



House of Commons  
Culture, Media and Sport  
Committee

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## **Formal Minutes**

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**Session 2007–08**

## **Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

### **Current membership**

Mr John Whittingdale OBE MP (*Conservative, Maldon & East Chelmsford*)  
(*Chairman*)

Janet Anderson MP (*Labour, Rossendale and Darwen*)

Mr Nigel Evans MP (*Conservative, Ribble Valley*)

Philip Davies MP (*Conservative, Shipley*)

Paul Farrelly MP (*Labour, Newcastle-under-Lyme*)

Mr Mike Hall MP (*Labour, Weaver Vale*)

Alan Keen MP (*Labour, Feltham and Heston*)

Rosemary McKenna MP (*Labour, Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East*)

Adam Price MP (*Plaid Cymru, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*)

Mr Adrian Sanders (*Liberal Democrat, Torbay*)

Helen Southworth (*Labour, Warrington South*)

### **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](http://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/culture\\_media\\_and\\_sport.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport.cfm).

### **Committee staff**

The current staff of the Committee are Tracey Garratty (Clerk), Martin Gaunt (Second Clerk), Elizabeth Bradshaw (Inquiry Manager), Anna Watkins/ Lisa Wrobel (Senior Committee Assistants), Rowena Macdonald (Committee Assistant)

### **Contacts**

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# Proceedings of the Committee

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**Tuesday 6 November 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen  
Rosemary McKenna  
Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders

## ***1. Work of the Committee***

The Committee considered this matter.

## ***2. Public Service content***

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

*[The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 36-I.]*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 November at 10.15 am.]

**Monday 12 November 2007**

*Mr John Whittingdale and Philip Davies visited Lingfield Park Racecourse in a representative capacity in connection with the Committee's inquiry into On-course horserace betting, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 16 October 2007.*

**Tuesday 13 November 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. On-course horserace betting***

Robin Grossmith, Director, Federation of Racecourse Bookmakers, Clive Reams, bookmaker, Barry Johnson, bookmaker, and Keith Johnson, Vice-Chairman, National Association of Bookmakers, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Atkin, Chief Executive, and Caroline Davies, Racecourse Services Director, The Racecourse Association, gave oral evidence.

David Bradshaw, Racing Director, Horserace Betting Levy Board, Tim Moore, Chief Executive, and Tom Clarke, Chairman, National Joint Pitch Council, gave oral evidence.

Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, David Fitzgerald, Head of Gambling and National Lottery Licensing, and Eleanor van Heyningen, Head of Betting and Racing, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 November at 10.30 am.]

**Thursday 15 November 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall  
Alan Keen

***1. Work of the Committee***

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake regular scrutiny of the Annual Reports of Non-Departmental Public Bodies responsible to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. Ticket touting***

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 November at 10.15 am.]

**Monday 19 November 2007**

*Nigel Evans visited Brussels in a representative capacity in order to attend the Discourse on "A Soul for Europe", in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 16 October 2007.*

**Tuesday 20 November 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies	Alan Keen
Mr Nigel Evans	Adam Price
Paul Farrelly	Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Mike Hall	Helen Southworth

***London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games***

The Committee considered this matter.

Peter King, Chief Executive Officer, Chris Boardman, Director of Coaching and Olympic Programmes, British Cycling, Ed Warner, Chairman, UK Athletics, David Sparkes, Chief Executive, and Ian Mason, Director of World Class Operations, British Swimming, gave oral evidence.

Sue Campbell, Chair, and Peter Keen, Head of Performance, UK Sport, gave oral evidence.

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

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 November at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 27 November 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson	Rosemary McKenna
Philip Davies	Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Nigel Evans	Helen Southworth
Mr Mike Hall	

***1. Work of the Committee***

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the European Commission White Paper on Sport.—(*The Chairman.*)

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into harmful content on the Internet and in video games.—(*The Chairman.*)

## **2. Tourism**

Ros Pritchard, Chairman, Tony Millns, Board member, Brigid Simmonds, Board member, and Kurt Janson, Policy Director, Tourism Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Juliet Williams, Chairman, South West Regional Development Agency, Jeff Alexander, Director of Global Enterprise, South East England Development Agency, and James Berresford, Director of Tourism, North West Regional Development Agency, gave oral evidence.

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Janet Anderson was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 December at 10.15 am.]

### **Thursday 29 November 2007**

*Mr John Whittingdale, Paul Farrelly and Alan Keen visited the Olympic Park in East London in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 25 October 2007.*

### **Tuesday 4 December 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall  
Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

#### **1. Work of the Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. London 2012 Games**

Lord Coe, Chairman, Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, and John Armit, Chairman, and David Higgins, Chief Executive, Olympic Delivery Authority, gave oral evidence.

Lord Moynihan, Chairman, and Simon Clegg, Chief Executive, British Olympic Association, and Phil Lane, Chief Executive, British Paralympic Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 6 December 2007 at 10.30 a.m.]

### **Thursday 6 December 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Alan Keen

Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders

#### **1. Tourism**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Torbay in connection with the inquiry.—(*The Chairman.*)

#### **2. Ticket touting**

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

#### **3. On-course horserace betting**

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 December at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 11 December 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders

**1. *Petition***

The Committee considered the petition to the House from residents of Bexley concerning Olympic funding.

**2. *Work of the Committee***

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. *Ticket touting***

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 December at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 18 December 2007**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Nigel Evans  
Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen  
Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders

**1. *European Commission White Paper on Sport***

Resolved, That the Committee visit the European Commission and the European Parliament in Brussels in connection with the inquiry.—(*The Chairman.*)

## **2. Ticket touting**

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 202*].

## **3. Tourism**

Martin Singfield, Finance Director, and Craig Beaumont, Public Affairs Manager, VisitLondon, gave oral evidence.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM, Welsh Assembly Minister for Heritage, Jonathan Jones, Director of Tourism and Marketing, VisitWales, Peter Lederer CBE, Chairman, and Chris Maguire, Corporate Affairs Manager, VisitScotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 January 2008 at 10.15 am.]

### **Tuesday 8 January 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Nigel Evans

Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

### **1. The Committee's programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Tourism**

Bob Cotton, Chief Executive, British Hospitality Association, Rob Hayward, Chief Executive, British Beer and Pub Association, and Brian Wisdom, Chief Executive, People 1<sup>st</sup>, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Dowd, Chief Executive, UK Inbound, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 January at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 15 January 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

**1. *Work of the Committee in 2007***

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

*[The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 234.]*

**2. *BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07***

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 Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 235.]*

**3. *On-course horserace betting***

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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 37.]*

**4. *Premature disclosure of reports from the Committee***

*Resolved*, That the Committee takes note of the guidance to Committee members on confidentiality of Committee papers and documents.—(*Nigel Evans.*)

**5. *Public confidence in broadcasting***

*Resolved*, That Philip Davies attend in a representative capacity a BBC workshop for its employees on “Safeguarding Trust”.—(*The Chairman.*)

## **6. London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games**

Neale Coleman, Director of Business Planning and Regeneration, Mayor of London's Office, and Manny Lewis, Chief Executive, London Development Agency, gave oral evidence.

Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of London Borough of Newham and Chair of Five Host Borough Group. Mayor Jules Pipe, Mayor of London Borough of Hackney, Councillor Denise Jones, Leader of London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Councillor Clyde Loakes, Leader of London Borough of Waltham Forest, and Peter Bunday, Deputy Managing Director, Greenwich Leisure Limited, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 January at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 22 January 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Adam Price

Mr Mike Hall

Mr Adrian Sanders

Rosemary McKenna

### **1. The Committee's programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the USA in connection with its inquiries into harmful content on the internet and in video games and preparations for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games; and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.—(*The Chairman.*)

### **2. Public service content: letter from the Chief Executive of Ofcom**

Draft Special Report [Response from Ofcom to the Committee's First Report of Session 2007-08 (Public service content)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the response by Ofcom to the First Report from the Committee be appended to the Special Report.

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

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

### **3. London 2012 Games**

Jennie Price, Chief Executive, and Sean Holt, Director (London), Sport England, gave oral evidence.

Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 January at 10.15 am.

*Wednesday 23 – Thursday 24 January 2008*

*Mr John Whittingdale, Janet Anderson, Philip Davies, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mike Hall, Alan Keen and Mr Adrian Sanders visited the European Commission and the European Parliament in Brussels in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the European Commission White Paper on Sport and into Harmful content on the Internet and in video games, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 18 December 2007.*

**Tuesday 29 January 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Nigel Evans

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

Helen Southworth

***1. Pre-appointment hearings by select committees***

*Resolved*, That the Committee takes note of the list of posts proposed by the Minister for the Cabinet Office as being suitable for pre-appointment scrutiny by select committees; and that the Chairman should write to the Liaison Committee proposing that the post of Chairman of the BBC Trust be added to the list.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. Future programme***

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill.—(*The Chairman.*)

***3. Tourism***

Grant Hearn, Chief Executive, and Greg Dawson, Director of Communications, Travelodge, gave oral evidence.

Professor John Fletcher and Professor Victor Middleton OBE gave oral evidence.

***4. London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games***

The Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for the Olympics and London, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 February at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 5 February 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Nigel Evans  
Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna  
Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. DCMS Autumn Performance Report***

*Resolved*, That the Committee write to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport seeking further information on the Autumn Performance Report.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. Tourism***

Christopher Rodrigues CBE, Chairman, Tom Wright CBE, Chief Executive, Bernard Donoghue, Head of Public and Government Affairs, VisitBritain, and Hugh Taylor, Chairman, VisitEngland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 February at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 19 February 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall

Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***European Commission White Paper on Sport***

Nick Bunting, Head of Game Investment, and Paul Vaughan, Commercial Director, Rugby Football Union, Giles Clarke, Chairman, England and Wales Cricket Board, and Nic Coward, Chair, Sports Rights Owners Coalition, gave oral evidence.

Lord Triesman, Chairman, Football Association, and Richard Scudamore, Chief Executive, Premier League, gave oral evidence.

Brigid Simmonds, Chair, and James MacDougall, European and International Officer, Central Council for Physical Recreation, and Sue Tibballs, Chief Executive, Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 February at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 26 February 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna  
Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders

***1. Harmful Content on the Internet and in Video Games***

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre.—(*The Chairman.*)

John Carr, Executive Secretary, Children's Charities Coalition for Internet Safety, Stephen Carrick-Davies, Chief Executive, Childnet International, Professor Sonia Livingstone, London School of Economics, gave oral evidence.

Matt Lambert, Head of Corporate Affairs, Microsoft, Peter Robbins OBE QPM, Chief Executive, Internet Watch Foundation, Heather Rabbatts CBE, Chair, Media Literacy Taskforce, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 28 February at 10.15 am.]

**Thursday 28 February 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies

Alan Keen  
Mr Adrian Sanders

***Tourism***

Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP, Minister of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 March at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 4 March 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Nigel Evans  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen  
Rosemary McKenna  
Mr Adrian Sanders

***1. Declaration of interest***

*Resolved*, That the Committee take note of the declaration by Mr Ray Gallagher, Specialist Adviser to the Committee on broadcasting and the media, that he had accepted an offer of consultancy work with Joost, the internet television service provider.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games***

The Committee considered this matter.

***3. Harmful Content***

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold an informal meeting with Ofcom on 11 March to discuss the Internet.—(*The Chairman.*)

Juliet Kramer, Head of Content Regulation, T-Mobile, Steven Bartholomew, Head of Public Affairs, O2, Trish Church, Mobile and Broadband Services Safety Manager, Orange UK, and Hamish MacLeod, Chair, Mobile Broadband Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March at 4.50 pm.]

Wednesday 12 – Thursday 13 March 2008

*Mr John Whittingdale, Philip Davies, Mr Mike Hall, Alan Keen, Rosemary McKenna and Mr Adrian Sanders visited Torbay in connection with the Committee's inquiry into tourism, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 4 December 2007.*

**Wednesday 12 March 2008**

The Committee met at the Riviera Conference Centre, Torquay

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Mr Mike Hall  
Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna  
Mr Adrian Sanders

**1. *On-course horserace betting***

*Resolved*, That the Committee agrees to the proposal by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport that publication of the Government's response to the Committee's report be delayed for approximately one month.—(*The Chairman.*)

**2. *Tourism***

Mr Adrian Sanders declared a pecuniary interest, as owner of a shareholding in the Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway.

Aviva Pearson, Director of Tourism, Torbay Council, Alan Robinson, Strategic Director (Community), South Hams District Council, and Malcolm Bell, Chief Executive, Southwest Tourism, gave oral evidence.

Lynne Hookings, Chairman, Torbay Tourism Forum, John Milne Home, Secretary, Tamar Valley Tourism Association, and Moray Bowater, General Manager, Helpful Holidays, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 March at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 18 March 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Nigel Evans

Alan Keen

Mr Adrian Sanders

Helen Southworth

**1. *Work of the Committee***

The Committee discussed this matter.

**2. *Harmful Content***

Jim Gamble QPM, Chief Executive Officer, and Alex Nagle, Head of Harm Reduction, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, gave oral evidence.

Nicholas Lansman, Secretary-General, Internet Service Providers' Association, Camille de Stempel, Director of Policy, AOL, Mike Galvin, Managing Director, Global Customer Experience Programme, British Telecom, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 27 March at 10.15 am.]

**Thursday 27 March 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

**1. *The Committee's programme of work***

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. *London 2012 Games***

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 April at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 1 April 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

Helen Southworth

***1. Scrutiny of Annual Reports of Non-Departmental Public Bodies***

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

National Museums Liverpool

Arts Council England

English Heritage

Gambling Commission

British Museum

VisitBritain

***2. Harmful content on the internet and in video games***

Kent Walker, General Counsel, Google, gave oral evidence.

Dr Tanya Byron gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 April at 10.30 am.]

**Thursday 3 April 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Paul Farrelly

***1. Work of the Committee***

*Resolved*, That the Committee treat further written evidence from Google on Harmful Content in confidence.—(*The Chairman.*)

*Resolved*, That the Chairman have leave to visit Beijing in June to attend the Fifth Meeting of the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership in a representative capacity.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. London 2012 Games***

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 April at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 22 April 2008**

**[The Committee met concurrently with the Business and Enterprise Committee]**

Members present:

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Mr John Whittingdale

The following members of the Business and Enterprise Committee were also present, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Mr Brian Binley  
Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Peter Luff

Mr Mike Weir  
Mr Anthony D. Wright

Mr Peter Luff was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A(1).

***Ofcom Annual Plan 2008-09***

Lord Currie, Chairman, and Mr Ed Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 April at 10.30 a.m.]

**Wednesday 23 April 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna  
Helen Southworth

***1. Future programme***

*Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the draft Heritage Protection Bill.—(The Chairman.)*

***2. London 2012 Games***

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 Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 104.]*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 29 April 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Nigel Evans  
Mr Mike Hall  
Alan Keen

Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. Future programme***

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on his responsibilities and on the DCMS 2008 Annual Report.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. Specialist Advice to the Committee***

*Ordered*, That Ms Sara John be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to the creative economy, legal and European affairs.

***3. Harmful content on the internet and in video games***

Dr Rachel O'Connell, Chief Safety Officer, Bebo, and Mr Mike Angus, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Fox Interactive Media, gave oral evidence.

Mr Paul Jackson, Director General, Entertainment and Leisure Software Publishers Association, Dr Richard Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, Tiga, Mr Keith Ramsdale, Vice President, EA Games, and Mr Jason Kingsley, Chief Executive Officer and Creative Director, Rebellion Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 8 May at 10.30 am.]

**Thursday 8 May 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna  
Adam Price

**1. *Work of the Committee***

*Resolved*, That the Chairman have leave to visit the Media 360 Conference in Newport, Wales, on 15 and 16 May, in a representative capacity.—(*The Chairman.*)

**2. *On-course horserace betting***

Draft Special Report [Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2007-08], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the response by the Government to the Fifth Report from the Committee be appended to the Special Report.

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

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

**3. *European Commission White Paper on Sport***

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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 347.*]

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 May at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 13 May 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Nigel Evans  
Mr Mike Hall  
Alan Keen

Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. Work of the Committee***

The Committee considered this matter.

***2. Harmful content on the internet and in video games***

Mr Ed Richards, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr Stewart Purvis, Partner for Content and Standards, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

Mr David Cooke, Director, Mr Pete Johnson, Head of Policy and Business Development, British Board of Film Classification, Mr Peter Darby, Operations Manager, and Mr Laurie Hall, Secretary General, Video Standards Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 May at 1.00 pm.]

**Wednesday 14 May 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Alan Keen

Mr Nigel Evans

Mr Adrian Sanders

Paul Farrelly

**1. London 2012 Games**

*Ordered*, That the letter to the Committee Chairman from the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, concerning contingency for the London 2012 Games, be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

**2. Harmful content on the internet and in video games**

Kevin Brennan MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Children, Schools and Families, Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP, Minister of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Vernon Coaker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 June at 10.15 am.]

*Thursday 15 and Friday 16 May 2008*

*Mr John Whittingdale visited the Media 360 Conference in Newport, Wales, in a representative capacity, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 8 May 2008.*

*Sunday 18 – Friday 23 May 2008*

*Mr John Whittingdale, Janet Anderson, Philip Davies, Paul Farrelly, Alan Keen, Rosemary McKenna, Adam Price and Mr Adrian Sanders visited San Francisco and Los Angeles in connection with the Committee's inquiries into harmful content, tourism and the London 2012 Games, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 22 January 2008.*

**Tuesday 3 June 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Rosemary McKenna

Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. Petition***

The Committee considered the petition to the House from residents of Cornwall concerning Facebook.

***2. Work of the Committee***

The Committee considered this matter.

***3. MediaGuardian Edinburgh International Television Festival***

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the MediaGuardian Edinburgh International Television Festival in August 2008.—(*The Chairman.*)

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 June at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 10 June 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Alan Keen

Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. DCMS Departmental Annual Report 2008***

*Resolved*, That the Committee submit questions to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on its Departmental Annual Report 2008.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill***

Professor Peter Stone and Dr Roger O’Keefe gave oral evidence.

Brigadier Gordon Messenger DSO OBE, Director, Joint Commitments (Military), Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

Anthony Browne, Chairman, and Tom Christopherson, Member of the Executive Board, British Art Market Federation, gave oral evidence.

Sue Cole, Senior Policy Officer (International), English Heritage, Dr David Gaimster, Chair, Culture Committee Working Group, UNESCO (UK National Commission), and Charles Garraway, International Law Adviser (External), British Red Cross, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 June at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 17 June 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Nigel Evans  
Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall  
Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders

***Tourism***

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 June at 10.15 am.]

*Tuesday 17 – Saturday 21 June 2008*

*Mr John Whittingdale visited Beijing to attend the Fifth Meeting of the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership in a representative capacity, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 3 April 2008.*

**Tuesday 24 June 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen  
Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. Tourism***

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 Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 133.]*

***2. Work of the Committee***

The Committee discussed this matter.

### **3. Draft Heritage Protection Bill**

*Resolved*, That the memorandum from the Historic Houses Association be reported to the House.—(*The Chairman.*)

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 July at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 1 July 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Nigel Evans  
Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna  
Mr Adrian Sanders

#### **1. Draft Heritage Protection Bill**

Paul Raynes, Programme Director, Local Government Association, Mike Brown, Trustee, Institute of Historic Building Conservation, Jan Wills, Executive Committee Member, Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers, and Dr Alyson Cooper, Conservation Team Leader, Carrick District Council, gave oral evidence.

Robert Ayton, Head of Design and Conservation, Westminster City Council, and Joseph Saunders, Estate Development Director, University of East Anglia, gave oral evidence.

Anthea Case CBE, Chairman, and Matthew Slocombe, Trustee, Heritage Link, gave oral evidence.

Peter Hinton, Convenor, and Dr Gill Chitty, Secretary, Archaeology Forum, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 July at 2.00 pm.]

**Wednesday 2 July 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Mr Nigel Evans

Rosemary McKenna  
Helen Southworth

***1. Declaration of interest***

Helen Southworth declared that her husband is Head of the Museum Service for Lancashire County Council.

***2. Draft Heritage Protection Bill***

Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP, Minister of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive, English Heritage, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 July at 10.45 am.]

**Tuesday 8 July 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Mr Nigel Evans  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen  
Rosemary McKenna  
Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***BBC Annual Report 2007/08***

Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman, BBC Trust, Mr Mark Thompson, Director-General and Ms Zarin Patel, Director of Finance, BBC Executive, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 July at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 15 July 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies	Rosemary McKenna
Mr Nigel Evans	Adam Price
Paul Farrelly	Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Mike Hall	Helen Southworth
Alan Keen	

**1. *The Committee's programme of work***

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from Channel 4 on its 2007 Annual Report.—(*The Chairman.*)

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games from the London Organising Committee for the 2012 Games, the Minister for the Olympics, the British Olympic Association, the Nations and Regions Group, the Mayor of London, and the London Development Agency.—(*The Chairman.*)

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the effects of the Licensing Act 2003.—(*The Chairman.*)

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the commercial activities of the BBC.—(*The Chairman.*)

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the Brit School in Croydon.—(*The Chairman.*)

**2. *Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill***

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 Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 693.*]

**3. *Harmful Content on the Internet and in video games***

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman's draft Report.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 July at 10.15 am.]

**Thursday 17 July 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

***1. DCMS Departmental Annual Report and the responsibilities of the Secretary of State***

The Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Secretary of State, and Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 July at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 22 July 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Alan Keen

Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. Petition***

The Committee considered the petition to the House from residents of the Scottish Borders concerning the provision of Freeview services as a result of Digital Switchover.

***2. European Commission White Paper on Sport***

Draft Special Report [European Commission White Paper on Sport: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2007–08], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the letter of 16 July to the Committee Chairman from Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, be appended to the Special Report.

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

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

## ***2. Harmful Content on the Internet and in Video Games***

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 Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 353.]*

## ***3. Draft Heritage Protection Bill***

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 Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 821]*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 October at 10.15 am.]

*Friday 22 – Sunday 24 August 2008*

*Mr John Whittingdale, Paul Farrelly, Alan Keen, Adam Price and Mr Adrian Sanders visited the MediaGuardian Edinburgh International Television Festival, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 3 June 2008.*

**Tuesday 7 October 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

Helen Southworth

***1. Work of the Committee***

*Resolved*, That Paul Farrelly have leave to visit Berlin to attend the third Berlin Conference on “A Soul for Europe” on 14 and 15 November 2008, in a representative capacity.—(*The Chairman.*)

***2. Commercial activities of the BBC***

*Resolved*, That the Committee agrees to the proposal by Mr Ray Gallagher, Specialist Adviser on broadcasting matters, that he stand aside from the Committee’s inquiry into the commercial activities of the BBC.—(*The Chairman.*)

***3. Declaration of interests***

*Resolved*, that the Committee take note of the intention of the Chairman to take up a post as non-Executive Director of Audio Networks plc.—(*The Chairman.*)

***4. London 2012 Games: lessons from Beijing***

Mr Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, Mr Neale Coleman, Adviser to the Mayor on the London 2012 Games, and Mr Peter Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, London Development Agency, gave oral evidence.

Lord Moynihan, Chairman, and Mr Simon Clegg, Chief Executive, British Olympic Association, and Mr Tim Brabants gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 October at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 14 October 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

**1. Work of the Committee**

The Committee discussed this matter.

**2. Licensing Act 2003: memorandum from the Musicians' Union**

*Resolved*, That the Musicians' Union be authorised to publish their written evidence on the impact of the Licensing Act 2003, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.135.—(*The Chairman.*)

**3. Red Bee Media**

*Resolved*, That the Chairman have leave to visit Red Bee Media in West London, in a representative capacity, to discuss digital media.—(*The Chairman.*)

**4. The National Gallery**

*Resolved*, That the Committee accept the invitation to visit the National Gallery, to discuss the Gallery's work.—(*The Chairman.*)

**5. Licensing Act 2003**

Councillor Chris White, Chair, Culture, Tourism and Sport Board, Local Government Association, Councillor Geoffrey Theobald, Chair, Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services, Mr Patrick Crowley, Licensing Manager, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and Mr Simon Quin, Chief Executive, Association of Town Centre Management, gave oral evidence.

Commander Simon O'Brien, Licensing Policy Lead, and Chief Inspector Adrian Studd, Association of Chief Police Officers, and Simon Reed, Vice-Chairman, and George Gallimore, Representative of Inspectors in the North West, Police Federation, gave oral evidence.

Mrs Cindy Barnett JP, Chairman, and Professor John Howson JP, Deputy Chairman, The Magistrates' Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 October at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 21 October 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Mr Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. Work of the Committee***

The Committee discussed this matter.

***2. Specialist Advice to the Committee***

*Ordered,* That Mr Martin Lejeune be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the commercial operations of the BBC.

***3. Channel 4: Annual Report for 2007***

Luke Johnson, Chairman, Andy Duncan, Chief Executive, and Anne Bulford, Group Finance Director, Channel 4, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 October at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 28 October 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Nigel Evans

Alan Keen

Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders

### ***1. Work of the Committee***

The Committee discussed this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Barcelona in early 2009 in connection with its inquiry into the preparations for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

### ***2. Written evidence***

*Ordered*, That written evidence submitted to the Committee be published once the advertised closing date for submissions has passed, subject to the discretion of the Chairman and excepting cases when the author has requested that the evidence be treated in confidence.

### ***3. Commercial activities of the BBC***

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the commercial activities of the BBC be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

BBC 1	RTE
BBC 2	Baby Cow Productions
BBC 3	DCMS
BBC 4	Wanderlust Publications Ltd
BBC 5	Clive Foskett
BBC 6	Big Talk Productions
BBC 7	Equity
BBC 8	Musician's Union
BBC 9	Writers' Guild
BBC 10	PACT
BBC 10A	PACT
BBC 11	PPL
BBC 12	Guardian Media Group
BBC 13	MCPS-PRS Alliance

BBC 14	Left Bank Pictures
BBC 15	UKTV
BBC 16	BBC Trust
BBC 16A	BBC Trust
BBC 17	Create Publishing Ltd
BBC 18	Watsonwhen Ltd
BBC 19	RadioCentre
BBC 20	FremantleMedia
BBC 21	British Internet Publishers Alliance
BBC 22	Ofcom
BBC 23	Time Out
BBC 24	The Burma Campaign UK
BBC 25	Northcliffe Media Ltd
BBC 26	JC Woods
BBC 27	Channel 4
BBC 28	The Newspaper Society
BBC 30	The Publishers Association
BBC 31	Stephen Games

#### ***4. The Licensing Act 2003***

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the Licensing Act 2003 be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

LI 1	Torbay Council
LI 2	Cllr Marian J Lewis
LI 3	Gillian Clark
LI 4	Tony Bartlett
LI 5	Swindon Borough Council
LI 6	Philip Pover
LI 7	Musician's Union
LI 8	Bowmoor Sailing Club
LI 9	British Music Rights
LI 10	National Association of Choirs
LI 11	Cathedral Church of St Nicholas
LI 12	Historic Houses Association
LI 13	Milton Keynes Council
LI 14	CAMRA
LI 15	British Hospitality Association
LI 16	Mr and Mrs R Price
LI 17	British Resorts and Destinations Association
LI 18	Equity
LI 19	Bournemouth Area Hospitality Association
LI 20	CCPR
LI 21	Association of Circus Proprietors of GB

LI 22	Music in the Church at Aust
LI 23	Jazz Services Ltd
LI 24	Jason Lunn
LI 25	Roger Gall
LI 26	European Entertainment Corporation
LI 27	City of Westminster
LI 28	City of London
LI 29	Zippos Circus
LI 30	Hamish Birchall
LI 31	Business in Sport and Leisure
LI 32	David Berry
LI 33	NOCTIS
LI 34	Police Federation of England and Wales
LI 35	Action with Communities in Rural England
LI 36	Punch Taverns Plc
LI 37	Circus Development Agency
LI 38	Alison Macfarlane
LI 39	Alcohol Concern
LI 40	DCMS
LI 41	Association of Convenience Stores
LI 42	British Beer and Pub Association
LI 43	CORCA (Committee of Registered Clubs Association)
LI 44	Tourism Alliance
LI 45	Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers
LI 46	Magistrates Association
LI 47	LGA/ LACORS
LI 48	Association of Chief Police Officers
LI 49	Wine and Spirit Trade Association
LI 50	Cllr David Butt
LI 53	Peter Luff MP
LI 56	Object

The Chairman declared non-pecuniary interests as Vice-President of Maldon Cricket Club and patron of Maldon Conservative Club and of Burnham on Crouch Conservative Club.

Mr Nigel Evans declared non-pecuniary interests as President of Clitheroe Wolves Football Club and as Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Beer.

Paul Farrelly declared non-pecuniary interests as Honorary Vice-President of Finchley Rugby Club and Secretary of the Commons and Lords Rugby team

Brigid Simmonds OBE, Chairman, Central Council of Physical Recreation, Kevin Smyth, Secretary, Committee of Registered Club Associations, and Barry Slasberg of Kingsley Park Working Men's Club, gave oral evidence.

Malcolm Clay, Secretary, Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain, and Martin Burton, Founder and Director, Zippo's Circus, gave oral evidence.

Mr Nigel Evans declared a pecuniary interest as owner of a convenience store with a licence to sell alcohol in Swansea.

James Lowman, Chief Executive, Association of Convenience Stores, and Jeremy Beadles, Chief Executive, The Wine and Spirit Trade Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 November at 10.15 am.]

## **Tuesday 4 November 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

### ***1. Future programme***

The Committee discussed this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the Brit school.—(*The Chairman.*)

### ***2. Commercial operations of the BBC***

Tony Cohen, Chief Executive Officer, FreemantleMedia, John McVay, Chief Executive, and Charles Wace, Chairman, Pact, gave oral evidence.

Paul Farrelly declared a pecuniary interest as a pension holder with Guardian Media Group.

Tony Elliot, Chairman, Time Out Group, Carolyn McCall, Chief Executive, Guardian Media Group, and Lyn Hughes, Editor-in-chief, Wanderlust, gave oral evidence.

Andrew Harrison, Chief Executive, RadioCentre, Sly Bailey, Chief Executive, Paul Vickers, Group Legal Director, Trinity Mirror plc, and Santha Rasiah, Director of Political, editorial and Regulatory Affairs, Newspaper Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 November at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 11 November 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson	Rosemary McKenna
Philip Davies	Adam Price
Paul Farrelly	Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Mike Hall	Helen Southworth

**1. Work of the Committee**

The Committee discussed this matter.

**2. The Licensing Act 2003**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the Licensing Act 2003 be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

LI 57            Memorandum from the Lap Dancing Association

Rob Hayward OBE, Chief Executive, Dr Martin Rawlings MBE, Director of Pub and Leisure, British Beer and Pub Association, John McNamara, Chief Executive, British Institute of Innkeeping, and Nick Bish, Chief Executive, Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers, gave oral evidence.

Feargal Sharkey, Chief Executive, UK Music, John Smith, General Secretary, Musicians' Union, and Stephen Spence, Assistant General Secretary (Live Performance), Equity, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 November at 10.15 am.]

**Friday 14 November 2008**

*Paul Farrelly visited Berlin in a representative capacity in order to attend the Discourse on "A Soul for Europe", in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 7 October 2008.*

**Tuesday 18 November 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Nigel Evans  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen  
Rosemary McKenna  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Helen Southworth

***1. Work of the Committee***

The Committee discussed this matter.

***2. Committee's programme of work***

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Press standards, privacy and libel.

***3. Commercial Operations of the BBC***

Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman, BBC Trust and Mark Thompson, Director General, BBC, gave oral evidence

John Smith, Chief Executive, Etienne De Villiers, Non Executive Chairman, BBC Worldwide, Zarin Patel, Director of Finance, and Caroline Thomson, Chief Operating Officer, BBC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 November at 10.15 am.]

**Tuesday 25 November 2008**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Adam Price  
Mr Adrian Sanders

***1. Specialist advice to the Committee***

*Ordered*, That Mr Brian Cathcart be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel.

***2. The Licensing Act 2003***

Sandrine Levêque, Advocacy Officer, Object, and Nadine Stavonina de Montagnac, gave oral evidence.

Kate Nicholls, Secretary, Simon Warr, Chairman, Chris Knight, Vice-Chair, Lap Dancing Association, and Peter Stringfellow, club owner, gave oral evidence.

Paul Smith, Executive Director and Jeremy Allen, Legal Director, Noctis, gave oral evidence.

Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Minister with responsibility for Licensing, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 December at 10.15 am.]