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 MP (Labour/Co-operative, Liverpool Riverside) (Chairman)
Mr David Clelland MP (Labour, Tyne Bridge)
Rt Hon Jeffrey Donaldson MP (Democratic Unionist, Lagan Valley)
Mr Philip Hollobone MP (Conservative, Kettering)
Mr John Leech MP (Liberal Democrat, Manchester, Withington)
Mr Eric Martlew MP (Labour, Carlisle)
Mr Mark Pritchard MP (Conservative, The Wrekin)
Ms Angela C Smith MP (Labour, Sheffield, Hillsborough)
Sir Peter Soulsby MP (Labour, Leicester South)
Graham Stringer MP (Labour, Manchester Blackley)
Mr David Wilshire MP (Conservative, Spelthorne)

The following were also members of the Committee during the period covered by this report:

Clive Efford MP (Labour, Eltham)
Mr Lee Scott MP (Conservative, Ilford North)
David Simpson MP (Democratic Unionist, Upper Bann)
Sammy Wilson MP (Democratic Unionist, East Antrim)

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

Publications
The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at www.parliament.uk/transcom.

Committee staff
The current staff of the Committee are Annette Toft (Clerk), Adrian Jenner (Second Clerk), David Davies (Committee Specialist), Marek Kubala (Inquiry Manager), Alison Mara (Senior Committee Assistant), Jacqui Cooksey (Committee Assistant), Stewart McLvenna (Committee Support Assistant) and Hannah Pearce (Media Officer).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Wednesday 10 December 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr Philip Hollobone  Graham Stringer

1. Road safety

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Philip Brown, Senior Traffic Commissioner, The Traffic Commissioners, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Tetlow, Chief Executive, Stephen Avery, Finance Director and Kevin Rooney, Customer Director, Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA), gave oral evidence.

Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Helen Morris, Head of Licensing, Roadworthiness and Insurance Division, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 17 December.

Wednesday 17 December 2008

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr Eric Martlew
Mr Philip Hollobone  Graham Stringer
Mr John Leech  Sammy Wilson
1. The future of aviation

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The use of airspace

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Mr Peter Brooker be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the use of airspace.

3. Declaration of Interests – Peter Brooker, Specialist Adviser

Peter Brooker, Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Taxes and charges on road users, declared the following interests, in accordance with the decision of the Liaison Committee on 16 October 2008:

(a) Posts held:

Employed by Helios Technology, consultancy. Holder of loan stock in the company.

4. Taxes and charges on road users

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Taxes and charges for road users submitted by RAC Rescue Services be reported to the House.

Edmund King, President, The Automobile Association; Malcolm Heymer, Traffic Management Adviser, Association of British Drivers; John McGoldrick, Coordinator, National Alliance Against Tolls; and Peter Roberts, Director, Drivers’ Alliance Ltd gave oral evidence.

Stephen Joseph OBE, Executive Director, Campaign for Better Transport; Ralph Smyth, Senior Transport Campaigner, Campaign to Protect Rural England; Andrew Wood, Executive Director, Evidence and Policy, Natural England; John Leach, President, The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT); and Graham Stevenson, National Organiser, Transport Sector, Unite the Union gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 14 January.

Wednesday 14 January 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair
1. School travel
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Road safety – Government Response
Draft Special Report (*Ending the Scandal of Complacency: Road Safety beyond 2010: Government response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2007–08*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee in Session 2007–08 was appended to the Report.

A paper from the Association of Chief Police Officers was appended to the Report as Appendix 2.

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.

3. Network Rail – members’ review of corporate governance
Ordered, That the Chairman write to PricewaterhouseCoopers concerning their review of the governance at National Rail.

Ordered, That the Chairman submit the tenth report of the Committee [Session 2007–08] to the review.

4. Rail fares and franchises
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Rail fares and franchises.

5. Public Petitions
The Committee considered petitions to the House from:

1. Brighton and Hove driving instructors and learner drivers concerning the closure of the Brighton and Hove driving test centre;

2. The family of Aaron Palmer and residents of Glamorgan concerning legislation to revoke the licences of drink drivers.

The Committee considered the observation from the Secretary of State for Transport on the petition to the House from:
3. Christopher Rankin and residents of New Park Road Benfleet concerning access arrangements for Appleton School

6. Taxes and charges on road users

Andrew Sugden, Director of Membership and Policy, North East Chamber of Commerce; and John Dickie, Director of Strategy and Policy, London First gave oral evidence.

Mike Bracey, Chairman, Brewery Logistics Group; Simon Chapman, Chief Economist, Freight Transport Association; and Donald Chalker, Central London Freight Quality Partnership gave oral evidence.

Robin Hulf, Parliamentary Adviser, Retail Motor Industry Federation; Chris Hunt, Director General, UK Petroleum Industry Association Ltd; and John Lewis, Chief Executive, British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 21 January.

Wednesday 21 January 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr Philip Hollobone  Graham Stringer
Mark Pritchard     Sammy Wilson
Ms Angela C. Smith  Mr David Wilshire

1. Declaration of Interests

Ms Angela C. Smith declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. Ms Smith had nothing to declare over and above what is listed in the Register of Members’ Interests.

2. The Use of airspace

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Overseas visit

The Committee considered this matter.
4. Public Petitions

The Committee considered a petition to the House from residents of Hope Cove and the surrounding area regarding the Hope Cove Lifeguard Agency.

5. Rail fares and franchises

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The Use of airspace

Sir Roy McNulty, Chairman, and John Arscott, Director Airspace Policy, Civil Aviation Authority, gave oral evidence.

Roger Gardner, Chief Executive, Professor Ian Poll, Dr Rod Self, and Dr Tom Reynolds, Omega Academic Partnership, gave oral evidence.

Rob Marshall, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mark Green, Vice President, Policy, Guild of Air Traffic Control Officers (GATCO); Andrew du Boulay, ATM Portfolio Holder, Air Safety Group; and Rob Gifford, Director, Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 28 January.

Wednesday 28 January 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland Mr John Leech Mr Eric Martlew
Ms Angela C. Smith Sir Peter Soulsby Graham Stringer

1. Declaration of Interests

Sir Peter Soulsby declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. Sir Peter had nothing to declare over and above what is listed in the Register of Members' Interests.

2. The Work of the Committee in 2007–08

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman’s draft Report.

Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.
3. **The use of airspace – visit**

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiry into the use of airspace.

4. **Public Petitions**

The Committee considered an observation from the Secretary of State for Transport on the petition to the House from Brighton and Hove driving instructors and learner drivers, regarding the proposed closure of the Brighton and Hove driving test centre.

5. **Rail fares and franchises**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Taxes and charges on road users**

Michele Dix, Managing Director Planning, Transport for London and Kulveer Ranger, Director for Transport Policy, Mayoral Team, Greater London Authority; and Nick Lester, Chair, The SPARKS Programme, gave oral evidence.

Cllr Shona Johnstone, Regeneration Transport Board, Local Government Association; Jason Gooding, Project Manager, Nottingham City Council; and Cllr John Walsh OBE, Leader of the Conservative Group, Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, gave oral evidence.

Graham Dalton, Chief Executive, and Ginny Clarke, Director of Network Services, Highways Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 4 February.]
1. Declaration of Interests

Ms Angela C. Smith declared interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows: donations of £250 from FirstGroup and £100 from Stagecoach for a Christmas card competition.

2. The effects of adverse weather conditions on transport

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The Effects of adverse weather conditions on transport.

3. Rail fares and franchises

Paul Furze-Waddock, Commercial Director, UK Rail, First Group plc; Jim Morgan, (Passenger Development Director for FirstGroup), First Hull Trains; Paul Bunting, (UK Director, National Express Group), National Express Trains; Charles Horton, Managing Director, Southeastern; Graham Leech, Commercial Director, Virgin Trains; and David Mapp, Commercial Director, Association of Train Operating Companies, gave oral evidence.

Colin Foxall, Chairman, and Mike Hewitson, Head of Policy, Passenger Focus; Sharon Grant, Chair and Tim Bellenger, Director, Research & Development, London Travel Watch; and Richard Rowson, Business Development Director, thetrainline, gave oral evidence.

John Leach, President, RMT (the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers); and Gerry Doherty, General Secretary, Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 11 February.

**Wednesday 11 February 2009**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr Philip Hollobone
Mr John Leech
Mr Eric Martlew
Mark Pritchard

Ms Angela C. Smith
Sir Peter Soulsby
Graham Stringer
Sammy Wilson
1. Public Petitions

The Committee noted a petition from Samantha Mitchell and local residents regarding the safety of the Climmen Road and Central Wall Road junction.

The Committee noted an observation from the Secretary of State for Transport on a petition from residents of Hope Cove and the surrounding area regarding the Hope Cove Lifeguard Agency.

2. The effects of adverse weather conditions on transport

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Department for Transport Annual Report and Accounts 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Department for Transport Spring Supplementary Estimates 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Taxes and charges on road users

Ferry Smith, Public Affairs Manager, The Royal Dutch Touring Club (ANWB); and Thomas Fabian, Senior Manager, Transport Policy, Federation of German Industries, gave oral evidence.

Paul Clark MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Transport; and Angela Eagle MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 25 February.

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Tuesday 24 February 2009

*The Chairman, Mr Philip Hollobone, Ms Angela C. Smith, Sir Peter Soulsby and Mr David Wilshire visited NATS Swanwick Centre in Hampshire in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Use of airspace, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 October 2008.*

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Wednesday 25 February 2009

Members present:
Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr Philip Hollobone  Mr John Leech  Mark Pritchard  Ms Angela C. Smith
Sir Peter Soulsby  Graham Stringer  Mr David Wilshire  Sammy Wilson

1. Public Petition
The Committee noted a petition from residents of Brancepeth Village, County Durham, and others regarding the speed limit on the A690 road through Brancepeth. The Committee also noted correspondence relating to the petition.

2. The effects of adverse weather conditions on transport
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to the US
Resolved, That the Committee visit Washington, DC and Portland, Oregon in June 2009 in connection with its inquiry into The Major road network.

4. Rail fares and franchises
Lord Adonis, Minister of State for Transport, Bob Linnard, Director of Rail Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, and Michael Dollin, Manager Fares Ticketing and Passenger Benefits Team, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

5. The use of airspace
Tim Johnson, Director and Laura Simpson, Policy Co-ordinator, Aviation Environment Federation; Lawrence Wragg, Chairman and Michael Nidd, Technical Advisor, Aviation Advisory Group, Campaign to Protect Rural England; Colin Stanbury, Aviation Adviser and Councillor Serge Lourie, Leader, London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, 2M Group, gave oral evidence.

Christian Dumas, Head of Sustainable Development and Eco-efficiency, Airbus; Kevin Brown, Vice-President & General Manager of Air Traffic Management, The Boeing Company; and Bruno Esposito, Director of Civil Air Transport Society of British Aerospace Companies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 4 March.]
Wednesday 4 March 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr Philip Hollobone  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr John Leech  Graham Stringer
Mr Eric Martlew  Mr David Wilshire
Mark Pritchard

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The use of airspace

Captain Dean Plumb, Manager Technical Developments, British Airways; Geoff Clark, Head of Flight Operations Regulatory Affairs, Virgin Atlantic Airways; and Gerry O’Connell, Assistant Director, Safety Operations and Infrastructure, Europe, International Air Transport Association, gave oral evidence.

Air Vice-Marshal Tim Anderson, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff and Air Commodore Mark Wordley, Director Defence Airspace and Air Traffic Management, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 11 March.

Wednesday 11 March 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr John Leech  Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr Eric Martlew  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mark Pritchard  Graham Stringer
1. **School Travel**

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 351.)

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Public Petition**

The Committee considered observations from the Secretary of State for Transport on the petition to the House from Samantha Mitchell and local residents regarding the safety of the Climmen Road and Central Wall Road junction.

4. **Effects of adverse weather conditions on transport**

Oral evidence from Martin Low, Director of Transportation, TAG Transportation Committee; Councillor David Sparks, Chair, Transport and Regeneration Board, Local Government Association; and Matthew Lugg, Director of Highways Transportation and Waste Management, County Surveyors Association (CSS), gave oral evidence.

Paul Clark MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport and Gary Backler, Director of Rail Service Delivery Department for Transport; and Derek Turner, Network Operations Director, Highways Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 18 March.

**Wednesday 18 March 2009**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr Philip Hollobone  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr John Leech  Mr David Wilshire
Mr Eric Martlew  Sammy Wilson
Mark Pritchard
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public Petition

The Committee noted petitions to the House from:

i. concerned motorists, and others relating to Traffic Management (Somerset);

ii. supporters of the Campaign to Save Cherry Lane Cemetery relating to Planning and Development (Heathrow);

iii. supporters of the Campaign to Save Cherry Lane Cemetery relating to Planning and Development (Heathrow), and

iv. supporters of the Campaign to Save Cherry Lane Cemetery relating to Planning and Development (Heathrow).

3. The use of airspace

Mr Daniel Calleja-Crespo, Director of Air Transport, and Mr Sven Halle, ATM-Expert, European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy and Transport; and Mr Alex Hendriks, CND Deputy Director for Network Development, and Mr Bernard Miaillier, CND Deputy Director for SESAR, Eurocontrol, gave oral evidence.

Mr Ian Hall, Director of Operations, Mr Alex Bristol, General Manager Operational Strategy & Investment, and Mr Lee Boulton, Manager Airspace Delivery, NATS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 1 April.

Wednesday 25 March 2009

The Chairman, Mr David Clelland, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr John Leech, Graham Stringer, Mr David Wilshire and Sammy Wilson visited the Department for Transport, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 11 February.
Wednesday 1 April 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr John Leech  Graham Stringer
Mr Eric Martlew  Mr David Wilshire
Mark Pritchard  Sammy Wilson
Ms Angela C. Smith

1. The future of aviation

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public Petition

The Committee noted observations from the Secretary of State on the petition to the House from residents of Brancepeth Village, County Durham, and others.

3. The use of airspace

Mr Tom Needham, Head of Operations Policy, Airport Operators Association, and Mr Tim Hardy, Airside Director, BAA Airport Limited, and Mr Paul Kehoe, Chief Executive Officer, Birmingham International Airport Ltd, Mr Richard Gooding, Chief Executive, London City Airport, and Mr Simon Butterworth, Head of Airfields Strategy and Compliance, Manchester Airports Group, gave oral evidence.

Mr Paul Draper, Secretary, General Aviation Alliance, and Mr Guy Lachlan, Chief Executive, British Business and General Aviation Association, and, Mr John Brady, Vice-Chairman, Light Aircraft Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.10pm on Thursday 2 April.

Thursday 2 April 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mark Pritchard
Mr John Leech  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr Eric Martlew  Graham Stringer
1. The effects of adverse weather on transport

Valerie Shawcross, Chairman, London Assembly Transport Committee and Mr Nigel Barrett, Chief Executive Officer, East London Bus Company, gave oral evidence.

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London and Mr Peter Hendy, Transport Commissioner, Transport for London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 22 April.

Wednesday 22 April 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr Philip Hollobone  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr John Leech:  Sammy Wilson
Mr Eric Martlew

1. Road safety – Government Response

Draft Special Report (Ending the Scandal of Complacency: Road Safety beyond 2010: Further Government response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2007–08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee in Session 2007–08 was appended to the Report.

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.

2. Public Petitions

The Committee noted petitions to the House from:

1. Gwen Hall, residents of Hadleigh, and others concerning a proposed bus lane between Tattersall Gardens and Hadleigh on the A13.
2. Users of Lockerbie Station and others concerning the reduced number of services between Lockerbie and Glasgow or Edinburgh.

3. **The use of airspace**

Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Mr Jonathan Moor, Director of Airports Strategy, and Mr John Parkinson, Head of Airports Policy Division, Department for Transport and Sir Roy McNulty, Chairman, and Mr Mark Swan, Director of Airspace Policy, Civil Aviation Authority gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 29 April.

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**Wednesday 29 April 2009**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Ms. Angela C. Smith
Mr Philip Hollobone Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr John Leech Graham Stringer
Mark Pritchard Sammy Wilson

1. **The future of aviation**

*Ordered*, That Professor Brian Graham be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the future of aviation.

2. **The major road network**

*Ordered*, That Dr David Quarmby be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into The major road network.

3. **Petitions**

The Committee noted observations from the Secretary of State for Transport on petitions to the House from:

1. Supporters of the Campaign to Save Cherry Lane Cemetery;
2. Supporters of the Campaign to Save Cherry Lane Cemetery;
3. Supporters of the Campaign to Save Cherry Lane Cemetery, and
4. Users of Lockerbie Station and others.
3. Appointment of the Chair of the Office of Rail Regulation

Anna Walker, Chair Designate of the Office of Rail Regulation, gave oral evidence.

4. Appointment of the Chair of the Office of Rail Regulation

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 433.)

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 6 May.

Wednesday 6 May 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Mr Philip Hollobone  Mr Eric Martlew  Mark Pritchard

Sir Peter Soulsby  Graham Stringer  Mr David Wilshire

1. The major road network

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Declaration of Interests – Professor Brian Graham, Specialist Adviser

Professor Brian Graham, Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into The future of aviation, declared the following interests, in accordance with the decision of the Liaison Committee on 16 October 2008:

(a)Posts held:

i. Retired as Professor of Human Geography, University of Ulster, 2008. Now Emeritus Professor;
ii. Adviser on air transport matters to Department of Regional Development (DRD), Northern Ireland, 2001-06;
iii. Director, Air Route Development (NI) Ltd (Invest Northern Ireland company administering N. Ireland air route support scheme), 2005-08, and
iv. Chair of Mid-term and Final Evaluations of ‘Opportunities for Meeting the Environmental Challenge of Growth in Aviation (Omega)’, Manchester Metropolitan University, 2008-09.

3. The future of aviation

Vernon Murphy, Chairman of CILT Aviation Forum, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport; Dr Harry Bush CB, Group Director, Economic Regulation Group, Civil Aviation Authority; and Keith Mans, Chief Executive, Royal Aeronautical Society, gave oral evidence.

Lord Adair Turner, Chair of the Committee on Climate Change and David Kennedy, Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat to the Committee, Committee on Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Lord Chris Smith of Finsbury, Chairman, Paul Leinster, Chief Executive and Tony Grayling, Head of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 13 May.

Wednesday 13 May 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr Eric Martlew
Mark Pritchard
Ms. Angela C. Smith

Sir Peter Soulsby
Graham Stringer
Sammy Wilson

1. Use of airspace

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Planning policy

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Rail fares and franchises

The Committee considered this matter.
4. The future of aviation

Karen Dee, Head of Infrastructure, Confederation of British Industry; Rt Hon Brian Wilson, Chairman, Flying Matters; and Christopher Snelling, Head of Rail Freight and Global Supply Chain Policy, Freight Transport Association, gave oral evidence.

Nick Paul, Chairman, Advantage West Midlands, English Regional Development Agencies; Uel Hoey, Business Development Director, Belfast International Airport; Graeme Mason, Head of Planning and Corporate Affairs, Newcastle International Airport; and Dave Duthie, Director, Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership, gave oral evidence.

Ms Tina Tietjen, Chairman and Simon Evans, Chief Executive, Air Transport Users Council; Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Passenger Focus; and Andrew Cooper, Director of Development, ABTA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 20 May.

Wednesday 20 May 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland       Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr John Leech           Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr Eric Martlew         Graham Stringer
Mark Pritchard

1. The effect of adverse weather on transport.

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 Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 328.)

2. School travel – Government response

Draft Special Report [Government response to the Second Report from the Committee (School Travel)], proposed by the Chairman, 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 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. Declaration of Interests – Dr David Quarmby, Specialist Adviser

Dr David Quarmby, Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into The major road network, declared the following interests, in accordance with the decision of the Liaison Committee on 16 October 2008:

(a) Posts held:

i. Consultant with Colin Buchanan and Partners Ltd (Transport and Planning Consultants) - referred to as CB below (remunerated);
ii. Currently leading the development of an integrated transport strategy for the Milton Keynes/South Midlands Growth Area (remunerated);
iii. Member, Public Policy Committee, RAC Foundation, (remunerated);
iv. Chairman, Independent Transport Commission;
v. Non-executive Director, NedRailways Ltd, (remunerated);
vi. Member, Public Policy Committee of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, and
vii. Chairman, Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University

4. The major road network

Mr Alan Stilwell, Institution of Civil Engineers and Institution of Highways and Transportation; Dr David Metz, University College London; and Graham Dalton, Chief Executive; and Ginny Clarke, Network Services Director, Highways Agency, gave oral evidence.

Councillor David Sparks, Local Government Association; Steve Nicholson, Project Director, Mersey Gateway; and Brian Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, County Surveyors' Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 17 June.

Wednesday 17 June 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland
Mr Philip Hollobone
Mr Eric Martlew
Ms. Angela C. Smith

Sir Peter Soulsby
Graham Stringer
Sammy Wilson
1. **Railways Act 2005 – post-legislative memorandum**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **National Policy Statements**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Future of aviation**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Petitions**

The Committee noted petitions to the House from:

1. P:000369: from the residents of Stafford and others, and

2. P:000374: from residents of Hartford and others.

5. **Future of aviation**

Andrew Lee, Chief Executive, Sustainable Development Commission; Peter Lockley, Head of Transport Policy, WWF-UK (World Wildlife Fund); Jeff Gazzard, Board Member, Aviation Environment Federation; and Brian Ross, Aviation Economics Adviser, gave oral evidence.

6. **Rail fares and franchises**

The Rt Hon Lord Adonis, Secretary of State, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 24 June.

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**Wednesday 24 June 2009**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland             Ms. Angela C. Smith
Mr Philip Hollobone           Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr John Leech                 Graham Stringer
Mr Eric Martlew               Sammy Wilson
Mark Pritchard
1. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Petitions**

The Committee noted observations from the Secretary of State on petitions to the House from:

- P:000369: from the residents of Stafford and others, and
- P:000374: from residents of Hartford and others.

3. **Future of aviation**

Stephen Glaister, RAC Foundation; Edmund King, The Automobile Association; and Tim Green, Road Users Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Jack Semple, Road Haulage Association; Gareth Elliott, British Chambers of Commerce; and Mike Laverty, Advantage West Midlands, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 1 July.]

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**Wednesday 1 July 2009**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

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

Mark Pritchard  
Ms. Angela C. Smith  
Graham Stringer  
Mr David Wilshire

1. **The use of airspace**

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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 163.)*

2. **Future of aviation**

Oral evidence from Steve Ridgway, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Atlantic Airways, Andy Harrison, Chief Executive Officer, easyJet, Michael Carrivick, Chief Executive, Board of
Airline Representatives in the UK; and Noel Josephides, AITO Director, Association of Independent Tour Operators.

Oral evidence from Colin Matthews, Chief Executive Officer, BAA Airports, Ed Anderson, Executive Chairman, Airports Operators Association, Neil Pakey, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Peel Airports Group; and Brandon O’Reilly, Chief Executive, TAG Farnborough Airport.

[Adjourned till 2.30pm on Wednesday 8 July.

Wednesday 8 July 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr Philip Hollobone  Graham Stringer
Mr John Leech  Mr David Wilshire
Mr Eric Martlew  Sammy Wilson
Ms. Angela C. Smith

1. Rail fares and franchises

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future of aviation

Tony Deigham, Director of Strategic Projects Eurostar; Dr Alan James, Chief Executive, UK Ultraspeed; Richard Eccles, Head of Route Planning, Network Rail; and Sir David Rowlands, Chairman, High Speed Two, gave oral evidence.

4. Major road network

Sharon Kindleysides, Managing Director, Kapsch TrafficCom AG; Professor Margaret Bell, Science City Professor of Transport and the Environment, The Institution of Engineering and Technology; and John Elliott, Technical Advisors Group, gave oral evidence.
Ali Claburn, Managing Director, Liftshare; Stephen Joseph, Director, Campaign for Better Transport; Mike Lambden, Head of Corporate Affairs, and Paul Bunting, UK Sales and Marketing Director, National Express UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00 am on Tuesday 14 July.

Tuesday 14 July 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr John Leech  Graham Stringer
Sir Peter Soulsby  Sammy Wilson

1. Taxes and charges on road users

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 Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 103 incorporating HC 1175 of Session 2007-2008.)

[Adjourned till 2.30 pm on Wednesday 15 July.

Wednesday 15 July 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr Philip Hollobone  Graham Stringer
Mr John Leech  Mr David Wilshire
Mr Eric Martlew
Mark Pritchard

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

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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 39 incorporating HC 1196 of Session 2007-2008.)

2. **Major road network**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Jon Shaw be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the major road network.

3. **Future of aviation**

Justin Kempley, Member, Usman Ali, Deputy Member, George Lindars-Hammond, Deputy Member; and Harrison Carter, Member, UK Youth Parliament, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Lord Adonis, Secretary of State; and Jonathan Moor, Aviation Director, Aviation Directorate, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 3.00 pm on Monday 20 July.

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**Monday 20 July 2009**

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland  
Mr Philip Hollobone  
Mr Eric Martlew

Sir Peter Soulsby  
Graham Stringer  
Mr David Wilshire

1. **Rail fares and franchises**

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 Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 233.)

2. **The effects of adverse weather conditions on transport**

Draft Special Report (The effects of adverse weather conditions on transport: Government response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.
The Government’s response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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.

3. Priorities for investment in the railways

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Priorities for investment in the railways.

4. The new European Motorcycle Test

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The new European Motorcycle test.

5. Update on the London Underground and the public-private partnership (PPP) agreements

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Update on the London Underground and the public–private partnership (PPP) agreements.

6. Public Petition

The Committee noted a petition to the House from Hackney Carriage Drivers and Associates of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire and Surrounding areas.

7. Major road network

Ralph Smith, CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and Cynthia Games, NECTAR (Northeast Combined Transport Activists’ Roundtable), gave oral evidence.

Chris Mole MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Martin Jones, Head of Strategic Roads Division, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till 2.30 pm on Wednesday 14 October.

Wednesday 14 October 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr John Leech  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr Eric Martlew  Graham Stringer
Mark Pritchard  Sammy Wilson
Ms Angela C. Smith

1. The use of airspace
Draft Special Report (The use of airspace: Government response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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.

2. Taxes and charges

Draft Special Report (Taxes and charges on road users: Government response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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.

3. Rail fares and franchises

Draft Special Report (Rail fares and franchises: Government response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eighth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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.

4. Public Petitions

The Committee noted the following petitions to the House from:

- Mr Alan Watterson, and the residents and taxi drivers of Wavertree constituency and surrounding area;
- customers of Rossendale Transport, and
- residents of West Lancashire and others.

5. Priorities for investment in the railways

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Update on the London Underground and the public-private partnership (PPP) agreements
The Committee considered this matter.

### 7. Transport Questions with the Secretary of State
The Committee considered this matter.

### 8. Visit to the United States
The Committee considered this matter.

### 9. The new European motorcycle test
The Committee considered this matter.

Karen Cooke, Director of Safety, Craig Carey-Clinch, Public Affairs Adviser, Motor Cycle Industry Association (MCIA), Steven Manning, Vice Chairman Motor Cycle Industry Trainers Association (MCITA), Chris Hodder, Government Relations Executive British Motorcyclists’ Federation (BMF), Nich Brown, General Secretary Motorcycle Action Group (MAG), gave oral evidence.

Robert Gifford, Executive Director, Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS), Gareth Tuffery, Motorcycle Advisor, Road Safety GB, gave oral evidence.

Paul Clark MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport, Rosemary Thew, Chief Executive, Lesley Young, Deputy Chief Driving Examiner, Driving Standards Agency, (DSA) gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30 pm on Wednesday 28 October.]

### Monday 19 October - Friday 23 October

The Chairman, Mr John Leech and Mr Eric Martlew visited Washington D.C. in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into The future of Aviation, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 25 February.

### Wednesday 28 October 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

Mr David Clelland Mr Eric Martlew
Mr Philip Hollobone Mark Pritchard
1. The enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)

Draft Special Report (The enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA): Government response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2008–09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eighth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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.

2. Public Petitions

The Committee noted the following observations from the Secretary of State on petitions to the House from:

- Gwen Hall, residents of Hadleigh, and others;
- Hackney Carriage drivers and associates of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire and surrounding areas;
- Mr Alan Watterson, and the residents and taxi drivers of Wavertree constituency and surrounding area;
- customers of Rossendale Transport, and
- residents of West Lancashire and others.

3. Transport Questions with the Secretary of State

The Committee considered this matter.

4. National Policy Statement (NPS)

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Priorities for investment in the railways

Roger Allonby, Infrastructure Director at Advantage West Midlands, English Regional Development Agencies, Professor David Begg, Chair of the Northern Way Transport Compact, The Northern Way, Neil Scales, Chair of pteg and Director General of

Colin Foxall, Chairman and Guy Dangerfield, Passenger Link Manager, Passenger Focus; and Simon Weller, National Organiser and Hugh Bradley, Executive Committee Member for District 2, ASLEF, gave oral evidence.

Bill Emery, Chief Executive, John Thomas, Director, Railway Markets and Economics; and Michael Lee, Director, Railway Planning and Performance, Office of Rail Regulation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30 pm on Wednesday 4 November.

Wednesday 4 November 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair

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

Mark Pritchard
Ms Angela C. Smith
Sir Peter Soulsby
Graham Stringer

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. National Policy Statement—Ports

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Update on Road Safety—Road Casualty Statistics

Richard Alldritt, Head of Assessment, UK Statistics Authority, gave oral evidence.

4. Transport Questions with the Secretary of State

Rt Hon Lord Adonis, Secretary of State, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 3.40 pm on Wednesday 11 November.]
Wednesday 11 November 2009

Members present:

Mrs Louise Ellman, in the Chair
Mr David Clelland  Ms Angela C. Smith
Mr Philip Hollobone  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr John Leech  Graham Stringer
Mr Eric Martlew

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Priorities for investment in the railways

Richard Brown, Chief Executive, Eurostar; Dr. Andreas Hamprecht, Head of International Business France, Benelux, UK, Deutsche Bahn, and Jim Steer, Director, Greengauge 21, gave oral evidence.

Michael Roberts, Chief Executive, and Richard Davies, Head of Strategic Policy, Association of Train Operating Companies; Tony Collins, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Trains, Virgin Group, and Andrew Chivers, Managing Director, National Express East Anglia, National Express, gave oral evidence.

Iain Coucher, Chief Executive, Paul Plummer, Director of Planning and Regulation and Ed Wilson, Head of Public Affairs, Network Rail, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.30 pm on Wednesday 25 November.]