The Welsh Affairs Committee

The Welsh Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales (including relations with the National Assembly for Wales.)

Current membership

David T.C. Davies MP (Conservative, Monmouth) (Chair)
Stuart Andrew MP (Conservative, Monmouth)
Guto Bebb MP (Conservative, Pudsey)
Alun Cairns MP (Conservative, Vale of Glamorgan),
Geraint Davies MP (Labour, Swansea West)
Jonathan Edwards, MP (Plaid Cymru, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)
Mrs Siân C. James MP (Labour, Swansea East)
Susan Elan Jones MP (Labour, Clwyd South)
Karen Lumley MP (Conservative, Redditch)
Jessica Morden MP (Labour, Newport East)
Owen Smith MP (Labour, Pontypridd)
Mr Mark Williams, MP (Liberal Democrat, Ceredigion)

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/parliamentary_committees/welsh_affairs_committee.cfm

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee is Adrian Jenner (Clerk), Anwen Rees (Inquiry Manager), Lori Verwaerde (Senior Committee Assistant), Dabinder Rai (Committee Assistant), Jessica Bridges-Palmer (Media Officer).

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Formal Minutes of the Committee,  
Session 2010-12  

WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2010  

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair  

Guto Bebb  
Alun Cairns  
Geraint Davies  
Glyn Davies  
Jonathan Edwards  
Nia Griffith  

Susan Elan Jones  
Karen Lumley  
Jessica Morden  
Owen Smith  
Mr Mark Williams  

1. Declaration of interests  

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

2. Committee working methods  

The Committee considered this matter.  

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.  

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

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

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.  

The Committee noted the formal rules relating to the confidentiality of Committee papers.
3. Secretary of State for Wales

Resolved, that the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales on Tuesday 20 July 2010.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 July at 11.15 am]

TUESDAY 20 JULY 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  
Alun Cairns  
Geraint Davies  
Jonathan Edwards

Susan Elan Jones  
Jessica Morden  
Owen Smith

1. Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate: follow-up

Draft Special Report, (Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate: follow-up: Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2009–10), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Ninth Report of Session 2009–10 from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Wales and Whitehall

Draft Special Report, (Wales and Whitehall: Government Response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2009–10), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Eleventh Report of Session 2009–10 from the Committee 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.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the Severn Crossings Toll.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Severn Crossing in connection with its inquiry into the Severn Crossings Toll.

4. Secretary of State for Wales

Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Fiona Adams-Jones, Director, and Geth Williams, Head of Legislative Policy, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 July at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 27 JULY 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Alun Cairns  Susan Elan Jones
Geraint Davies  Karen Lumley
Glyn Davies  Jessica Morden
Jonathan Edwards  Mr Mark Williams

1. Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: follow-up

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report, (Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: follow-up: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2009–10), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Tenth Report of Session 2009–10 from the Committee 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.
2. The Severn Crossings Toll

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Stuart Cole be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the Severn Crossings Tolls. Professor Cole declared no interests.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for Constitutional Reform.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 September at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb          Karen Lumley
Alun Cairns        Jessica Morden
Glyn Davies        Owen Smith
Jonathan Edwards   Mr Mark Williams
Nia Griffith

1. The Severn Crossings Toll

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Severn Crossings.

2. The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for Constitutional Reform

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inward Investment in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into Inward Investment in Wales.
Resolved, That the Committee visit India in connection with its inquiry into Inward Investment in Wales, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiries into Inward Investment in Wales and the Severn Crossing Toll.

4. Joint Committee seminar on Devolution

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 October at 10 a.m.

Thursday 16 September 2010

The Chair, Guto Bebb, Alan Cairns, Glyn Davies, Jonathan Edwards, Nia Griffith, Karen Lumley and Owen Smith visited the Severn Crossings in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Severn Crossings Toll, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 7 September 2010.

Thursday 14 October 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb	Karen Lumley
Geraint Davies	Jessica Morden
Glyn Davies	Owen Smith
Susan Elan Jones	Mr Mark Williams

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. S4C

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into S4C.
3. The future of the Newport Passport Office

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the future of Newport Passport Office.

4. Inward Investment in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit G.E. Aviation in Nantgarw, near Cardiff, in connection with its inquiry into Inward Investment in Wales.

5. The Severn Crossings Toll

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The Severn Crossings Toll be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Associated British Ports, South Wales
Mr Rod Bowden
Mr. Michael Brain
Campaign Against Severn Tolls
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) Cymru Wales
Cobalt Telephone Technologies Ltd
Rt. Rev John Davies, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon
Federation of Small Businesses
Freight Transport Association
Glenside Commercials Ltd
HM Government, Department for Transport
Ms. Lucy Huff
Institution of Civil Engineers
Mr. J. M. Locke
Monmouthshire County Council
National Alliance Against Tolls
Mr Mark Pendleton
Rail Freight Group
South-West Wales Integrated Transport Consortium
Welsh Assembly Government
Mr. Keith Wright

6. The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Association of Electoral Administrators
Boundary Commission for Wales
British Academy Policy Centre
Democratic Audit
National Federation of Women’s Institutes
Plaid Cymru
Rt. Hon Paul Murphy MP
Stonewall Cymru
UK Government

Edward Lewis, Mr Paul Wood, and Mr John Bader, Boundary Commission for Wales; John Turner and Philip Johnson, Association of Electoral Administrators, Professor Richard Wyn Jones, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University, and Lewis Baston, Democratic Audit; David Jones MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Wales Office, and Mark Harper MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 October at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb    Nia Griffith
Alun Cairns  Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Severn Crossings Toll
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The Severn Crossings Toll be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Midland Expressway Limited
Road Haulage Association

Nia Davies, Federation of Small Businesses, Professor Peter Midmore, Aberystwyth University, Chris Yewlett, and Dr Andrew Potter, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) Cymru Wales; Ian Gallagher, and Michael Webb, Freight Transport Association, Denise Lovering, Glenside Commercials, and Robin Smith, Rail Freight Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 21 October at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb                              Jessica Morden
Alun Cairns                            Owen Smith
Geraint Davies                         Mr Mark Williams
Karen Lumley

The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform

Draft Report (The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform) 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 495.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 October at 10. 15 a.m.

TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb                              Karen Lumley
1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. S4C

Ordered, That Ray Gallagher be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into S4C. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Devolution Issues

Ordered, That Alan Trench be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

4. Inward Investment in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform

The Committee considered this matter.


The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Committee seeking clarification on aspects of the draft Orders relating to the referendum on further powers to the National Assembly for Wales.

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 November at 11.15 a.m. at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb Nia Griffith
1. **Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit MG Alba in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, in connection with its inquiry into S4C.

2. **Devolution Issues**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Professor Keith Patchett be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee. *(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)*

3. **Inward investment**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Professor Max Munday be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee. *(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)*

4. **The Severn Crossings Toll**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *The Severn Crossings Toll* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Toll Text International Limited  
Capital Region Tourism

Jim Clune, General Manager, James Rawle, Deputy General Manager, Severn River Crossing; Ieuan Wyn Jones, AM, Deputy First Minster and Minster for the Economy and Transport, James Price, Director of the Infrastructure Group, Claire Severn, Head of Transport Policy and Legislation, Wales Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 November at 10 a.m.]

**TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2010**

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
1. Declaration of interests

Stuart Andrew declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows: Elected member of Leeds City Council. Resigned September 2010. Received payments as follows:


2. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Severn Crossings Toll

Rick Longford, Economic Development Manager, Monmouthshire County Council
John McGoldrick, Coordinator, National Alliance Against Tolls, John Warman,
Campaign Against Severn Tolls; Mike Penning MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of
State for Transport, Jeremy Rolstone, Head of Road Demand Management,
Department for Transport, and Graham Bowskill, Divisional Director South-West,
Highways Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 November at 10 a.m.]

WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Jonathan Edwards
Guto Bebb       Susan Elan Jones
1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future of the Newport Passport Office

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The future of the Newport Passport Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Captain and Mrs Wade
Public and Commercial Services Union
Home Office
Newport City Council
Welsh Assembly Government
William Graham AM
Welsh Language Board
Veronica German AM

Alan Brown, Group Secretary, Paul McGoay, Group President, Anne-Louise McKeon-Williams, Wales & South West branch secretary, Public and Commercial Services Union, Councillor Matthew Evans, Leader Newport City Council; Damian Green MP, Minister of State for Immigration, Home Office, Sarah Rapson, Chief Executive Identity and Passport Service (IPS), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 18 November at 10 a.m.]

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Geraint Davies
Jonathan Edwards

Karen Lumley
Jessica Morden
1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The proposed amendment to Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006

Draft Report, 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 603.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 November at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Jonathan Edwards
Guto Bebb        Susan Elan Jones
Alun Cairns     Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies   Owen Smith

1. Forward programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Germany in connection with its inquiry into Inward Investment in Wales, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

2. The Severn Crossings Toll

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The Severn Crossings Toll be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK)
National Alliance Against Tolls

3. S4C
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to S4C be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

URDD
Hugh Evans
Ron Jones
Dr Simon Brooks
The Writers Guild of Great Britain
Mabon ap Gwynfor
Welsh Language Board
Ofcom
Professor Thomas P. O’Malley, Aberystwth University
Tinopolis
Institute of Welsh Affairs
NUJ Parliamentary Group
Plaid Cymru
Welsh Language Society
NUJ and Bectu
DCMS

Ian Hargreaves, Geraint Talfan Davies, Ron Jones, Creative Industries Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 November at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew          Susan Elan Jones
Guto Bebb              Karen Lumley
Alun Cairns            Owen Smith
Jonathan Edwards       Mr Mark Williams
Mrs Siân C. James

1. S4C

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to S4C be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PACT
TAC
BBC
Mercator Institute for Media, Languages & Culture, Aberystwyth University
Mr S.G. Jones

2. **The future of the Newport Passport Office**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *The future of the Newport Passport Office* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Home Office

3. **The Severn Crossings Toll**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **S4C**

Chris Woolard, Director of Planning and Rhodri Williams, Wales Director, Ofcom, Iestyn Garlick, Chair, Gareth Williams, Chief Executive, TAC; Michael Birtwistle, NUJ, David Donovan, BECTU, Hywel Williams MP, NUJ All-Party Group; Meri Huws, Chair, Meirion Prys Jones, Chief Executive Welsh Language Board; Menna Machreth, Chair, Colin Nosworthy, Communications Officer, Welsh Language Society, gave oral evidence. Some of this evidence was in the Welsh language.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 December at 10 a.m.

*Monday 6 December 2010*

*The Chair, Alun Cairns, Geraint Davies, Jonathan Edwards, Karen Lumley, Owen Smith and Mr Mark Williams visited G.E. Aviation, Nantgarw, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Inward Investment, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 7 September 2010.*

**TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2010**

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Susan Elan Jones
1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. S4C

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to S4C be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Alun Ffred Jones AM, Welsh Assembly Government
Celebrating Our Welsh Language
Peter Edwards and Huw Walters

Rheon Tomos, Vice Chairman; and Arwel Ellis Owen, Interim Chief Executive, S4C, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 2.30 p.m.

TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2010

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb
Alun Cairns
Geraint Davies
Jonathan Edwards

Mrs Siân C. James
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams

1. The Severn Crossings Toll

Draft Report, 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 506.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 January at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Mrs Siân C. James
Guto Bebb       Susan Elan Jones
Alun Cairns    Karen Lumley
Geraint Davies Owen Smith
Jonathan Edwards Mr Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests

Mrs Siân C James declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows: ownership of a house in Neath.

2. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform

Draft Special Report (The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2010–11), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the First 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 Chair make the Report to the House.

4. S4C

Alun Ffred Jones AM, Minister for Heritage, Welsh Assembly Government; and Mark Thompson, BBC Director General, Menna Richards, Director BBC Wales, and Elan Closs Stephens, BBC Trustee for Wales gave oral evidence. Some of this evidence was in the Welsh language.
[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 January at 10.00 a.m.]

**TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2011**

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  
Guto Bebb  
Alun Cairns  
Geraint Davies  
Jonathan Edwards  
Mrs Siân C. James  
Susan Elan Jones  
Karen Lumley  
Jessica Morden  
Owen Smith  
Mr Mark Williams

1. **Organ Donation Legislative Competence Order (LCO)**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Organ Donation Legislative Competence Order (LCO).

2. **Inward Investment in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **The Future of Newport Passport Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The implications for Wales of the Government’s proposals for constitutional reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **S4C**

Ed Vaizey MP, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 January at 10.00 a.m.]

**TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2011**

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
1. The Future of the Newport Passport Office

Draft Report (The Future of the Newport Passport Office), 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 590.*

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inward investment in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Inward investment in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:*

RWE npower and RWE npower renewable  
University of Wales Institute  
Pingar LP  
General Dynamic UK  
Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Minister for the Economy and Transport, Welsh Assembly Government  
German Industry UK  
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February at 10.00 a.m.

*Monday 31 January – Tuesday 1 February 2011*

*The Chair, Stuart Andrew, Guto Bebb, Jonathan Edwards, Mrs Siân C James, Susan Elan Jones, Jessica Morden and Mr Mark Williams visited MG Alba, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into S4C, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 4 November 2010.*
TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Karen Lumley
Guto Bebb       Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies  Mr Mark Williams

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inward Investment in Wales

The Committee had an informal briefing from Professor Max Munday, Cardiff University and Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, UK Director, Federation of German Industry (BDI).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March at 10.00 a.m.

Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 February 2011

The Chair, Guto Bebb, Geraint Davies, Jonathan Edwards and Mr Mark Williams visited Berlin and Dusseldorf, Germany in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Inward Investment in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 23 November 2010

TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Susan Elan Jones
Guto Bebb      Karen Lumley
Alun Cairns    Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies Owen Smith
Mrs Siân C James Mr Mark Williams

1. The Severn Crossings Toll

Draft Special Report (The Severn Crossings Toll: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2010-11), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.
The Government’s response to the Third 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 Chair make the Report to the House.

2. S4C

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Responsibilities of the Secretary of State

Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Glynne Jones, Deputy Director Legislation and Deputy Head of Wales Office, and Tim Hemmings Deputy Director Policy, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March at 9.45 a.m.]
TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Mrs Siân C James
Guto Bebb      Susan Elan Jones
Geraint Davies Mr Mark Williams
Jonathan Edwards

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter

2. Legislative competence orders

The Committee considered this matter

3. Inward Investment in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Inward investment in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor David Pickernell
Professor Peter Grippaios
Secretary of State for Wales
Dr John Ball
CBI Wales
Cardiff Business Partnership

Resolved, That the Committee visit Swansea and Tata, Port Talbot in April 2011 in connection with its inquiry into Inward investment in Wales.

Dr John Ball, School of Business and Economics, Swansea University, Professor David Pickernell, Glamorgan Business School, University of Glamorgan, Professor Peter Grippaios, Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Plymouth; and Mr David Rosser, Regional Director, CBI Wales, Mr Roy Thomas, Director, Cardiff Business Partnership, and Mr Graham Morgan, Director, South Wales Chamber of Commerce, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 March at 4.00 p.m.]

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2011
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew     Susan Elan Jones
Guto Bebb         Karen Lumley
Alun Cairns       Jessica Morden
Jonathan Edwards  Mr Mark Williams
Mrs Siân C James

1. S4C

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March at 10.30 a.m.

TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew     Mrs Siân C James
Guto Bebb         Susan Elan Jones
Geraint Davies    Karen Lumley
Jonathan Edwards  Jessica Morden

1. Broadband in Wales

The Committee considered this matter

2. The proposed legislative competence order relating to organ donation (presumed consent)

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The proposed legislative competence order relating to organ donation (presumed consent) be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Bernard Farrell-Roberts
Dr Ian Robbie
Patient Concern
Alert
Anscombe Bioethics Centre
Patients Association
NHS Blood and Transplant
Brethren Christian Fellowship
British Heart Foundation
Board of Deputies of British Jews
Tom Brooks
CARE
Wales Orthodox Mission
Christian Medical Fellowship
Mrs Pauline Gately
Human Tissue Authority
Kidney Wales Foundation
The Lew Society
Mitzi Blennerhassett
The Welsh NHS Confederation
Mrs Eileen Rowlands

3. Wales Office 2010-11 Spring Supplementary Estimate

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Spring Supplementary Estimate 2010-11 submitted by the Wales Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. S4C

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Inward Investment in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Inward investment in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

    South East Wales Economic Forum

Sir Terry Matthews, Chairman, and Simon Gibson OBE, Chef Executive, Wesley Clover, gave oral evidence.

    [Adjourned till Tuesday 22 March at 10.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
1. Proposed Legislative Competence Orders relating to Organ Donation and Cycle Paths

Draft Special Report (Proposed Legislative Competence Orders relating to Organ Donation and Cycle Paths), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

Annexes agreed to.

Several Papers 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.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inward Investment in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The proposed amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006

Draft Special Report (The proposed amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Second 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 Chair make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 April at 2.00 p.m.]
MONDAY 4 APRIL 2011

The Committee met at the Council Chamber, Singleton Abbey Building, Swansea University

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Mrs Siân C James
Alun Cairns  Susan Elan Jones
Geraint Davies  Mr Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests

David T.C. Davies updated his declaration of interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows: remunerated consultancy work for Phoenix Chinese News & Entertainment Co. Ltd Television and Radio Station Operators and president of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit BBC Roath Loake, Cardiff.

3. Inward Investment in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Inward investment in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor Blackaby
Swansea University
e-skills UK
Morrisons
EU Skills

Professor Richard Davies, Vice Chancellor, Swansea University; Dr Grahame Guilford, Consultant, Swansea Bay Science and Innovation Campus, Swansea University; Professor Iwan Davies, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University; and Dr Weixi Xing, Director of the Swansea University China Centre, Swansea University; Stuart Bailey, Manager for Graduate and Apprentice Development, Cassidian Systems LTD and, e-skills UK Wales Employer Board member; Peter Sishton, Manager for Wales, e-skills UK; Aled Davies, Skills Director for Wales, Energy & Utility Skills Limited; Toni Eastwood, Director of Academy and Talent, Morrisons; and Neil O’Doherty, Head of Retail HR, Operations, Morrisons, gave oral evidence.
[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 5 April

The Chair, Stuart Andrew, Geraint Davies, Mrs Siân C James, Susan Elan Jones, Jessica Morden and Mr Mark Williams visited Swansea and the Tata Strip UK, Port Talbot, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Inward Investment in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 March.

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Guto Bebb
Jonathan Edwards
Susan Elan Jones
Karen Lumley
Mr Mark Williams

1. The future of the Newport Passport Office

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Airbus, Broughton, in connection with its inquiry into inward investment in Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee visit First Great Western, Reading.

3. S4C (Chair’s draft report)

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till this day at 3.15 p.m.]

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Guto Bebb
Jonathan Edwards
Susan Elan Jones
Karen Lumley
Mr Mark Williams
1. S4C

Draft Report (S4C), 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 614-I.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 May at 10.00 a.m.

**TUESDAY 10 MAY 2011**

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Jonathan Edwards
Mrs Siân C James
Susan Elan Jones
Karen Lumley
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams

1. Inward Investment in Wales

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Inward Investment in Wales* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

King Sturge

2. Broadband in Wales

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

Annelie Fitzgerald
NFU Cymru
Ofcom
Country Land and Business Association
Avanti
Arqiva
DCMS

3. Wales Office 2011-12 Main Estimate

*Ordered*, That written evidence relating to the Main Estimate 2010-12 submitted by
the Wales Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. S4C

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 May at 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2011

[The Committee met concurrently with the Culture, Media, and Sport Committee]

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Guto Bebb
Alun Cairns
Geraint Davies

Jonathan Edwards
Susan Elan Jones
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams

The following members of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee were also present, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A.

Ms Louise Bagshawe
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson
Mr John Whittingdale

David T.C. Davies was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (1).

1. Pre-appointment hearing with the Government’s preferred candidate for Chairman of the S4C Authority

Huw Jones, the Government’s preferred candidate, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing with the Government’s preferred candidate for Chairman of the S4C Authority), 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 1061-I.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 June at 2.00 p.m.]

**TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2011**

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  
Guto Bebb  
Geraint Davies  
Jonathan Edwards  
Mrs Siân C James  

Susan Elan Jones  
Karen Lumley  
Owen Smith  
Mr Mark Williams

1. The future of the Newport Passport Office

Draft Special Report (*The future of the Newport Passport Office: Government response to the Fourth Report of the Committee*), proposed by the Chair, 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 Eighth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

2. Inward Investment in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Inward Investment in Wales* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Freight Transport Association
- Scottish Development International
- Professor Stuart Cole
- Owens (Road Services) Ltd
- Associated British Ports
- Milford Haven Port Authority
- Sir Roger Jones OBE

Professor Stuart Cole, Wales Transport Research Centre, University of Glamorgan, Mr Ian Jarman, Environmental and Legislation Manager, Owens (Road Services) Ltd, and Mr Alec Don, Chief Executive, Milford Haven Port Authority, gave oral evidence.
3. Broadband in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Broadband in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Three
South East Wales Economic Forum
BT
FibreSpeed and GEO Networks Ltd
Disconnected Wales
Virgin Media

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June at 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew          Susan Elan Jones
Guto Bebb              Karen Lumley
Geraint Davies         Jessica Morden
Jonathan Edwards       Owen Smith
Mrs Siân C James       Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inward Investment in Wales


[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 June at 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Schedule 7 of the Government of Wales Act

Resolved, That the Inquiry Manager have leave to visit Cardiff for a seminar on Schedule 7 of the Government of Wales Act in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Thursday 30 June at 2.15 p.m.

Thursday 30 June

The Chair, Stuart Andrew, Guto Bebb, Geraint Davies, Jonathan Edwards, Susan Elan Jones and Mr Mark Williams visited Airbus, Broughton, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Inward Investment in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 27 April.

THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2011

The Committee met at OpTIC Glyndwr, St Asaph.

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Jonathan Edwards
Guto Bebb      Susan Elan Jones
Geraint Davies Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inward investment in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Inward Investment in Wales
be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Glyndŵr University
Tata Steel Europe
E-on
Bangor University
Airbus
RenewableUK Cymru
GE Aviation
Admiral

Katherine Bennett OBE, Vice President, Head of Political Affairs, and Steve Thomas, Government Affairs Executive, Airbus; Leighton Davies, Finance Director, GE Aviation Services – Wales; and Tim Wheeler, Industrial Participation Specialist, Boeing and Professor Michael Scott, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Mr Andrew Parry, Executive Adviser to the Vice-Chancellor and Head of Corporate Communications, Glyndŵr University and Mr Tony Hawkins, Managing Director, Glyndŵr Innovations; and Professor Sian Hope, Executive Director of Innovation and Professor of Computer Science, Bangor University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July at 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY 5 JULY 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew                   Susan Elan Jones
Guto Bebb                      Karen Lumley
Geraint Davies                 Jessica Morden
Jonathan Edwards               Mr Robin Walker
Mrs Siân C James               Mr Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests

Mr Robin Walker declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Finsbury Limited, (financial communications advisory), Tenter House 45 Moorfields London, EC2 9AE.

Received £2,500 for June 2010 Hours: 2 hours (Registered 5 July 2010)
Received £2,500 for July 2010 Hours: 1 hour (Registered 28 July 2010)
Received £2,500 for August 2010 Hours: 10 hours (Registered 6 September 2010)
Received £2,500 for September 2010 Hours: 10 hours (Registered 19 October 2010)
Received £2,500 for October 2010 Hours: 1 hour (Registered 16 November 2010)
Received £2,500 for November 2010. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 9 December 2010)
Received £2,500 for December 2010. Hours: 10 hrs. (Registered 26 January 2011)
Received £3,000 in December 2010 for work over the year 2010. No additional
hours worked. (Registered 26 January 2011)
Received £2,500 for January 2011. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 26 January 2011)
Received £2,500 for February 2011. Hours: 4 hrs. (Registered 2 March 2011)
Received £2,500 for March 2011. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 7 April 2011)
Received £2,500 for April 2011. Hours: 0 hrs. (Registered 11 May 2011)
Received £2,500 for May 2011. Hours: 10 hrs. (Registered 7 June 2011)

Clients:
Clients of Finsbury Limited advised by me:
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Rio Tinto plc, 2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG, diversified mining company
Vedanta Resources plc, 16 Berkeley Street London W1J 8DZ, diversified mining
company
African Barrick Gold plc, c/o Shearman and Sterling (London LLP, Broadgate West
9 Appold Street London EC2A 2AP, gold mining company
Hochschild Mining plc, 46 Albemarle Street London W1S 4JL, precious metals
mining company
CRH plc, Belgard Castle Clondalkin Dublin 22 Ireland, building materials company
NSG Pilkington Ltd, Alexandra Business Park Prescott Road St Helens Merseyside
London WA10 3TT, building materials company
Trigon Agri A/S, Trigon Agri A/S Viru Valjack 2 Tallin Estonia, agribusiness (until
31 July 2010).

Overseas visits:
Name of donor: Conservative Middle East Council
Address of donor: 83 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HW
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights, hotels, transport and
food to the value of £1,100
Destination of visit: Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories
Date of visit: 3-7 February 2011
Purpose of visit: study visit including meeting the Prime Minister of the Palestinian
National Assembly and Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel.
(Registered 8 February 2011)

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Broadband in Wales
Huw Thomas, Assembly Adviser, NFU Cymru, Ben Underwood, Regional Director, Wales, Country Land and Business Association, Abby Hanson, Disconnected Wales; and Ann Beynon, Director, BT Wales, Matt Rogerson, Head of Public Affairs & Policy, Virgin, Graham Leach, General Manager, Fibrespeed, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 July at 3.00 p.m.]

_Thursday 7 July_

_The Chair, Stuart Andrew, Guto Bebb, Geraint Davies, Jonathan Edwards, Mrs Siân C Sian James, Susan Elan Jones and Karen Lumley visited the BBC, Cardiff and S4C, Llanishen, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 4 April._

**WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011**

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew               Karen Lumley
Guto Bebb                   Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies              Owen Smith
Jonathan Edwards           Mr Robin Walker
Mrs Siân C James          Mr Mark Williams
Susan Elan Jones

1. **S4C**

Draft Special Report (S4C: _S4C Authority response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2010-12_), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The S4C Authority’s response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

_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. **Support in Wales for Armed Forces Veterans**

_Resolved_, That the Committee inquire into Support in Wales for Armed Forces Veterans.
3. Broadband in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Broadband in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Welsh Government

4. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Argentine Embassy in London.


Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, Secretary of State for Wales; Fiona Adams-Jones, Director; Glynne Jones, Deputy Director Legislation and Deputy Head; and Tim Hemmings, Head of Policy, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 5 September at 3.30 p.m.

Thursday 14 July

The Chair, Geraint Davies, Mr Robin Walker and Mr Mark Williams visited First Great Western, Reading, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 27 April.

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew   Karen Lumley
Guto Bebb

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 September at 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 6 September–8 September

The Chair, Stuart Andrew, Guto Bebb, Geraint Davies, Karen Lumley, Jessica Morden and Mr Robin Walker visited Brussels, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 7 September 2010.
THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Committee met at the Senedd, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff.

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies  Mr Robin Walker
Mrs Siân C James

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Cardiff and Llandudno, in connection with Parliament Week 2011.

2. Inward Investment in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Inward Investment in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor D G Rhys CBE
Embassy of Brazil
Nuon Renewables
Nick Ramsay AM
Eluned Parrott AM

Professor Mark Drakeford AM, Welsh Labour Party, Nick Ramsay AM, Shadow Minister for Business, Enterprise and Technology, and Eluned Parrott AM, Welsh Liberal Democrat spokesperson on Business, Enterprise and Technology, and David Stevens, Chief Operating Officer, Admiral Group Plc, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 October at 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Mrs Siân C James
Guto Bebb  Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies  Mr Robin Walker
Jonathan Edwards  Mr Mark Williams
1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the future of AHVLA Services in Wales.

Resolved, That the Chair and Principal Clerk travel in a representative capacity to Cardiff on Monday 24 October to give oral evidence before the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee of the National Assembly for Wales.

2. Veterans services in Wales

Ordered, That Mr Robert Aitken CBE FCMI be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into veterans services in Wales. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix)


The Committee considered this matter.

4. Broadband in Wales

David Williams, Chief Executive, Avanti; and Alastair Davidson, Managing Director, Government Mobile and Enterprise, and Julian McGougan, Head of Public Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Arqiva; Phil Sheppard, Director of Network Strategy and Julie Minns, Head of Public Policy, Three; and Richard Rumbelow, Head of Corporate Affairs, Everything Everywhere; Rhodri Williams, Director, Wales, David Clarkson, Technical Adviser and Project Manager, Competition Technology, and Matthew Conway, Director of Regulatory Development & Nations, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 October at 11.00 a.m.

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew                 Karen Lumley
Guto Bebb                    Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies               Mr Robin Walker
Jonathan Edwards             Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Support for Service veterans in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Support for Service veterans in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- John BR Mustoe
- Healing the Wounds – Veterans for Veterans
- Royal College of Nursing in Wales
- Wales Veterans’ Health and Wellbeing Service
- Ministry of Defence
- British Medical Association
- The Scottish Government
- The Royal British Legion
- British Health Board
- Dr Alastair Clarke-Walker

3. Broadband in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Broadband in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Vodafone

4. Representation of consumer interests in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Representation of consumer interests in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Welsh Government
- Professor T. H. Pennington
- Rachel and Tim Jebbett and John Purvin
- Thrive
- Sharon Mills
- Shelter Cymru
- Welsh Refugee Council
- Citizens Advice Cymru
- Consumer Focus Wales
- Children’s Commissioner for Wales
- Ingrid Gubbay – Hausfeld & Co LLP
- UK Government
Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice, Helene Hayes, Partnership Development Manager, Citizens Advice Cymru and Louise Hanson, Head of Advocacy, Which?, Vivienne Sugar, Chair, Maria Battle, Senior Director and Liz Withers, Head of Policy, Consumer Focus Wales, and Edward Davey MP, Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State for Employment Relations and Consumer and Postal Affairs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 November at 2.00 p.m.]

Monday 24 October

The Chair visited Cardiff in a representative capacity to give oral evidence to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 11 October.

Tuesday 25 October

The Chair, Stuart Andrew, Guto Bebb, Geraint Davies, Jonathan Edwards, Mrs Siân C. James, Karen Lumley, Jessica Morden, Mr Robin Walker and Mr Mark Williams visited the Argentine Embassy, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 13 July.

Monday 31 October

The Chair, Geraint Davies and Mrs Siân C. James visited Cardiff for a Parliamentary Outreach Event, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 September.

Thursday 3 November

The Inquiry manager visited Llandudno in a representative capacity for a Parliamentary Outreach Event, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 September.

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Guto Bebb
Geraint Davies
Jonathan Edwards

Jessica Morden
Mr Robin Walker
Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme
Resolved, That Guto Bebb have leave to visit Brussels in December to attend the International and interdisciplinary colloquium on federalism in Germany, Belgium and the United Kingdom in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the AHVLA Service, Carmarthen in connection with its inquiry into the future of AHVLA Services in Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into transport links in North and Mid-Wales.

2. Post-legislative assessment of the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Broadband in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Broadband in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Three
Edwina Hart AM

4. Representation of consumer interests in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Representation of consumer interests in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Consumer Focus Wales

5. Inward Investment in Wales

Nick Baird, Chief Executive Officer, Martin Phelan, Director Investment Projects and FDI Transition and Kirstyn Boyle, Head of Strategy and Business Partnerships, UK Trade and Industry (UKTI), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 November at 10.45 a.m.

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Karen Lumley
Guto Bebb  Mr Robin Walker
Geraint Davies  Mr Mark Williams
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Broadband in Wales

Ed Vaizey MP, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries and Simon Towler, Head of Spectrum, Broadband and International ICT Policy (Broadband Delivery UK), Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November at 10.00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Guto Bebb
Geraint Davies

Jonathan Edwards
Jessica Morden

1. The future of AHVLA services in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The future of AHVLA services in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Dr Ruth Watkins
National Farmers Union Cymru
Farmers’ Union of Wales
Prospect

Dr Hazel Wright, Senior Policy Officer, and Mr Derek Morgan, Chairman of the FUW Hill Farming and Marginal Land Committee, Farmers’ Union of Wales, and Mr Stephen James, Deputy President, National Farmers’ Union Cymru, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 November at 10.00 a.m.]
TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart AndrewKaren Lumley
Guto BebbJessica Morden
Geraint DaviesMr Robin Walker
Jonathan EdwardsMr Mark Williams
Nia Griffith

1. Declaration of interests

Nia Griffith declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows: smallholding in Carmarthenshire.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The future of AHVLA services in Wales

(Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The future of AHVLA services in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
British Veterinary Association
Milfeddygon ProStock Vets
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Simon Hart MP

Geraldine O’Connell, National Secretary, Prospect, and Carl Padgett, President, British Veterinary Association, and Rt Hon. James Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Catherine Brown, Chief Executive, Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 5 December at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 1 December

The Chair, Jonathan Edwards, Nia Griffith and Mr Mark Williams visited Carmarthen in connection with its inquiry into the future of AHVLA services in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 November.
MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb
Geraint Davies
Jonathan Edwards
Nia Griffith
Karen Lumley
Jessica Morden
Mr Robin Walker
Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future of AHVLA services in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The future of AHVLA services in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Biobest Laboratories Ltd

3. Inward investment in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Inward investment in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

UKTI

Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 December at 10.00 a.m.

Guto Bebb visited Brussels for the International and interdisciplinary colloquium on federalism in Germany, Belgium and the United Kingdom in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 November.

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2011
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Support for Armed Forces veterans in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Support for Armed Forces veterans in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Richard Hunt Foundation
- Combat Stress
- Professor Hew Strachan
- R3 Cymru
- Welsh Government

3. Representation of consumer interests in Wales

Draft Report (Representation of consumer interests in Wales), 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 1558-I.

4. Inward investment in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 January at 10.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew                 Karen Lumley
Guto Bebb                      Jessica Morden
1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit St Dunstan’s Hospital, Llandudno, in connection with its inquiry into Support for Armed Forces veterans in Wales.

2. Support for Armed Forces veterans in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Support for Armed Forces veterans in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Colonel PJ Hubbard OBE, DL
Help for Heroes

3. Broadband in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Broadband in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Edwina Hart, Minister andAM

4. The future of AHVLA services in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The future of AHVLA services in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mr J Swift
Mr C Williams
Malcolm Gittings
Welsh Government

5. Inward investment in Wales (Chair’s draft report)

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 January at 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Mrs Siân C James
1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Enterprise and Business Committee of the National Assembly for Wales for the purpose of examining and reporting on ports and airports in Wales and related matters.

2. Commission on Devolution in Wales

Paul Silk, Chair, Commission on Devolution in Wales, Dyfrig John CBE, Independent Commissioner, and Professor Noel Lloyd CBE, Independent Commissioner, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January at 10.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew Karen Lumley
Guto Bebb Jessica Morden
Geraint Davies Mr Robin Walker
Jonathan Edwards Mr Mark Williams
Mrs Siân C James

1. Inward investment in Wales

Draft Report (Inward investment in Wales), 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 854-I.

2. Broadband in Wales

The Committee considered this matter

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 February at 9.20 a.m.

Monday 6 February

The Chair, Guto Bebb, Jonathan Edwards, Nia Griffith, Mrs Siân C James, Jessica Morden, Mr Robin Walker and Mr Mark Williams visited St Dunstan’s in connection with its inquiry into Support for Armed Forces Veterans in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 17 January.

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  Jessica Morden
Jonathan Edwards  Mr Robin Walker
Nia Griffith  Mr Mark Williams
Mrs Siân C James

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Support for Armed Forces Veterans in Wales

Alistair Maxwell, Regional Manager (Wales), Royal British Legion, Mark Lovatt, Manager, St Dunstan’s Centre, and Clive Wolfendale, Chief Executive, CAIS, gave oral evidence to the Committee.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 February at 10.15 a.m.

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Nia Griffith
Guto Bebb  Karen Lumley
1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to visit the Army Headquarters in Brecon on Monday 19 March in connection with its inquiry into Support for Armed Forces Veterans in Wales.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 February at 10.15 a.m.

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew                Karen Lumley
Jonathan Edwards            Jessica Morden
Nia Griffith                Mr Robin Walker

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into cross-border road and rail connectivity.

2. Wales Office Supplementary Estimates 2011-12

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Supplementary Estimates 2011-12 submitted by the Wales Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Thursday 8 March at 9.45 a.m.

THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2012

The Committee met in Committee Rooms 1 and 2, at the National Assembly for Wales
National Assembly for Wales

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew                  Jonathan Edwards
Guto Bebb                      Nia Griffith
Geraint Davies                 Karen Lumley
The following members of the Business and Enterprise Committee of the National Assembly for Wales also attended in accordance with Standing Order Number 137A(3)

Byron Davies
Keith Davies
Mike Hedges
Julie James
Alun Ffred Jones

Eluned Parrott
David Rees
Ken Skates
Leanne Wood

1. International Connectivity through Welsh Ports and Airports

Jonathan Moor, Director, Aviation, and Richard Bennett, Deputy Director, Maritime Commerce and Infrastructure, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence to the Committee.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 March at 10.15 a.m.

TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew
Guto Bebb
Geraint Davies
Nia Griffith
Mrs Siân C James

Karen Lumley
Jessica Morden
Mr Robin Walker
Mr Mark Williams

1. Support for Armed Forces Veterans in Wales

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry into Support for Armed Forces Veterans in Wales.

Ian Hulatt, Mental Health Adviser, and Lisa Turnbull, Policy and Public Affairs Adviser, Royal College of Nursing; and Dr Julian Olver MBE, Deputy Chair of the British Medical Association (BMA) Armed Forces Committee and a consultant anaesthetist in London, and Professor Jonathan Bisson, All Wales Veterans health and Well-Being Service; Mark Birkill, Mental Health Practitioner, Veterans Service, Wrexham; and Mr Simon Pyke, Associate Chief of Staff – Mental Health & Learning Disabilities Clinical Programme Group, Betsi Cadwaladad Health Board, gave oral
evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 March at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 19 March

The Chair, Mr Robin Walker and Mr Mark Williams visited HQ 160 (Wales) Brigade, MoD St Athan in connection with its inquiry into Support for Armed Forces Veterans in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 21 February.

Monday 26 March 2012

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb
Geraint Davies
Nia Griffith
Karen Lumley
Mr Robin Walker
Mr Mark Williams

1. Cross-border road and rail connectivity

Ordered, That Richard Goldson be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into cross-border road and rail connectivity. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

2. The future of AHVLA services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The future of AHVLA services be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from the Committee to the Rt Hon James Paice MP, Minister for Agriculture, Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

3. Committee effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inward Investment in Wales

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Department for Transport.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 March at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 17 April 2012
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Stuart Andrew  Mrs Siân C James
Guto Bebb     Susan Elan Jones
Geraint Davies  Jessica Morden
Jonathan Edwards  Mr Robin Walker
Nia Griffith  Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Cross-border Road and Rail connectivity

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 May at 10.15 a.m.]
DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS

14 July 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

**Guto Bebb:**
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Proprietor of Egin Partnership, Caban, Brynrefail, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 3NR, an economic consultancy.

Sponsorships: Donation of £5,000 to the constituency association from the Patrons Club of Conwy, Caerhun Hall. Ty’n Groes, Conwy LL32 8HX, a private members club. The constituency association will report this donation to the Electoral Commission.

**Alun Cairns:**
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Assembly Member, National Assembly for Wales, no salary taken since the general election. Claims for costs to conduct duties are published by the National Assembly for Wales.

Sponsorships: Donation of £5,000 from William Powell and Sons, Carrs House, 1 Tramway, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX16 5TD which has been reported to the Electoral Commission.

**David T.C. Davies:**
Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK): As a serving Special Constable with the British Transport Police, 25 Camden Road, London NW1 9LN, I may travel for free on London transport in return for intervening if I see a crime or if someone needs first aid. Remunerated consultancy work for Phoenix Chinese News & Entertainment Co. Ltd Television and Radio Station Operators and president of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association

Sponsorships: Donation of £3,000 from Ronald Hear, The Old Manor, Forge Road, Osbaston, Monmouth, NP25 3AZ which has been reported to the Electoral Commission.

**Geraint Davies:**
Sponsorships: Donation of £4,500 from the GMB, Newport Road, Cardiff and a donation of £3,000 from the Cooperative Party, 1 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, which have been reported to the Electoral Commission.

Land and Property: Two properties in London for which rental is received.

Registrable shareholdings: In Pure Crete Ltd, a tour operator to Crete.

**Glyn Davies:**
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Self employed farmer, income variable between £20,000 to £50,000 pa. Hours worked variable between five to ten hours per week.

Sponsorships: Donation of £2,500 from European Care, 28 Welbeck Street, London which has been reported to the Electoral Commission.

Land and Property: A property in Cardiff, farm land, house and buildings near Castle Caereinion, Montgomeryshire, farm land, house and buildings near Llanefydd, Montgomeryshire, and farm land and buildings near Berriew, Montgomeryshire, for which rental is received. Shares in Wynnstay Farmers Ltd.

Jonathan Edwards:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payments of £30 from BBC Wales, PO Box 480, Manchester M14 OEL, for a 30 minute appearance on a radio programme on 21 June 2010, and £100 from Boomerang, 218 Heol Penarth, Caerdydd CF11 8NN, for three hours media work.

Nia Griffith:
Land and Property: Small holding in Camarthenshire.

Susan Elan Jones:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payment of £25 from Boomerang Plus plc, 218 Heol Penarth, Caerdydd, CF11 8NN, a radio station, for a 15 minute telephone interview for Radio Cymru

Karen Lumley:
Directorships: RKL Geological Services, 4 Grove Road, Wrexham LL11 1AY, a geological consultancy company.

Sponsorships: Donation of £500 per month to my constituency party from Loxton Developments Ltd, Longbourn Farm, Pittern Hill, Kineton. Warwick CU35 0JF, company registration number 02171248.

Jessica Morden:
Nil.

Owen Smith:
Nil.

Mr Mark Williams:
Sponsorships: Donation of £2,000 from Mr Clive Jenkins.

Stuart Andrew
Elected member of Leeds City Council. Resigned September 2010. Received payments as follows:


Nia Griffith
Smallholding in Carmarthenshire.

Mr Robin Walker
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:
Finsbury Limited, (financial communications advisory), Tenter House 45 Moorfields London, EC2 9AE.

Received £2,500 for June 2010 Hours: 2 hours (Registered 5 July 2010)
Received £2,500 for July 2010 Hours: 1 hour (Registered 28 July 2010)
Received £2,500 for August 2010 Hours: 10 hours (Registered 6 September 2010)
Received £2,500 for September 2010 Hours: 10 hours (Registered 19 October 2010)
Received £2,500 for October 2010 Hours: 1 hour (Registered 16 November 2010)
Received £2,500 for November 2010 Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 9 December 2010)
Received £2,500 for December 2010 Hours: 10 hrs. (Registered 26 January 2011)
Received £3,000 in December 2010 for work over the year 2010. No additional hours worked. (Registered 26 January 2011)
Received £2,500 for January 2011 Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 26 January 2011)
Received £2,500 for February 2011 Hours: 4 hrs. (Registered 2 March 2011)
Received £2,500 for March 2011 Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 7 April 2011)
Received £2,500 for April 2011 Hours: 0 hrs. (Registered 11 May 2011)
Received £2,500 for May 2011 Hours: 10 hrs. (Registered 7 June 2011)

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Morgan Crucible plc, The Morgan Crucible Company plc Quadrant 55-5 High St Windsor Berkshire SL4 1LP, specialist materials company
Rio Tinto plc, 2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG, diversified mining company
Vedanta Resources plc, 16 Berkeley Street London W1J 8DZ, diversified mining company
African Barrick Gold plc, c/o Shearman and Sterling (London LLP, Broadgate West 9 Appold Street London EC2A 2AP, gold mining company
Hochschild Mining plc, 46 Albemarle Street London W1S 4JL, precious metals mining company
CRH plc, Belgard Castle Clondalkin Dublin 22 Ireland, building materials company
NSG Pilkington Ltd, Alexandra Business Park Prescott Road St Helens Merseyside
London WA10 3TT, building materials company
Trigon Agri A/S, Trigon Agri A/S Väru Valjак 2 Tallin Estonia, agribusiness (until 31 July 2010).

Overseas visits:
Name of donor: Conservative Middle East Council
Address of donor: 83 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HW
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights, hotels, transport and food to the value of £1,100
Destination of visit: Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories
Date of visit: 3-7 February 2011
Purpose of visit: study visit including meeting the Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Assembly and Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel.
(Registered 8 February 2011)

Mrs Siân C James
Ownership of a house in Neath

DECLARATION OF SPECIALIST ADVISERS’ INTERESTS

27 July 2010

Professor Stuart Cole
Nil.

19 October 2010

Professor Stuart Cole
Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

26 October 2010

Mr Ray Gallagher
Nil.

Mr Alan Trench
Constitutional Adviser and Director, Tomorrow’s Wales (company limited by guarantee).

Author, ‘Devolution Matters’ blog.
Honorary Senior Research Fellow, The Constitution Unit, University College London (all remunerated)

Occasional remuneration from academic work for University of Edinburgh

4 November 2010

Professor Keith Patchett
Nil.

Professor Max Munday
Nil.

11 October 2011

Mr Robert Aitken CBE FCMI
Nil.