday 20 February 2008

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair
Clive Efford
Mrs Louise Ellman
Mr Philip Hollobone
Mr John Leech
Mr Eric Martlew,
Graham Stringer

1. The Future of BAA

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-appointment hearings

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Chairman of the Liaison Committee.

3. Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-Year Strategy for the Railways

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Anson Jack, Deputy Chief Executive and Stephen McKay, Safety Policy Advisor, Rail Safety & Standards Board, and Peter Rayner, Consultant and Expert on Railway Operations and Safety, gave oral evidence.

Gerry Doherty, General Secretary, Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association; and Bob Crow, General Secretary, and Alex Gordon, Executive Committee Member, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers gave oral evidence.

Colin Walton, Chairman & Chief Country Representative UK, Bombardier Transportation Group and Angel Trains, gave oral evidence.
[Adjourned till 2.00pm on Wednesday 27 February.

Wednesday 27 February 2008

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Clive Efford
Mrs Louise Ellman
Mr Philip Hollobone
Mr John Leech

Mr Eric Martle
Mr Lee Scott
Graham Stringer
Mr David Wilshire

1. The Future of BAA

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(Further consideration of the draft Report was adjourned; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report will be published in the Fourth Report of the Committee.)

2. Freight Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Helen Watson, Head of Economic Policy and International Aviation and Graham French, Manager, Air Transport Statistics Economic Regulation Group, Civil Aviation Authority; Dr Jonathan Bailey, Director of External Affairs and Geoff Muirhead CBE, Group Chief Executive, Manchester Airports Group, gave oral evidence.

Tim Ingleton, Head of Regeneration and Cllr Paul Watkins, Leader, Dover District Council; and David Sheppard, Deputy Head of Transport, John Lewis Partnership Central London Freight Quality Partnership, gave oral evidence.

Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Stephen Fidler, Divisional Manager, Freight & Logistics, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.00pm on Wednesday 5 March.]
Wednesday 5 March 2008

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford  David Simpson
Mrs Louise Ellman  Graham Stringer
Mr Philip Hollobone  Mr David Wilshire
Mr John Leech

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Graham Stringer was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

1. **The Future of BAA**

The Committee considered this matter.

Consideration of the Chairman’s draft Report resumed.

*The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 119.*

2. **Road safety**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **School travel**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into school travel.

*[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 19 March.*

Wednesday 19 March 2008

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford  Mr Lee Scott
Mrs Louise Ellman  Graham Stringer
Mr Philip Hollobone  Mr David Wilshire
Mr John Leech

1. **Ticketing on Public Transport**
The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Local Transport Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Chairman write to the Speaker of the House.

3. **The Blue Badge Scheme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-Year Strategy for the Railways**

The Committee considered this matter.

Julian Johnson, Chair of the Regional Transport Board, South West Regional Assembly and South West Regional Development Agency; Chris Haynes, Head of Transportation Strategy, Birmingham City Council, West Midland Regional Rail Forum; Geoff Hobbs, Head of Strategy, TfL London Rail, Transport for London; and Professor David Begg, Chairman, Transport Compact, The Northern Way, gave oral evidence.

Tom Harris MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport and Bob Linnard, Director, Rail Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, Department for Transport gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 26 March.]

**Wednesday 26 March 2008**

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Clive Efford  Mr Eric Martlew
Mrs Louise Ellman  Mr Lee Scott
Mr Philip Hollobone  David Simpson

1. **Ticketing on Public Transport**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*Resolved*, That the title of the report be changed to the following: *Ticketing and Concessionary Travel on Public Transport.*—(The Chairman.)
The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 84.)


Draft Special Report [Government response to the Second Report from the Committee (The London Underground and the Public–Private Partnership Agreements)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. **Road Safety**

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Danny Dorling, Professor of Human Geography, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield; Dr Nicola Christie, Head of Surrey Injury Research Group, University of Surrey; and David Lynam OBE, Chief Research Scientist, TRL, gave oral evidence.

Professor Richard Allsop OBE, Emeritus Professor of Transport Studies and Ms Heather Ward, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, University College London; and Mr Nick Starling, Director of General Insurance and Health, Association of British Insurers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 2 April.

**Wednesday 2 April 2008**

Members present:

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford Mr Lee Scott
Mrs Louise Ellman David Simpson
Mr Philip Hollobone Graham Stringer
Mr John Leech Mr David Wilshire

1. **Committee travel**

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Chairman of the Liaison Committee.

2. Heathrow Terminal 5
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Heathrow Terminal 5.

3. Mail service
The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Blue Badge Scheme
The Committee considered this matter.

Rob Smith CB, Graeme Lawson, Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee; and Douglas Campbell, Chair, Mobilise, gave oral evidence.

Paddy Cullen, Tribunal Support Officer, Disability Alliance; Dr Alan Burnett, Senior Policy Officer, Help the Aged; Vicky Pearlman, Social Policy Officer, Citizens Advice; and Martin Low, Director of Transportation, Westminster City Council, Technical Advisors Group, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Rosie Winterton MP, Minister of State for Transport and Miranda Carter, Head of Accessibility and Equalities Unit, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 30 April.

Wednesday 30 April 2008
Members present:

Mr David Clelland  Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford  Mr Lee Scott
Mrs Louise Ellman  Graham Stringer
Mr Philip Hollobone  Mr David Wilshire

1. Election of Chairman
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That at this day’s sitting, Mr David Clelland take the Chair of the Committee.—
(Mr Graham Stringer.)

2. Heathrow Terminal 5
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Road Safety
The Committee considered this matter.

Rob Salmon, Assistant Head of Highways & Transport, West Sussex County Council, County Surveyors’ Society; Chris Lines, Head of London Road Safety Unit, TfL, Technical Advisers Group; Neal Skelton, Head of Professional Services, Intelligent Transport Society UK; and Paul Everitt, Chief Executive, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, gave oral evidence.

Kevin Clinton, Head of Road Safety, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents; Steve Thornton, Principal Engineer, Traffic and Highways, Bradford South, West Yorkshire Road Safety Strategy Group; Chief Constable Steve Green, Head of Roads Policing, Association of Chief Police Officers; Deputy Chief Fire Officer Stuart Smith, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services, Chief Fire Officers’ Association; and Jan Berry, Chairman, Police Federation of England and Wales.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 7 May.

Wednesday 7 May 2008

Members present:

Mr David Clelland  Mr Eric Martlew
Clive Efford  Mr Lee Scott
Mrs Louise Ellman  Graham Stringer
Mr Philip Hollobone  Mr David Wilshire
Mr John Leech

Resolved, That at this day’s sitting, Mr David Clelland take the Chair of the Committee.— (Mr Lee Scott.)

1. Draft Marine Navigation Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the draft Marine Navigation Bill.

2. School Travel

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Third Interparliamentary Conference on Road Safety

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Public Petition

The Committee considered the petition to the House from customers and residents of West Moors in the Christchurch Constituency relating to local bus services (Dorset).
5. Heathrow Terminal 5

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Heathrow Terminal 5, in connection with its inquiry into the opening of the Terminal.

Sir Nigel Rudd, Chairman and Colin Matthews, Chief Executive Officer, BAA, gave oral evidence.

Willie Walsh, Chief Executive, British Airways, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 14 May.

Tuesday 13 May 2008

Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Lee Scott, Graham Stringer and Mr David Wilshire visited Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5 in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the opening of Terminal 5, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 7 May.

Wednesday 14 May 2008

Members present:

Clive Efford  Mr Lee Scott
Mrs Louise Ellman  David Simpson
Mr Eric Martlew  Graham Stringer

Resolved, That at this day’s sitting, Graham Stringer take the Chair of the Committee.—(Mr Eric Martlew.)

1. Heathrow Terminal 5

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future of BAA – Government response

Draft Special Report [Government response to the Fourth Report from the Committee (The future of BAA)], proposed by Graham Stringer, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That Graham Stringer make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government response to the Fourth Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.—(Graham Stringer.)

3. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

4. Road Safety

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Phil Goodwin, Professor of Transport Policy, University of the West of England; Professor John Whitelegg, Professor of Sustainable Development, Stockholm Environmental Institute and University of York; and Fred Wegman, Managing Director, SWOV, Netherlands Institute for Road Safety Research, gave oral evidence.

Andrew Howard, Head of Road Safety, Automobile Association; Nicholas Brown, General Secretary, Motorcycle Action Group; Malcolm Heymer, Traffic Management Advisor, Association of British Drivers; Jack Semple, Director of Policy, Road Haulage Association; and Roger Sealey, Researcher – Transport, Unite the Union Transport & General, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 21 May.

Wednesday 21 May 2008

Members present:

Mr David Clelland  Mr John Leech
Clive Efford  Mr Eric Martlew
Mrs Louise Ellman  David Simpson
Mr Philip Hollobone

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

Mrs Louise Ellman was called to the Chair.

1. Draft Marine Navigation Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Public petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee considered the petition to the House from Wendy Daines, residents of Castle Point and others relating to Benfleet rail station facilities.
The Committee considered the Government’s observations on the petition from customers and residents of West Moors in the Christchurch Constituency relating to local bus services (Dorset).

4. Road Safety

The Committee considered this matter.

Adrian Voce, Director, Play England; David Sinclair, Head of Policy, Help the Aged; Tony Armstrong, Chief Executive, Living Streets; and Roger Geffen, Campaigns & Policy Manager, CTC, gave oral evidence.

Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Mike Fawcett, Head of Road User Safety Division, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 4 June.

Wednesday 4 June 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Clive Efford	Mr John Leech
Mr Philip Hollobone	Graham Stringer

1. The Blue Badge Scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 475.)

2. Department for Transport Annual report 2007

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 313.)

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Draft Marine Navigation Bill

The Committee considered this matter.
[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 11 June.]

Wednesday 11 June 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr Philip Hollobone  
Mr John Leech  
Mr Eric Martlew

Mr Lee Scott  
David Simpson  
Graham Stringer

1. Ticketing and Concessionary Fares on Public Transport – Government response

Draft Special Report [Government response to the Fifth Report from the Committee (Ticketing and Concessionary Travel on Public Transport)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Public Petitions

The Committee considered petitions to the House from:

1. Those concerned about the intersection about the A5/Intersection of the A5/Chequers Hill, Flamstead;

2. Residents of Southend relating to the closure of Southend Driving Test Centre;

3. Draycott in the Moors Parish Council and the community of Draycott in the Moors, with the communities and Parish Councils of Checkley, Forsbrook, Fulford and Leigh relating to traffic Noise from the A50;
4. Pensioners and disabled people of Sheppey and others of like disposition relating to the start time of concessionary bus travel.

4. **Draft Marine Navigation Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Martin Putman, Port Manager, Portsmouth Commercial Port, Local Government Association; David Snelson CB FNI, Chief Harbour Master, Port of London Authority, UK Major Ports Group; and Stephen Bracewell, Chairman, British Ports Association, gave oral evidence.

David Asprey, Head of Policy and Jae Jones, Marine Manager, Hanson Aggregates Marine Ltd, Chamber of Shipping; and Gus Lewis, Legal & Government Affairs Manager, Royal Yachting Association, gave oral evidence.

*Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 25 June.*

**Wednesday 25 June 2008**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland       Mr Eric Martlew
Mr Philip Hollobone     David Simpson
Mr John Leech

1. **Public Petitions**

The Committee considered petitions to the House from:

1. Chilham Parish Council relating to train services at Chilham Station; and
2. residents of the Borough of Wellingborough and surrounding areas relating to Wellingborough Driving Test Centre;

2. **Draft Marine Navigation Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Jeremy de Halpert, Executive Chairman and Duncan Glass, Director of Navigational Requirements, Trinity House; Douglas Gorman, Director of Finance, Northern Lighthouse Board; and Martin Dyas, Head of Corporate Services, Commissioners of Irish Lights, gave oral evidence.

Joe Wilson, Chairman, UK Maritime Pilots Association; Allan Graveson, Senior National Secretary, Nautilus UK; and Captain Kevin Richardson, President, UK Harbour Masters’ Association, gave oral evidence.
Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Richard Bennett, Head of Ports Division, Cameron Clark, Marine Navigation Bill Manager, and David Bolomini, Head of Maritime Liability, Compensation & Law, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 2 July.]

Wednesday 2 July 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Graham Stringer
Clive Efford  Mr David Wilshire
Mr Eric Martlew

1. School Travel inquiry

The Committee considered this matter.

David Brown, Chair, South Yorkshire Strategic Education Transport Group; Janet Mills, School Travel Team Manager, and Steve Williams, Strategic Manager Public and Mainstream School Transport, Cheshire County Council; and Sarah Dewar, Travelwise Co-ordinator, Merseyside Local Transport Plan Partnership, gave oral evidence.

Neil Scales, Chair, and Sheena Pickersgill, Director Corporate Services, Metro, Passenger Transport Executive Group; and Ben Plowden, Director, Smarter Travel Unit, and John Barry, Head of Network Development, London Buses, Transport for London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 9 July.]

Wednesday 9 July 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr Philip Hollobone  Mr Lee Scott
Mr John Leech  Graham Stringer
Mr Eric Martlew  Mr David Wilshire
1. **Freight Transport**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*(The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 249.)*

2. **Future Programme – new inquiries**

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into VOSA’s enforcement activity.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Taxes and Charges on Road Users

3. **The Opening of Heathrow Terminal 5**

The Committee considered this matter.

Steve Turner, National Secretary for Civil Air Transport, Iggy Vaid, Senior Shop Steward, Rizwan Aziz, Branch Chair, BAA Heathrow, Jackie Reed, Trade Union Side Secretary, BAA Heathrow, and Stan Peters, BAA Shop Steward, Unite – the Union, gave oral evidence.

Colin Matthews, Chief Executive, and Terry Morgan, Acting Managing Director, Heathrow Airport, BAA, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 16 July.]*

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**Wednesday 16 July 2008**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  
Clive Efford  
Mr Philip Hollobone  
Mr John Leech  
Mr Eric Martlew  
Graham Stringer

1. **The Draft Marine Navigation Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*(The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 709.)*
2. *Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30 year Strategy for the Railways*

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(*The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 219.*)

3. **Future Programme – new inquiry**

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The Use of Airspace.

4. **Visit**

Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk have leave to visit a VOSA site on the M25 for the purposes of the Committee’s inquiry into the enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency in a representative capacity.

5. **Road Safety**

The Committee considered this matter.

Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, and Mike Fawcett, Head of Road User Safety Division, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

*Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 15 October.*

**Wednesday 15 October 2008**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland    Mark Pritchard
Mr Philip Hollobone  David Simpson
Mr Eric Martlew      Graham Stringer
Mr John Leech        Mr David Wilshire

1. **Declaration of Interests**

Mr Mark Pritchard declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. Mr Pritchard had nothing to declare over and above what is listed in the Register of Members’ Interests.

2. **Road Safety**

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman’s draft Report.
Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 460.)


Draft Special Report [Government response to the Seventh Report from the Committee (Department for Transport Annual Report 2007)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Freight Transport – Government response

Draft Special Report [Government response to the Eighth Report from the Committee (Freight Transport)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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


Draft Special Report [Government response to the Ninth Report from the Committee (Draft Marine Navigation Bill)], proposed by the Chairman, 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 Chairman make the Report to the House.

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


Draft Special Report [Government response to the Tenth Report from the Committee (Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-year Strategy for the Railways?)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.
Ordered, That the Government response to the Tenth Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman.)

7. The Blue Badge Scheme – Government response

Draft Special Report [Government and Westminster City Council responses to the Sixth Report from the Committee (The blue Badge Scheme)], proposed by the Chairman, 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 Chairman make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Government and Westminster City Council responses to the Sixth Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.—(The Chairman.)

8. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

9. Taxes and Charges on Road Users inquiry

Ordered, that Professor Chris Nash be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the committee in its inquiry into Taxes and Charges on Road Users.

10. Visits

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Netherlands and Germany in connection with its inquiry into Taxes and Charges on Road Users and its inquiry into The Enforcement Activities of the Vehicle Operator and Services Agency (VOSA).

Resolved, That the Committee visit NATS control centre at Swanwick, in connection with its inquiry into The Use of Airspace.

11. Public Petitions

The Committee considered petitions to the House from:

1. Andreas Sowa and Sam Lumley of Year 9, Castle View School;

2. Residents of South Holland and the Deepings and others relating to the closure of Spalding Driving Test Centre;

3. Residents of Basing and others relating to traffic Noise from the M3, and

4. Residents of South West Norfolk relating to the national speed limit outside schools.

12. School Travel

Derek Bodey, Chair of the ASCL Learning and Skills Committee, Association of School and College Leaders; Kathryn James, Senior Assistant Secretary and Chris Harrison, Head Teacher, Oulton Primary School, National Association of Head Teachers; and Emma Sheridan, Chair, Modeshift, gave oral evidence.
Leon Daniels, Commercial Director, UK Bus, First Group; Giles Fearnley, President, and Steven Salmon, Director of Policy Development, Confederation of Passenger Transport, and Les Warneford, Managing Director, Stagecoach UK Bus, Stagecoach Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 22 October.

Wednesday 22 October 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr Philip Hollobone
Mr John Leech

Mr Eric Martlew
Graham Stringer

1. The Opening of Heathrow Terminal 5

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman’s draft Report.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(The formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 543.)

2. School Travel

Paul Osborne, School Travel Director, Sustrans; Tony Armstrong, Chief Executive, Living Streets; Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, Chairman and Councillor Lt Col Tex Pemberton OBE, Commissioner, Yellow Bus Commission; and Dr Sian Thornthwaite, Independent Consultant gave oral evidence.

Mark Hudson, Head of Transport and Mary Roche, Transport Policy manager, Rural 14–19 Access to Learning Group; Dr David Collins, Resident, and Principal of South Cheshire College, Association of Colleges; and Elizabeth Dainton, Research Development Manager, RAC Foundation gave oral evidence.

Viv McKee, Director of Policy and Research, National Youth Agency; Barbara Hearn, Deputy Chief Executive, National Children’s Bureau; and Beth Walker, Vice President (Further Education), National Union of Students gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 29 October.
Wednesday 29 October 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr Philip Hollobone
Mr Eric Martlew
Mark Pritchard

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. National Audit Office – brief on Department for Transport performance

Written evidence from the National Audit Office (Performance Brief: A Summary of National Audit Office Reports on the Department for Transport 2007–08), relating to the Department for Transport Annual Report was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and parliamentary Archives.

Ordered, That the National Audit Office be authorised to publish their written evidence on the Department for Transport Annual Report 2008, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

3. Departmental Annual Report

Rt Hon Geoff Hoon, Secretary of State and Mr Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 5 November.

Wednesday 5 November 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr Philip Hollobone
Mr John Leech
Mr Eric Martlew
Mark Pritchard
David Simpson
Graham Stringer

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The future of aviation.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The strategic roads network.
2. Declaration of Interests – Professor Chris Nash, Specialist Adviser

Professor Chris Nash, Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Taxes and charges on road users, declared his interests, in accordance with the decision of the Liaison Committee on 16 October 2008. Details of the declarations are published in a separate Annex:

- Research Professor at the Institute for Transport Studies, Leeds University;
- Visiting Professor, Molde University College, Norway;
- Guest Researcher, VTI Sweden.
- An EPSRC funded project on understanding rail costs and the role of technology in reducing them;
- A European Commission (DGTREN) project on road and rail infrastructure cost allocation;
- Advising DfT on the valuation of sensitive lorry miles;
- Advising the World Bank on rail investment in China;
- Advising the Chinese Ministry of Railways on the social costs of transport.
- Advising Network Rail on its study of New Lines, and
- Advising the Community of European Railways on progress in implementing the 2001 White Paper and its impact.
- Fellowship at the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and a member of its Strategic Rail and Road Capacity and Charging Forums.

3. Taxes and charges on road users

Professor Stephen Glaister CBE, Royal Automobile Club Foundation for Motoring; Dr Malcolm Fergusson, Institute for European Environmental Policy; and Andrew Leicester, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

Jim Coates, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport; Professor Alan McKinnon, Heriot-Watt University; and Professor Jon Shaw, University of Plymouth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 12 November.

Wednesday 12 November 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland               Graham Stringer
Mr John Leech                   Mr David Wilshire
Mr Eric Martlew                Sammy Wilson

1. Declaration of Interests
Sammy Wilson declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. Mr Wilson had nothing to declare over and above what is listed in the Register of Members’ Interests.

2. Declaration of Interests – Professor Chris Nash, Specialist Adviser

3. The enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)

James Hookham, Managing Director, Policy and Communications and Chris Welsh, General Manager – Policy Campaigns, Freight Transport Association; and Roger King, Chief Executive and Jack Semple, Policy Director, Road Haulage Association, gave oral evidence.

Neil Scales, Chair, pteg and Nicola Shaw, managing Director UK bus division, FirstGroup plc gave oral evidence.

Roger Sealey, Transport Sector Researcher, and Dave Williams, Executive Member for Road Transport Commercial, Unite the Union; and Kevin Warden, Trade Union Side Secretary and Gary Washer, Assistant Trade Union Side Secretary, VOSA Trade Union Side gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 26 November.

Monday 17 November 2008

Committee Visit

Monday 17 November – Thursday 20 November

The Chairman Mr David Clelland, Mr John Leech, Mr Eric Martlew and Mark Pritchard visited the Hague and Hanover in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Taxes and charges on road users, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 October.

Wednesday 26 November 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr John Leech
Mr David Wilshire

1. Public petition
The Committee considered a petition to the House from Christopher Rankin and residents of New Park Road Benfleet, access arrangements for Appleton School.

2. **Department for Transport Winter Supplementary Estimate**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Ending the Scandal of Complacency: Road Safety beyond 2010**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **School travel**

Cllr Les Lawrence, Head of Transport and Regeneration Board, Local Government Association; and Ian Gwenlan, Principal School Transport Officer, Association of Transport Coordinating Officers, gave oral evidence.

Paul Clark MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Jessica Matthew, Deputy Director, Cycling and Sustainable Travel, Department for Transport; Sarah McCarthy-Fry MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Hilary Spencer, Deputy Director, 14-19 Policy and Local Delivery Division, Department for Children, Schools and Families, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 10 December.]