Tuesday 27 July 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray

Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

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.

3.

Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 September at 2.30 p.m.]

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1 Joan Walley was elected as the Chair of the Committee on 9 June 2010, in accordance with Standing Order No. 122B (see House of Commons Votes and Proceedings, 10 June 2010).
Wednesday 8 September 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Caroline Lucas
Neil Carmichael  Ian Murray
Martin Caton  Sheryll Murray
Katy Clark  Caroline Nokes
Zac Goldsmith  Mr Mark Spencer
Simon Kirby  Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Adapting to climate change

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to adapting to climate change submitted by Lord Krebs, chair of the Adaptation Sub-committee of the Committee on Climate Change, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Green Investment Bank.

Resolved, That the Chair or another Member have leave to visit Cancun, Mexico, in November-December 2010, to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change summit in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels in October 2010, to attend a Flemish Parliament conference on sustainable materials management in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 September at 2.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 15 September 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 October at 10.00 a.m.

3 – 4 October

The Chair visited the Flemish Parliament to attend a meeting of European Environmental Committee Chairmen in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 September 2010.

Wednesday 20 October 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. Green Investment Bank

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

Waterwise
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
2. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Oxfam and DEA
- New Economics Foundation
- The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
- RSPB
- Waterwise
- UK Environment Law Association
- Public and Commercial Services Union
3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

Andrew Lee, Director and Chief Accounting Officer, Shirley Rodrigues, Director of Policy, Minas Jacob, Watchdog Team Leader, and Farooq Ullah, Policy Advisor, Sustainable Development Commission, gave oral evidence.

Flora Goldhill, Acting Director General and Chief Operating Officer, and Richard Mundon, Director of Operations, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 October at 2.00 p.m.

**Wednesday 27 October 2010**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair
1. **Green Investment Bank**

*Ordered.* That the following written evidence relating to the green investment bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- World Development Movement
- Sustainable Development Commission
- Association for the Conservation of Energy
- Kirsty Hamilton, Associate Fellow, Renewable Energy Finance Project, Chatham
- Transform UK and E3G
- City of London Corporation
- UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy
- Centrica
- Green Alliance
- ScottishPower
- Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change, and Secretary of State for Business Innovation & Skills

2. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

*Ordered.* That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- South West Learning for Sustainability Coalition
- Jane Davidson AM, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh Assembly
- Andrea Ross, University of Dundee

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.
4. **Green Investment Bank**

Dr Gordon Edge, Director of Policy, RenewableUK, Chris Hewett, Associate, Green Alliance and Philip Wolfe, Director, the Aldersgate Group, gave oral evidence.

James Wilde, Director of Insights, Carbon Trust, Sir Rob Margetts, Chairman, Energy Technologies Institute, and Stuart Cook, Senior Partner, Smarter Grids and Governance, Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 November at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 3 November 2010**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Simon Kirby  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray  
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **Green Investment Bank**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the green investment bank submitted by E.ON UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Sustainable Development Commission (further written evidence)
- Sustainability East

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.
4. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

Mike Anderson, Director General, Strategy and Evidence Group, Defra, William Jordan, Chief Sustainability and Operating Officer, Efficiency and Reform Group, Cabinet Office and Sam Rowbury, Acting Director, Centre of Expertise in Sustainable Procurement, Efficiency and Reform Group, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 November at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 10 November 2010**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Simon Kirby  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray  
Caroline Nokes  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Green Investment Bank**

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

- Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES)
- Salix Finance
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

2. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Department of Health (further written evidence)
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Scottish Government
3. **Future programme**

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

4. **Sustainable development and aspects of Defra’s Structural Reform Plan:**

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, and Mike Anderson, Director General, Strategy and Evidence Group, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 November at 2.30 p.m.]

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**Wednesday 17 November 2010**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Martin Caton  
Neil Carmichael  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Simon Kirby

Caroline Lucas  
Ian Murray  
Caroline Nokes  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Travel**

Resolved, That the Committee visit Germany in January 2011 in connection with its inquiry into the green investment bank, and that the Chair seeks the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Sustainable Building Centre in Leamington Spa; the Met Office, Exeter; and European institutions in January and February 2011.

3. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

Barry Gardiner MP, Vice Chair, GLOBE UK, Dr Samuel Fankhauser, GLOBE International and Charles Seaford, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.
Dr Duncan Russel, Exeter University, Dr John Turnpenny, University of East Anglia, Carol Day, WWF-UK and Halina Ward, Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 November at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 24 November 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Caroline Nokes
Neil Carmichael  Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas  Simon Wright
Sheryll Murray

1. Green Investment Bank

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

Energy Technologies Institute (further written evidence)
Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (further written evidence)

2. Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Northern Ireland Executive
Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh Assembly Government (further written evidence)

3. Travel

Resolved, That Katy Clark have leave to visit Mexico City to attend the GLOBE conference on climate change, as well as Cancun as previously resolved, in December in a representative capacity.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.
5. **Air quality**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Green Investment Bank**

Bob Wigley, Chairman, Green Investment Bank Commission, and James Cameron, Vice Chairman, Climate Change Capital, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 December at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 1 December 2010**

**Members present**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Green Investment Bank**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the green investment bank submitted by KfW Bankengruppe be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Green Investment Bank**

David Paterson, Head of Corporate Governance, National Association of Pension Funds, Ben Warren, Partner, Ernst & Young, and Ingrid Holmes, Programme Leader – Low Carbon Finance, E3G, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 December at 2.30 p.m.]

**Friday 3 December – Monday 6 December**

*Katy Clark visited Mexico to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change summit in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decisions of 8 September and 24 November 2010.*
Wednesday 8 December 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Sheryll Murray
Neil Carmichael  Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas  Simon Wright

1. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Amyas Morse, Comptroller and Auditor General, National Audit Office
Atkins Limited

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Green Investment Bank**

Elliott Mannis, Trustee, Woodland Trust, Prashant Vaze, Chief Economist & Head of Fair Markets, Consumer Focus, and Richard Wilcox, Head of Social Banking Unit, the Co-operative Bank, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 December at 3.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 15 December 2010

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Ian Murray
Neil Carmichael  Sheryll Murray
Zac Goldsmith  Caroline Nokes
Mark Lazarowicz  Mr Mark Spencer
Caroline Lucas
1. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to embedding sustainable development across Government submitted by the House of Commons Management Board be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman’s draft Report.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 December at 1.30 p.m.]

**Thursday 16 December 2010**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith

Sheryll Murray
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission**

Draft Report (Embedding sustainable development across Government, after the Secretary of State’s announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission), 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 504–I.

2. **Green Investment Bank**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 January at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 12 January 2011**

Members present
1. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Development Education Association (Think Global)
- The Co-operative Group
- Peter Taylor, Ethos
- Professor Harriet Bulkeley and Dr Vanesa Castán Broto, Department of Geography, Durham University
- Population and Sustainability Network
- Plan International UK
- UNICEF UK
- World Development Movement
- International Institute for Environment and Development and Christian Aid
- Met Office
- WWF-UK
- Greenpeace UK

2. Green Investment Bank

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the green investment bank submitted by BT Pension Scheme Management Limited be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Travel

Resolved, That the Chair, Sheryll Murray and Dr Alan Whitehead have leave to visit Germany for the purposes of the Committee’s inquiry into the Green Investment Bank in a representative capacity.
5. **Green Investment Bank**

Justine Greening MP, Economic Secretary, and Peter Schofield, Director Enterprise and Growth Unit, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 January at 2.30 p.m.

13 January

The Chair, Sheryll Murray, Caroline Nokes and Mr Mark Spencer visited Sustainable Building Centre in Leamington Spa, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 17 November 2010.

**Wednesday 19 January 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Nokes  
Ian Murray  
Sheryll Murray  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation submitted by Water Witness International be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Green Investment Bank**

The Committee considered this matter.

Jonny Mulligan, Chief Executive, Environmental Industries Commission, Rupert Steele OBE, Director of Regulation, Scottish Power, Penny Shepherd MBE, Chief Executive, UK
Sustainable Investments and Finance Association, and Paul Spence, Director of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 February at 2.30 p.m.]

25 – 27 January

The Chair, Sheryll Murray and Dr Alan Whitehead visited Freiburg-im-Breisgau and Frankfurt in Germany in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Green Investment Bank in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 12 January 2011.

Wednesday 2 February 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Nokes
Sheryll Murray
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **Green Investment Bank**

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

- Peter Jones OBE
  House of Commons Scrutiny Unit

2. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- CDC Group plc
- Progressio
- DfID, Defra and DECC
- Export Credits Guarantee Department
- Richard Whittell
3. **Travel**

*Resolved*, That the Chair have leave to visit the Centre for Alternative Technology at Machynlleth in a representative capacity.

*Resolved*, That the Chair, Ian Murray, Mr Mark Spencer and Dr Alan Whitehead have leave to visit the Meteorological Office, Exeter.

4. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into sustainable development in the Localism Bill.

[Adjourned till this day at 5.00 p.m.

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### Wednesday 2 February 2011

**Members present**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Simon Kirby  
Ian Murray  
Sheryll Murray  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Green Investment Bank**

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State, and Janice Munday, Director, Advanced Manufacturing and Services, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 February at 2.30 p.m.

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3 February

*The Chair, Ian Murray, Mr Mark Spencer and Dr Alan Whitehead visited the Meteorological Office in Exeter, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 2 February 2011.*

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### Wednesday 9 February 2011

**Members present**
1. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Institute of Development Studies
- Overseas Development Institute
- Agricultural Biotechnology Council

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into sustainable food.

3. **Green Investment Bank**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Dr Tom Mitchell, Head of Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme, Overseas Development Institute, Dr Thomas Tanner, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, and Dr Camilla Toulmin, Director, International Institute for Environment and Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 February at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 16 February 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair
1. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- LTS International Ltd
- Dr David Hall-Matthews, University of Leeds
- HM Treasury

Ordered, That Mr Neil Bird be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix).

2. **Sustainable development in the Localism Bill**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable development in the Localism Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Friends of the Earth
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- RSPB

3. **Green Investment Bank**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Sustainable development in the Localism Bill**

Dr Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Association, Naomi Luhde-Thompson, Planning Policy Advisor, Friends of the Earth, and Fiona Howie, Head of Planning, Campaign to Protect Rural England, gave oral evidence.

Steve Quartermain, Chief Planner, Robert Ledsome, Deputy Director of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Stephanie Hurst, Deputy Director of Planning-Environment, and Michael Bingham, Deputy Head, Planning-Development Management, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.
1– 2 March

The Chair, Zac Goldsmith, Sheryll Murray, Caroline Nokes, Mr Mark Spencer and Simon Wright visited EU institutions in Brussels, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 September 2010.

Thursday 3 March 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Zac Goldsmith
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Green Investment Bank**

Draft Report (*Green Investment Bank*), 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 505–I.*

2. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Budget 2011 and environmental taxes.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 March at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9 March 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair
1. **Future programme**

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Government response to embedding sustainable development.

2. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**


[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 March at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 16 March 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Written evidence relating to the impact of overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives.

2. **Sustainable development in the Localism Bill**

Draft Report (*Sustainable Development in the Localism Bill*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 799–I.

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Matthew Wyatt, Head of Climate and Environment Group, Nick Dyer, Director of Policy, and Ian Curtis, Head of Profession, Climate and Environment, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 March at 11.00 a.m.

**Thursday 24 March 2011**

**Members present**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Simon Kirby  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray  
Caroline Nokes  
Simon Wright

1. **Sustainable food**

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

  - Rural Economy and Land Use Programme
  - Dr Mirjam Röder Alice Bows, Patricia Thornley, Carly McLachlan and Leonie Dendler, Sustainable Consumption Institute and Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, University of Manchester
  - Jo Ripley
  - RSPCA
  - Great Green Systems Ltd.
  - Woodland Trust

2. **Embedding sustainable development: the Government’s response**

*Ordered*, That the Government’s response to Committee’s First Report (Embedding sustainable development across Government) be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
3. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

George Jambiya, University of Dar es Salaam, Lars Mikkel Johannesen, Chair of the Development Partners Group for Environment and Climate Change, Tanzania, and Charles Meshack, Executive Director, Tanzanian Forest Conservation Group, gave oral evidence by videolink.

James Ngeleja, Principal Environment Management Officer, National Environment Management Council, and Frederick Manyika, Principal Forest Officer, Vice Presidents Office, gave oral evidence by videolink.

Darren Welch, Head of Office, Richard Moberley, Senior Economic Adviser, Zabdiel Kimambo, Governance Adviser, and Magdalena Banasiak, Climate Change Adviser, Department for International Development Tanzania, gave oral evidence by videolink.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 March at 2.30 p.m.

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**Wednesday 30 March 2011**

**Members present**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Zac Goldsmith  
Simon Kirby  
Caroline Lucas

Ian Murray  
Caroline Nokes  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

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1. **Sustainable food**

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

- Shepton Farms Ltd, Somerset
- WWF UK
- World Society for the Protection of Animals
- Susan Atkinson, Woodside Farm, South Nottinghamshire
- British Retail Consortium
- Wellcome Trust
- Soil Association
- Dr Cathrine Jansson-Boyd
- Agricultural Biotechnology Council
- Fresh Produce Consortium
Sandwell Primary Care Trust and Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
The Permaculture Association
Food and Drink Federation
Food Matters and the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership
Sustain
Sustainable Development Commission
Research Councils UK
Dairy UK
GM Freeze
Rhiannon Jehu
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

3. **Travel**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit BRE in Watford; and the School of Artisan Food in Welbeck, in May 2011.

4. **Specialist advisers**

*Ordered*, That Mr Farooq Ullah and Professor Tim O’Riordan be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters relating to sustainable development *(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix)*.

5. **Embedding sustainable development – the Government’s response**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **The Committee’s working methods**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the green economy.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the preparations for the Rio+20 Summit.

[Adjourned till Thursday 31 March at 2.30 p.m.]

**Thursday 31 March 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Mark Lazarowicz
1. **Sustainable food**

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

- Dr Ulrich Loening
- GeneWatch UK
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Waste and Resources Action Programme

2. **Travel**

*Resolved*, That the Chair have leave to visit the LIFE for Our Environment Conference in the European Parliament in Brussels on 25 and 26 May in a representative capacity.

3. **Embedding sustainable development: the Government’s response**

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Defra, Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office, and Mike Anderson, Director General, Green Economy and Corporate Services Group, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 27 April 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

- Peter Aldous
- Neil Carmichael
- Martin Caton
- Zac Goldsmith
- Simon Kirby
- Caroline Lucas
- Ian Murray
- Sheryll Murray
- Caroline Nokes
- Mark Spencer
- Dr Alan Whitehead
- Simon Wright
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Asda
National Rural and Agricultural Workers Sector of Unite the Union
Which?
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Compassion in World Farming
British Poultry Council
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
National Farmers’ Union
Food Ethics Council
The Fairtrade Foundation
Public Health Nutrition Research Group at the University of Aberdeen
Oxfam

2. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Zac Goldsmith declared an interest (see Appendix).

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

International Institute for Environment and Development (further written evidence)
WWF-UK (further written evidence)
DfID Tanzania (further written evidence)
DfID officials (further written evidence)
Malini Mehra, Centre for Social Markets

3. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Air Travel – Greener By Design Group
Friends of the Earth
Finance and Leasing Association
Paul Appleby, Consultant in Sustainable Design
Agri Energy
INEOS Chlor Limited
Caribbean Tourism Association
UK Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance
The Nappy Alliance
4. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

Peter Aldous, Zac Goldsmith and Caroline Lucas declared interests (see Appendix).

Chris Hewett, Associate, Green Alliance, Andrew Leicester, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Andrew Raingold, Executive Director, Aldersgate Group, and Ben Shaw, Head of Environment Group, Policy Studies Institute, gave oral evidence.


[Adjourned till Thursday 28 April at 9.30 a.m.]

**Thursday 28 April 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair
The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Andrew Simms, Fellow, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Malini Mehra, Founder and CEO, Centre for Social Markets, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 May at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 4 May 2011

Members present
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Sheryll Murray
Zac Goldsmith  Caroline Nokes
Simon Kirby  Mark Spencer

1. The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation submitted by the Department for International Development be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Budget 2011 and environmental taxes

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

British Air Line Pilots’ association
Chemical Industries Association

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into carbon budgets.

Resolved, That the Committee conduct a follow up inquire into on air quality.

4. **The Committee’s working methods**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Stephen O’Brien MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Matthew Wyatt, Head of Climate and Environment Group, and Ian Curtis, Head of Profession, Climate and Environment, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May at 2.30 p.m.

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**Wednesday 11 May 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Sustainable food**

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

   Friends of the Earth
   New Britain Palm Oil Limited

2. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes submitted by PricewaterhouseCoopers be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Sustainable food**
Peter Aldous, Zac Goldsmith and Mr Mark Spencer declared interests (see Appendix, 27 July 2010).

Professor Philip Lowe OBE, Director, Rural Economy and Land Use Programme, Centre for Rural Economy, University of Newcastle, Professor Tim Lang, City University London, and Mark Driscoll, WWF-UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 18 May 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- HM Treasury
- British Airways

2. **Embedding sustainable development: the Government’s response**

Draft Report (*Embedding sustainable development: the Government’s response*), 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 877.*

3. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

Justine Greening MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and Mike Williams, Director, Business and International Tax, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June at 2.30 p.m.]
25 - 26 May 2011

The Chair visited the LIFE for Our Environment Conference in the European Parliament in Brussels, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 31 March.

Wednesday 8 June 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Simon Kirby  
Caroline Lucas  
Ian Murray  
Caroline Nokes  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Simon Wright

1. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Campaign for Better Transport
- HM Treasury
- Tim Johnson, Aviation Environment Federation
- Francis Wood, Federation of Small Businesses

2. **Air quality: a follow up report**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to air quality: a follow up report be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Calor Gas Limited
- Dr Dick van Steenis
- East End Quality of Life Initiative, Sheffield
- Country Land and Business Association
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Countryside Council for Wales, Natural England and Scottish Natural Heritage
- Dr Michael Bull
- Campaign for Clean Air in London
- Environmental Research Group, King’s College London
- JouleVert Ltd
- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
3. **Carbon budgets**

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

- EEF, the manufacturers’ organisation
- The Crown Estate
- Department for Education
- The Chartered Institute of Building
- Aldersgate Group
- UKLPG
- INEOS Chlorvinyls
- Public Interest Research Centre
- National Physical Laboratory

4. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Air quality: a follow up report**
1. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Budget 2011 and environmental taxes submitted by the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Air quality: a follow up report**

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

Guy Tremayne, Johnson Matthey  
Greater London Authority, Mayor of London

3. **Carbon budgets**

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

Committee on Climate Change  
British Ceramic Confederation  
WWF – UK  
Department of Energy and Climate Change  
Grantham institute for Climate Change  
Tyndall Manchester  
Friends of the Earth
4. **Visits**

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Waitrose Farm in Hampshire, in connection with its inquiry into sustainable food, in September.

5. **Carbon budgets**

Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, and Ravi Gurumurthy, Director of Strategy, DECC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 June at 9.30 a.m.]

**Wednesday 22 June 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray

**The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives.

Draft Report (*The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation*), 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 710–I.*

[Adjourned till today at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 22 June 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair
1. **Air quality: a follow up report**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to air quality submitted by Defra be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Sustainable food**

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

- Dr Noel Russell, University of Manchester
- Mr Colin Tudge, Campaign for Real Farming

3. **The Committee’s working methods**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Sustainable food**

Peter Aldous, Martin Caton and Sheryll Murray declared interests (see Appendix, 27 July and 8 September 2010).

Andrew Clark, Head of Policy Services, National Farmers Union, and Andrew Kuyk, Director of Sustainability and Competitiveness, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence.

Colin Tudge, Campaign for Real Farming, and Abigail Bunker, Head of Agriculture Policy, RSPB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June at 2.00 p.m.]

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**Wednesday 29 June 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith

Caroline Lucas
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright
1. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

Draft Report (*Budget 2011 and environmental taxes*), 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 878–I.*

2. **Sustainable food**

Professor Sir John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Professor Sandy Thomas, Head of Foresight in the Government Office for Science, and Professor Charles Godfray, Oxford University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 July at 2.00 p.m.]

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**Wednesday 6 July 2011**

**Members present**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

- Neil Carmichael
- Martin Caton
- Katy Clark
- Simon Kirby
- Caroline Lucas
- Sheryll Murray
- Caroline Nokes
- Mr Mark Spencer
- Dr Alan Whitehead
- Simon Wright

1. **Air quality: a follow up report**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to air quality submitted by the Mayor’s Office, Greater London Authority, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Travel**

*Resolved*, That a Member of the Committee have leave to visit the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban, South Africa, in November/December 2011, in a representative capacity.

3. **Air quality: a follow up report**

Lord Henley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Daniel Instone, Head of Atmosphere and Local Environment Programme, Robert Vaughan, Head of National and Local Air Quality, and Sarah Honour, Head of Science and Evidence Team, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June at 3.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 13 July 2011

Members present
Joan Walley, in the Chair
Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Ian Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Simon Wright

1. **Green Investment Bank**

Draft Special Report (*The Green Investment Bank: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Second Report 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. **Carbon budgets**

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to carbon budgets submitted by the Meteorological Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Carbon budgets**

Dr James Wilde, Director, Carbon Trust, Dr Laura Cohen, Chief Executive, British Ceramics Confederation, and Jeremy Nicholson, Director, Energy Intensive Users Group, gave oral evidence.

5. **The 10% emissions reduction programme for central government**

Gregory Barker MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Trevor Hutchings, Head, Strategy and Delivery Office of National Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy and Climate Change, and William Jordan, Chief Sustainability and Operating Officer, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September at 2.00 p.m.]
Wednesday 7 September 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous             Caroline Lucas
Neil Carmichael        Ian Murray
Martin Caton            Sheryll Murray
Katy Clark              Caroline Nokes
Zac Goldsmith           Mr Mark Spencer
Simon Kirby             Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz         Simon Wright

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

1. **Air quality: a follow up report**

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

- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management and the Institute of Air Quality Management
- Defra

2. **The 10% emissions reduction programme for central government**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the 10% emissions reduction programme be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter to Chair from the Secretary of State, Defra
- TR Control Solutions Ltd.

3. **Green economy**

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

- Agri Energy
- BSW Timber Ltd
- Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment
- Carbon Tracker Initiative
- Green House
- Packaging Federation
- UK Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance
- National Federation of Roofing Contractors
Woodland Trust
RSPB
WWF UK
Alex Bowen, Simon Dietz, Dimitri Zenghelis, Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment
Paul Appleby
British Retail Consortium
Public Interest Research Centre
International Synergies
John Lewis Partnership
Wood Panel Industries Federation
Institute for Learning
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders
Royal Academy of Engineering
Microsoft
Farming First
Scottish Renewables
PowerPerfector
Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
EEVS Insight Ltd
INEOS
Environmental Treatment Concepts Ltd
Gentoo
Paul Crossley
RenewableUK
Carillion Energy Services
Research Councils UK
Northumbrian Water Group
Friends of the Earth
Aldersgate Group
Environmental Industries Commission

4. **Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the Rio+20 Summit be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

ICE Coalition
Compassion in World Farming
Dr Edward P. Echlin
Soil Association
David Woodward
Practical Action
5. **Embedding sustainable development across Government: the Government’s response**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Government’s response to embedding sustainable development be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter to Chair from the Secretary of State, Defra

6. **Visits**

Resolved, That the Committee visit Johnson Tiles in Stoke on 18 October in connection with its inquiry into carbon budgets.

7. **Sustainable development in the Localism Bill**

Draft Special Report (*Sustainable development in the Localism Bill: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Third Report 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.

8. **Sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework**
Ordered, That Mr Kelvin MacDonald be appointed a Special Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the national planning policy framework (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix).

9. Carbon budgets
The Committee discussed informally the Chairman’s draft Report.
Resolved, That the Committee accept written evidence from energy intensive users in confidence.

10. Green economy
Professor Tim Jackson, University of Surrey, Jules Peck, Abundancy Partners, and James Meadway, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.

11. Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 September at 9.30 a.m.]

8 September 2011

The Chair, Sheryll Murray, Caroline Nokes, Mr Mark Spencer and Dr Alan Whitehead visited the Waitrose Farm, Stockbridge, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 June.

Wednesday 14 September 2011

Members present
Joan Walley, in the Chair
Peter Aldous Dr Alan Whitehead
Zac Goldsmith Simon Wright
Mr Mark Spencer

1. Carbon budgets
Draft Report (Carbon budgets), 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 1080–I.

2. Air quality: a follow up report
The Committee considered this matter.
3. **The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Draft Special Report (The impact of UK overseas aid on environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Fifth Report 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.

4. **Green economy**

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

Bruce Hunt, City of London

5. **Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit**

**Ordered**, That the following written evidence relating to the Rio+20 conference be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Progressio
Defra

6. **Sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework**

**Ordered**, That the following written evidence relating to the national planning policy framework be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Community & Regional Planning Services
National Trust
Anglian Water
RSPB
Neil Blackshaw
Children with Cancer

7. **Green economy**

Peter Aldous declared an interest (see Appendix, 27 April 2011).

Andrew Raingold, Executive Director, Aldersgate Group, Adrian Wilkes, Executive Chair, Environmental Industries Commission, and Frank Price, Director, Grontmij, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till today at 2.00 p.m.]
Wednesday 14 September 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz
Ian Murray
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes

1. **Green economy**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit**

Derek Osborn, President, and Felix Dodds, Director, Stakeholder Forum, gave oral evidence.

Peter Unwin, Director General, Environment and Rural Group, and Chris Whaley, Head of European Union International Co-ordination Division, defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 12 October 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Green economy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the green economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
2. **Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Rio+20 Summit be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- BioRegional
- Earth Charter UK
- APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives.

Mr Farooq Ullah, specialist adviser, made a further declaration on interests *(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix).*

3. **Sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the national planning policy framework be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Royal Town Planning Institute
- Renewable Energy

4. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Sustainable food**

Neil Sinden, Director of Policy and Campaigns, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Peter Nixon, Director of Conservation, National Trust, Dr Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner, Town & Country Planning Association, and Naomi Luhde-Thompson, Planning and Policy Adviser, Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, Home Builders Federation, and Liz Peace, Chief Executive Officer, British Property Federation, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Minister, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Richard Benyon, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 19 October 2011**

Members present
1. **Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit**

Draft Report (*Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit*), 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 1026–I.*

2. **The 10% emissions reduction programme for central government**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the 10% emissions reduction programme submitted by Power Perfector be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Sustainable food**

Laura Davis, Ideal for All, Angela Blair, Sandwell Primary Care Trust, and Jeanette Longfield, Sustain, gave oral evidence.

Vic Borrill, Brighton and Hove Food Partnership, and Clare Devereux, Food Matters, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October at 2.00 p.m.

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**Wednesday 26 October 2011**

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Simon Kirby  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray

1. **Air quality: a follow up report**
Draft Report (Air quality – a follow up 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 Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 1024–I._

2. **Sustainable food**

(Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

  Government Office for Science, BIS

  Waitrose)

3. **Green economy**

(Ordered, That the written evidence relating to green economy submitted by the Environmental Industries Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Solar power feed-in tariffs**

(Resolved, That the Committee inquire into solar power feed-in tariffs.

Resolved, That the Committee meet concurrently with the Energy and Climate Change Committee in connection with its inquiry into solar power feed-in tariffs.

5. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Sustainable food**

Jane Bevis and Bob Gordon, British Retail Consortium, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 2 November 2011**

**Members present**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray  
Caroline Nokes  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright
1. **Sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to sustainable development on the National Planning Policy Framework submitted by the Department for Communities and local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Green economy**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to green economy submitted by the TUC be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 9 November 2011**

**Members present**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous, Mark Lazarowicz
Neil Carmichael, Caroline Lucas
Martin Caton, Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith, Simon Wright
Simon Kirby, Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **Sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework**

*Ordered*, That the following paper relating to the sustainable development in the national planning policy framework inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from the Chair to the Chair of the Communities and Local Government Committee and to the Prime Minister on sustainable development in the national planning policy framework.

2. **Sustainable food**

Dr Helen Wallace, Director, Genewatch, gave oral evidence.

Prof Ian Crute, Chief Scientist, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, Peter Melchett, Policy Director and Emma Hockridge Head of Policy, Soil Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November at 2.00 p.m.]
Wednesday 23 November 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Simon Kirby
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Caroline Nokes
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1.  **Solar power feed-in tariffs**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Edward Burt
Niko Miaoulis
Simon Davidson
Greg Rodger
Nicholas Ndhlovu
Helen Keith
Mary Ross
Kevin Hawes
Catherine Cannon
David Robertson
HiS Group
Nick Pascoe
Sunergy UK
Keep Britain Tidy
Solar Century/ Cut Don’t Kill Campaign?
Transition Lavenham CIC
National Federation of Roofing Contractors
Patrick Whitty
Gareth Williams
Homesun
Shape Energy limited
David Holmes
London Rebuilding Society
2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Green economy**

Dr John Constable, Director, Renewable Energy Foundation, Dr Gordon Edge, Director of Policy, Renewable UK, and Dr Alex Bowen, Principal Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute, gave oral evidence.

Molly Scott Cato, Green House, David Powell, Economics Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, and Philip Pearson, Senior Policy Officer, TUC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 November at 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 24 November 2011

Members present

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

1. **Solar power feed-in tariffs**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Local Government Association
H M Treasury
Ofgem
freetricity
Which
Micropower Council
Llangattock Green Valleys
REA, Solar Trade Association
EDF Energy
Regen SW
Alan Simpson and Gerard Read
Consumer Focus

2. **Green economy**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the green economy submitted by Claire Bradshaw be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
3. **Future programme**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into protecting the Arctic.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into wildlife crime.

4. **Visits**

*Resolved*, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels on 21 March 2012, to attend a meeting of the EU Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety to discuss the UN Rio+20 Summit in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 November at 2.30 p.m.]

**Tuesday 29 November 2011**

The Committee met concurrently with the Energy and Climate Change Committee

Members present:

- Peter Aldous
- Martin Caton
- Katy Clark
- Zac Goldsmith
- Simon Kirby
- Mark Lazarowicz
- Caroline Lucas
- Sheryll Murray
- Caroline Nokes
- Mr Mark Spencer
- Joan Walley
- Dr Alan Whitehead
- Simon Wright
- Barry Gardiner
- Dr Phillip Lee
- Albert Owen
- John Robertson
- Laura Sandys
- Sir Robert Smith
- Dr Alan Whitehead
- Mr Tim Yeo

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

**Solar power feed-in tariffs**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Office for National Statistics
Friends of the Earth
DECC
G-CEL
Electrical Contractors’ Association
National Housing Federation
Association for Conservation of Energy
British Retail Consortium
Peter Morganroth
Leeds Solar
Good Energy
Lark Energy
Carillion Energy Services
Bath & North East Somerset Council
E.on
Low Carbon Developers
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders
Energy Technologies Institute
Colchester Borough Council
Reading Borough Council
John Husk
SSE
Imperial College, London
A M Borrill & Son

Daniel Green, Chief Executive Officer, HomeSun, Howard Johns, Chair, Solar Trade Association, Peter Capener, Chair, Bath and West Community Energy, and Jeremy Leggett, Chairman, Solarcentury, gave oral evidence.

Gregory Barker MP, Minister of State for Climate Change, Moira Wallace, Permanent Secretary, and Simon Virley, Director General, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 1 December at 11.30 a.m.

Thursday 1 December 2011

The Committee met concurrently with the Energy and Climate Change Committee

Members present:

Peter Aldous
Katy Clark

Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
The following members of the Energy and Climate Change Committee were also present, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A:

- Zac Goldsmith
- Simon Kirby
- Mark Lazarowicz
- Joan Walley
- Dr Alan Whitehead
- Simon Wright
- Dan Byles
- Barry Gardiner
- John Robertson
- Laura Sandys
- Dr Alan Whitehead
- Mr Tim Yeo

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

**Solar power feed-in tariffs**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to solar power feed-in tariffs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Transition Town Letchworth
- Sudbury Market Town Partnership

Chloe Smith MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and Jonathan Mills, Deputy Director, Energy, Environment and Agriculture, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December at 2.00 p.m.]

1 – 6 December 2011

*Katy Clark visited the GLOBE Legislators Forum and UN Climate Change Conference in Durban, South Africa, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 6 July.*

**Wednesday 7 December 2011**

Members present:

- Peter Aldous
- Katy Clark
- Neil Carmichael
- Zac Goldsmith
- Mark Lazarowicz
- Mr Mark Spencer
- Paul Uppal
- Simon Wright

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Martin Caton was called to the chair for the meeting.

1. **Declaration of interests**
2. Green economy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the green economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Office for National Statistics
Renewable Energy Foundation
UKSBA

3. Sustainable food

Dr Jennie Macdiarmid, Senior Research Fellow at the Public Health Nutrition Research Group, University of Aberdeen, Sue Dibb, Executive Director, Food Ethics Council, and Professor Elizabeth Dowler, Trustee, Food Ethics Council, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon James Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, Sarah Church, Head of Food Policy, Food Security and Food Sustainability, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 14 December 2011

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Caroline Nokes
Neil Carmichael  Mr Mark Spencer
Mark Lazarowicz  Paul Uppal
Caroline Lucas  Simon Wright
Sheryll Murray

1. Sustainable food

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to sustainable food be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

British Retail Consortium
Director of Catering & Retail Services, House of Commons
Agricultural Biotechnology Council

2. Carbon budgets
Draft Special Report (Carbon Budgets: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Seventh Report 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.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into transport and access to services.


Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Government’s response to embedding sustainable development be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter to Chair from the Secretary of State, Defra, and Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office.

5. Green economy

Janice Munday, Director, Advanced Manufacturing and Services, BIS, Steven Fries, Chief Economist, DECC, Mallika Ishwaran, Chief Economist, and Andrew Lawrence, Director, Strategy and Sustainability, Defra, and Peter Schofield, Director, Enterprise and Growth, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till today at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 14 December 2011

The Committee met concurrently with the Energy and Climate Change Committee

Members present:

Peter Aldous  Caroline Lucas  
Neil Carmichael  Sheryll Murray  
Martin Caton  Paul Uppal  
Katy Clark  Joan Walley  
Zac Goldsmith  Dr Alan Whitehead  
Mark Lazarowicz

The following members of the Energy and Climate Change Committee were also present, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A.
Mr Tim Yeo was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (1).

**Solar power feed-in tariffs**
Mr Tim Yeo was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A (1) (d).

Draft Report (Solar power feed-in tariffs), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1605–I.*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 11 January 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Paul Uppal
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Sustainable food**

*Ordered, That the written evidence relating to sustainable food submitted by the Public Health Nutrition Group be reported to the House for publication on the internet.*

2. **Green economy**

*Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the green economy submitted by the Combined Heat and power Association be reported to the House for publication on the internet.*

3. **Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit**
Draft Special Report (Preparations for the Rio+20 Summit: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Eighth Report 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.

4. Future programme

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to visit Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012 to attend the GLOBE Legislators Convention in a representative capacity, and that the Chair and other Members visit Rio de Janeiro in June 2012 to attend the United Nations sustainable development conference in a representative capacity.

5. Wildlife crime

Peter Aldous and Caroline Nokes declared an interest as members of the Countryside Alliance.

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 18 January 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous, Neil Carmichael, Martin Caton, Katy Clark, Zac Goldsmith, Mark Lazarowicz, Caroline Lucas, Caroline Nokes, Mr Mark Spencer, Paul Uppal, Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Sustainable food

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Protecting the Arctic

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Transport and access to services
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Wildlife crime**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into carbon budgets: energy intensive industries.

6. **Protecting the Arctic**


[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January at 1.30 p.m.]

### Wednesday 25 January 2012

**Members present:**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas

Caroline Nokes
Mr Mark Spencer
Paul Uppal
Simon Wright

**Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February at 2.00 p.m.]

### Wednesday 1 February 2012

**Members present:**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Zac Goldsmith

Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Mr Mark Spencer
Dr Alan Whitehead
1. **Budget 2011 and environmental taxes**

Draft Special Report (*Budget 2011 and environmental taxes: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Sixth Report was 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. **Green economy**

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Chloe Smith MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Andrew Lawrence, Director, Strategy and Sustainability, Defra, and Peter Schofield, Director of Enterprise and Growth, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February at 2.00 p.m.]

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**Wednesday 8 February 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz
Caroline Lucas
Sheryll Murray
Mr Mark Spencer
Paul Uppal
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Air quality: a follow-up report**

Draft Special Report (*Air quality: a follow-up report: Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Ninth Report 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.

2. **Sustainable food**
The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Green economy**
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Committee effectiveness**
The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned till 21 February at 2.00 p.m.]

**Tuesday 21 February 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous          Caroline Lucas
Katy Clark            Sheryll Murray
Zac Goldsmith         Paul Uppal
Mark Lazarowicz      Dr Alan Whitehead

1. **Protecting the Arctic**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to protecting the arctic be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Professor Peter Wadhams, University of Cambridge
- Arctic Methane Emergency Group
- Remote Energy Technology Security Collaborative
- ClientEarth and Environmental Protection UK
- Greenpeace
- Natural Environment Research Council
- Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
- Platform-London
- WWF-UK
- Scottish Marine Institute
- Professor Clive Archer
- International Polar Foundation UK
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee
- The Government
2. **Wildlife crime**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to wildlife crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Hall Family, Saron, Llandysul
Trevor Taylor
Countryside Alliance

3. **Protecting the Arctic**

Professor Tim Lenton, Exeter University, Professor Peter Wadhams, University of Cambridge, and John Nissen, Chairman, Arctic Emergency Methane Working Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 29 February at 2.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 29 February 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Sheryll Murray
Neil Carmichael  Caroline Nokes
Katy Clark  Mr Mark Spencer
Zac Goldsmith  Paul Uppal
Mark Lazarowicz  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas  Simon Wright

1. **Solar power feed-in tariffs**

Mark Lazarowicz declared an interest (see Appendix, 8 September 2010).

Draft Special Report (*Solar power feed-in tariffs: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Committee’s Tenth Report 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.
Ordered, That a letter from the Chair to the Minister be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Protecting the Arctic**

Zac Goldsmith declared an interest (see Appendix).

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to protecting the arctic be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Arctic Advisory Group
- Greenpeace
- Prof John Latham, Prof Tom Choularton, Prof Brian Launder, Prof Hugh Coe, Stephen Salter and Dr Alan Gadian
- International Fund for Animal Welfare
- Geological Society

3. **Wildlife crime**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to wildlife crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Bat Conservation Trust
- Hawk Board
- Philip Onions
- Sara Cadbury
- The Badger Trust and Scottish Badgers
- Barry Kaufmann-Wright
- National Gamekeepers’ Organisation
- TRAFFIC
- Association of Chief Police Officers
- Lancashire Badger Group
- Countryside Council for Wales
- Scottish Raptor Study Groups
- Amphibian and Reptile Conservation
- INTERPOL
- League Against Cruel Sports
- Environmental Investigation Agency
- WWF
- Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association
- International Fund for Animal Welfare
- Chris Foreman
- Somerset Trust Badger Group
- Judith Smith
- World Society for the Protection of Animals
The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Protecting the Arctic**

Rod Downie, Polar Policy and Programme Manager, Dr. Martin Sommerkorn, Head of Conservation, and Dr. Mikhail Babenko, Oil & gas officer, WWF, gave oral evidence.

Alan Andrews, Environmental Lawyer, and Ed Dearnley, Environmental Policy Consultant, Client Earth, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till 7 March at 2.00 p.m.]

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**Wednesday 7 March 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous
Neil Carmichael
Martin Caton
Katy Clark
Zac Goldsmith
Mark Lazarowicz

Caroline Lucas
Mr Mark Spencer
Paul Uppal
Dr Alan Whitehead
Simon Wright

1. **Protecting the Arctic**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to protecting the Arctic be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- Cairn Energy
- Professor Stephen Salter, University of Edinburgh

2. **Wildlife crime**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to wildlife crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
Animal Aid
British Association for Shooting and Conservation
Humane Society International
Scottish Natural Heritage

Andy Shipp, Prosecution Case Manager, RSPCA, Stacey Frier, Parliamentary Adviser, RSPCA, David Hoccom, Head of Species Policy, RSPB and Bob Elliot, Head of Investigations, RSPB, gave evidence.

Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive, Angling Trust, Martin Salter, National Campaigns Co-ordinator, Angling Trust, and Charles Nodder, Political Adviser, National Gamekeepers’ Organisation, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till 14 March at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 14 March 2012

Members present:
Joan Walley, in the Chair
Peter Aldous        Caroline Lucas
Neil Carmichael    Caroline Nokes
Martin Caton       Mr Mark Spencer
Katy Clark         Paul Uppal
Zac Goldsmith       Dr Alan Whitehead
Mark Lazarowicz

1. Protecting the Arctic

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to protecting the Arctic submitted by the Meteorological Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Wildlife crime

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to wildlife crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Self Help Group for Farmers and others experiencing difficulties with the RSPCA
Moorland Association
Home Office

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.
4. **Travel**

Resolved, That the Committee visit European institutions in Brussels.

5. **Protecting the Arctic**


[Adjourned till 22 March at 2.00 p.m.]

21 March 2012

The Chair attended a meeting of the EU Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety in Brussels, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 24 November 2011.

Thursday 22 March 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous            Caroline Lucas
Zac Goldsmith          Sheryll Murray
Mark Lazarowicz

1. **Protecting the Arctic**

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to protecting the Arctic submitted by Cairn Energy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Wildlife crime**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to wildlife crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

   UK Environmental Law Association
   Institute of Chinese Medicine
   Trevor Lay
   Reptile and Exotic Pet Trade Association

3. **Energy intensive industries**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Committee effectiveness**
The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Budget 2012**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Budget 2012.

6. **Wildlife crime**


[Adjourned till 18 April at 2.00 p.m.

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**Wednesday 18 April 2012**

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Neil Carmichael  
Martin Caton  
Katy Clark  
Zac Goldsmith  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Caroline Nokes  
Mr Mark Spencer  
Paul Uppal  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Green economy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the green economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Imperial Centre for Energy Policy and Technology, Sussex Energy Group and UK Energy Research Centre  
Air Products

2. **Wildlife crime**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to wildlife crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Harry Bishop  
Metropolitan Police Service

3. **Travel**

*Resolved*, That the Chair have leave to attend a meeting of European Environmental Committee Chairs in Copenhagen on Rio +20 in May in a representative capacity.

4. **Protecting the Arctic**
5. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Wildlife crime**


[Adjourned till 25 April at 2.00 p.m.

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**Wednesday 25 April 2012**

**Members present:**

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  
Mark Lazarowicz  
Caroline Lucas  
Sheryll Murray  
Caroline Nokes  

Mr Mark Spencer  
Paul Uppal  
Dr Alan Whitehead  
Simon Wright

1. **Protecting the Arctic**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the protecting the Arctic be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Professor Peter Wadhams  
Shell

2. **Wildlife crime**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to wildlife crime be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Northern England Raptor Forum  
Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

3. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Budget 2012**
Miss Chloe Smith MP, Economic Secretary, Jonathan Mills, Deputy Director, Energy, Environment & Agriculture, HM Treasury, and Helen Dickinson, Deputy Director, Environment and Transport Tax, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 30 April at 7.00 p.m.

Monday 30 April 2012

Members present:

Joan Walley, in the Chair

Peter Aldous  Mr Mark Spencer
Mark Lazarowicz  Dr Alan Whitehead
Caroline Lucas  Simon Wright

1. Protecting the Arctic

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the protecting the Arctic submitted by Cairn Energy be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Wildlife crime

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to wildlife crime submitted by RSPB be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Sustainable food

Draft Report (Sustainable food), 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 Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 879–I.

4. Green economy

Draft Report (A green economy), 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 Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 1025–I.

[Adjourned till 16 May at 2.00 p.m.]

Appendix
Declaration of Interests

27 July 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

Peter Aldous:
Sponsorships: Mrs May Reader.
Gifts, benefits and hospitality: use of a company car provided by Strutt and Parker (chartered surveyors, Norwich), 6 May to 30 June 2010.
Land and Property: partner in a family farm near Halesworth, Suffolk. Beneficial interest in a farm near Ipswich, Suffolk.
Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Countryside Alliance and East Suffolk Travellers’ Association. Member also, through the family farm, of the National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association.

Neil Carmichael:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Charles Fisher.
Land and Property: Two farms in Northumberland, from which rental income is received.
Member of the National Farmers Union and Countryside Alliance.
Spouse of research fellow on the Built Environment at the University of the West of England.
Party to a planning application for wind turbines.

Zac Goldsmith:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: self-employed farming activity in Devon (not paid because loss-making).
Land and Property: Farmhouse and cottage in Devon owned by family trust, from which rental income is received. Land in Andalucia, Spain, owned by family trust.
Shareholdings: Fibre 7 (suppliers of treated wood), Fitzdares Holdings Ltd (bespoke bookmaker) and Ecosystems Ltd (ecology website).
Partnership in a film, provisionally entitled “War in Babylon”, from which no income has been received.
Investment in WHEB Ventures Private Equity LP, from which no income is received and over whose investments I have no influence.
**Simon Kirby:**

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Ray Bloom.

Land and Property: House in Brighton, from which rental income is received. House in Pevensey, East Sussex, from which rental income is received.

**Caroline Lucas:**

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Michael Constantine, Jonathan Porritt, Corduroy Productions Ltd (production company, London), Political Animal Lobby (animal welfare company, London) and Abbotts’ Living Wood Ltd (courses in green woodwork, Bishops Frome).

**Ian Murray**

Directorships: 100MPH Events Ltd, Edinburgh.

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Councillor on City of Edinburgh Council.

Clients: provided event management services to Bath Festival Fringe, who paid 100MPH Events Ltd.

Shareholdings: 100MPH Events Ltd (event management).

Partnership with my partner in Alibi Bars LLP (bar/bistro), from which I received no remuneration.

**Sheryll Murray:**

Spouse of a commercial fisherman.

**Caroline Nokes:**

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Mrs A C L De Souza, Mr E W Pinchbeck, Mr A A Dunn, Thornwood Investments Ltd (development and selling of real estate, Braishfield, Romsey), Sir David Plastow, Caledonia Investments Plc (UK investment trust company, London) and Mr M Slade.

Member of the Countryside Alliance.

**Mr Mark Spencer:**

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Partner in CH Spencer and Son (farmers, Mapperley Plains, Notts), which pays telephone, heating and council tax of my family home. Member of Nottinghamshire County Council. Member of Gedling Borough Council.
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Mary and Don Brown, Jonathan Hammond, Andrew Hammond and Richard Tuxford.

Land and Property: Spring Lane Farm, Sherwood, from which rental income received. Floralands Garden Centre, Sherwood, from which rental income received.

Shareholdings: Floralands Ltd (garden centre).

Member of the Countryside Alliance and National Farmers Union.

Joan Walley:

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Unity trade union (Hanley), Unison trade union (Birmingham) and Hugh Edwards.

Other sponsorships: assistance from the Lighting Industry Federation (who pay part of the salary of a researcher in my office, who provides support to the All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group of which I am Joint Chair).

Honorary Vice-president of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. Member of Globe. Joint Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group, where Lighting Industry Federation provides the secretariat.

Dr Alan Whitehead:

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Unite (London).

Land and Property: Flat inhabited by my father in Southampton.

Simon Wright:

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: editor of newsletters, for East of England Liberal Democrats.

Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Andrew Haisley and Liberal Democrat Group (Norwich City Council).

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Martin Caton:

Member of Socialist Environmental Resources Association and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Wife employed as Parliamentary assistant.

Katy Clark:
Sponsorships: donations to constituency party from Transport and Salaried Staff’s Association, Fire Brigades Union, GMB Union and National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers.

Member of Friends of the Earth.

**Mark Lazarowicz:**


Member of Faculty of Advocates (non-practising) and Friends of the Earth.

Unpaid Board Member of Leith Museum Company Limited and Edinburgh Community Energy Co-operative Limited.

**16 February 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests**

**Neil Bird:**

Prior to joining the Overseas Development Institute in 2002, employed by DFID as a technical cooperation officer in Guyana and previously had completed other contracts of work for DFID. Since 2002, undertaken several research projects commissioned by DFID on environmental issues.

**30 March 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests**

**Farooq Ullah:**

Until March 2011, a member of staff of the Sustainable Development Commission. Member of ‘Brighter Future’, a climate change action group, and ‘Alliance for Future Generations’, a group which seeks to bring long-term thinking into public policy.

**Prof Tim O’Riordan:**

Donor to Green Party and Liberal Democrat Party, and to a range of environmental, social justice and developmental charitable organisations. Adviser to Asda’s corporate responsibility board. Consultant to Anglian Water. External examiner for several universities.

**27 April 2011: declaration of Members’ interests**

**Peter Aldous:**

Member of the Aldersgate Group.

**Zac Goldsmith:**

Trustee of Green Alliance.
Paid for a paper from the International Institute for Environment and Development submitted to the Committee’s inquiry on Overseas Aid (memorandum OAE 09b).

**Caroline Lucas:**
Member of the Aldersgate Group.

**7 September 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests**

**Kelvin MacDonald:**
Chief policy adviser to the Royal Town Planning Institute, involving, *inter alia*, acting as the RTPI’s representative on a Planning Sounding Board first established by the Conservative Party before the 2010 general election and now chaired by John Howell MP, PPS to Decentralisation Minister, Rt. Hon. Greg Clarke MP. This group has discussed amongst other things the Localism Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework. Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Land Economy, Cambridge University; a Registered Commissioner on the Infrastructure Planning Commission; a member of the Enabling Panel for the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment; and a member of the Board of Trustees of Shelter.

**12 October 2011: declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests**

**Farooq Ullah:** Head of Policy and Advocacy, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future.

**7 December 2011: declaration of Members’ interests**

**Paul Uppal:**
Overseas visits: Visit to India in September 2011, paid for by Indian government, as part of a delegation of the Conservative Friends of India.
Shareholdings: Pinehurst Securities Ltd (real estate investment).

**29 February 2012: declaration of Members’ interests**

**Zac Goldsmith:**
Patron of Client Earth.