The Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The Northern Ireland Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Northern Ireland Office (but excluding individual cases and advice given by the Crown Solicitor); and other matters within the responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (but excluding the expenditure, administration and policy of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Northern Ireland and the drafting of legislation by the Office of the Legislative Counsel).

Current membership

Sir Patrick Cormack MP (Conservative, South Staffordshire) (Chairman)
Mr David Anderson MP (Labour, Blaydon)
Rosie Cooper MP (Labour, West Lancashire)
Christopher Fraser MP (Conservative, South West Norfolk)
Mr John Grogan MP (Labour, Selby)
Mr Stephen Hepburn MP (Labour, Jarrow)
Lady Hermon MP (Ulster Unionist Party, North Down)
Kate Hoey MP (Labour, Vauxhall)
Dr Alasdair McDonnell MP (SDLP, Belfast South)
Mr Denis Murphy MP (Labour, Wansbeck)
Stephen Pound MP (Labour, Ealing North)
Mrs Iris Robinson MP (Democratic Unionist Party, Strangford)
David Simpson MP (Democratic Unionist Party, Upper Bann).

John Battle MP (Labour, Leeds West), Mr Gregory Campbell MP (Democratic Unionist Party, East Londonderry) and Mr Sammy Wilson MP (Democratic Unionist Party, East Antrim) were members of the Committee during this session.

Powers

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

Publication

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at www.parliament.uk/niacom. A list of Reports of the Committee in the present Parliament is at the back of this volume.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are David Weir (Clerk), Georgina Holmes-Skelton (Second Clerk), Judy Goodall (Inquiry Manager), Duma Langton (Committee Assistant), Becky Crew (Secretary), Karen Watling (Secretary), Becky Jones (Media Officer) and Jim Lawford (Senior Office Clerk).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Wednesday 7 November 2007

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell  Mr Stephen Hepburn
Christopher Fraser    Stephen Pound
Mr John Grogan        Sammy Wilson

1. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

2. Future Business

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMP Belmarsh in November in connection with its inquiry into the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Belfast and Dublin in January 2008 in connection with its inquiry into political developments in Northern Ireland, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit to Dublin.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on political developments in Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 November at 2.15 p.m.]

Wednesday 14 January 2008

The Chairman, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Denis Murphy and Sammy Wilson visited Belmarsh Prison in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into political developments in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 7 November 2007.

Wednesday 21 November 2007

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Lady Hermon
John Battle        Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Gregory Campbell Mr Denis Murphy
Christopher Fraser Sammy Wilson
1. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future work of the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Northern Ireland Prison Service

Paul Goggins MP, Minister of State, and Mr Robin Masefield, Prison Service Director, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 November at 2.15 p.m.

**Wednesday 28 November 2007**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson, Lady Hermon
Mr Gregory Campbell, Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Christopher Fraser, Mr Denis Murphy
Mr Stephen Hepburn, Sammy Wilson

1. The Northern Ireland Prison Service

The Committee discussed informally the Chairman’s draft Report.

2. Winter Supplementary Estimates

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to Winter Supplementary Estimates submitted by the Northern Ireland Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 December at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 5 December 2007**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson, Kate Hoey
Mr Gregory Campbell, Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Rosie Cooper, Mr Denis Murphy
Christopher Fraser, Stephen Pound
Mr Stephen Hepburn, Sammy Wilson
1. The Northern Ireland Prison Service

Draft Report (The Northern Ireland Prison Service), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 118.

2. Visit to Dublin and Belfast, 14 – 17 January 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 12 December 2007**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson, Mr Denis Murphy
Mr John Grogan, Stephen Pound
Mr Stephen Hepburn, Sammy Wilson
Kate Hoey

Visit to Dublin and Belfast, 14–17 January 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

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

**Wednesday 9 January 2008**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson, Kate Hoey
Mr Gregory Campbell, Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Rosie Cooper, Mr Denis Murphy
Christopher Fraser, Stephen Pound
Mr John Grogan, Sammy Wilson
Mr Stephen Hepburn

1. Future work programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to Dublin and Belfast, 14 – 17 January 2008
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 January at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 14 January – Thursday 17 January

The Chairman, Mr David Anderson, Christopher Fraser, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mr Denis Murphy and Stephen Pound visited Dublin in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into political developments in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 7 November 2007.

The Chairman, Mr David Anderson, Mr Gregory Campbell, Christopher Fraser, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mr Denis Murphy, Stephen Pound and Sammy Wilson visited Belfast in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into political developments in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 7 November 2007.

Wednesday 23 January 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell
Rosie Cooper
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey

Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Denis Murphy
Stephen Pound
Sammy Wilson

1. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Varney review of tax policy in Northern Ireland
Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

3. Political Developments in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

4. Work of the Committee in 2007
Draft Report (Work of the Committee in 2007), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 286.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 January at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 30 January 2008**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  
Mr Gregory Campbell  
Rosie Cooper  
Christopher Fraser  
Mr John Grogan  
Mr Stephen Hepburn  
Lady Hermon  
Kate Hoey  
Dr Alasdair McDonnell  
Stephen Pound  
Sammy Wilson

1. **Future work programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland**

Resolved, That the Committee visit Belfast in March in connection with its inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

3. **Political Developments in Northern Ireland**

Rt Hon Shaun Woodward MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Nick Perry, Policing and Security Director and Ms Hilary Jackson, Political Director, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 February at 3.45 p.m.]

**Wednesday 6 February 2008**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  
Mr Gregory Campbell  
Rosie Cooper  
Christopher Fraser  
Lady Hermon  
Mr Deniis Murphy  
Stephen Pound  
Sammy Wilson
1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Ordered, That Mr Ken Armstrong be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

Sir Hugh Orde, Chief Constable, Alastair Finlay, Assistant Chief Constable, and Dave Cox, Director of Historic Enquiries team, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 February at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 20 February 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell  Mr Denis Murphy
Rosie Cooper  Stephen Pound
Christopher Fraser  Sammy Wilson
Kate Hoey

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Ordered, That Jane Gordon be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

Al Hutchinson, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, Sam Pollock, Chief Executive, and Jim Coupland, Senior Director Investigations, Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 February at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 27 February 2008

Members present:
1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Northern Ireland Office Spring Supplementary Estimates Explanatory Memorandum 2007/08

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Spring Supplementary Estimates submitted by the Northern Ireland Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Northern Ireland Prison Service

Draft Special Report (The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Government response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2007-08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House

4. Varney Review of tax policy in Northern Ireland

Vincent Sheridan, President, Eamonn Donaghy, Chair of Northern Ireland tax Committee, and Brian Keegan, Director of Tax, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 12 March 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson Mr Gregory Campbell Mr Stephen Hepburn
Dr Alasdair McDonnell Stephen Pound Sammy Wilson

Kate Hoey Dr Alasdair McDonnell

1. Varney Review of tax policy in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland in May in connection with its inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

Maggie Beirne, former Director of the Committee on the Administration of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 March at 10.00 a.m.

Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 March 2008

The Chairman, Mr Gregory Campbell, Christopher Fraser, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Kate Hoey, Mr Denis Murphy, and Sammy Wilson visited Belfast in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into political developments in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 30 January 2008.

Wednesday 19 March 2008

The Committee met at the Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast.

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Christopher Fraser
Mr Stephen Hepburn
Kate Hoey

Denis Murphy
Sammy Wilson

Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, former Victims Commissioner; Dr Brandon Hamber, Director, and Ms Kate Turner, Project Co-ordinator, Healing Through Remembering; and Ms Sandra Peake and Mr Alan McBride, WAVE, gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 26 March 2008

Members present:
Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland, and from the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, on Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 2 April 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Gregory Campbell Mr Denis Murphy
Rosie Cooper Stephen Pound
Mr John Grogan Sammy Wilson
Lady Hermon

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Northern Ireland Office Spring Supplementary Estimate

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Ms Jane Winter, Director, British Irish Rights Watch; and Mr White, Chairman, and Mr Lamont, Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers’ Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 April at 3.45 p.m.

Wednesday 23 April 2008
Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Wednesday 7 May 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Mr Stephen Hepburn
Mr Gregory Campbell  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Rosie Cooper  Mr Denis Murphy
Christopher Fraser  Stephen Pound
Mr John Grogan  Sammy Wilson

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 May at 10.45 a.m.]

Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 May 2008

The Chairman, Mr David Anderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mr Denis Murphy, Stephen Pound and Sammy Wilson visited Belfast in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 12 March 2008.

Tuesday 13 May 2008

The Committee met at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast
Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Mr Denis Murphy
Lady Hermon

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Sir Alasdair Fraser, Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland, and Mr James Scholes, Senior Assistant Director, Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland; Sir Hugh Orde, Chief Constable, Alistair Finlay, Assistant Chief Constable, Mr Peter Sheridan, Assistant Chief Constable, and Mr John Brannigan, Head of Intelligence, Historical Enquiries Team, Police Service of Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 May at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 21 May 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Christopher Fraser  Stephen Pound
Mr John Grogan  Sammy Wilson
Kate Hoey

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Belfast in July 2008 in connection with its inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland and Dublin in October 2008 in connection with its inquiry into political developments in Northern Ireland, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit to Dublin.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Paul Goggins MP, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, Ms Carol Moore, Associate
Director, Policing and Security, Ms Katie Pettifer, Head of Rights, Elections and Legacy, and Ms Nichola Creagh, Head of Legacy, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 4 June 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Gregory Campbell  Mr Denis Murphy
Christopher Fraser  Stephen Pound
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Sammy Wilson
Kate Hoey

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Permanent Secretary of the Northern Ireland Office, on the Northern Ireland Office Departmental Report.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 June at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 11 June 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Lady Hermon
Mr Gregory Campbell  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Rosie Cooper  Mr Denis Murphy
Christopher Fraser  Sammy Wilson

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.
Wednesday 18 June 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Gregory Campbell  Mr Denis Murphy
Lady Hermon  Stephen Pound
Kate Hoey  Sammy Wilson

Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 June at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 25 June 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Gregory Campbell  Mr Denis Murphy
Kate Hoey  Stephen Pound
Lady Hermon  Sammy Wilson

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Draft Report (Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: the Cost of Policing the Past), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 333.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 July at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 2 July 2008

Members present:
Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson    Kate Hoey
Christopher Fraser    Stephen Pound
Mr John Grogan       Sammy Wilson

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Political Developments in Northern Ireland

Rt Hon Shaun Woodward MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Nick Perry, Policing and Security Director and Ms Hilary Jackson, Political Director, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 July at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 7 July 2008

The Chairman, Mr David Anderson, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Kate Hoey, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Stephen Pound and Sammy Wilson visited Belfast in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 21 May 2008.

Wednesday 16 July 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson    Dr Alastair McDonnell
Mr Stephen Hepburn    Mr Denis Murphy

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice in Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That David Watkins be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice in Northern Ireland.


Mr Jonathan Phillips, Permanent Secretary, Mr Nick Perry, Policing and Security Director
and Mr Anthony Harbinson, Director of Resources, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 October at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 8 October 2008**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  
Mr Gregory Campbell  
Rosie Cooper  
Christopher Fraser  
Mr John Grogan

Lady Hermon  
Dr Alastair McDonnell  
Mr Denis Murphy  
Stephen Pound  
Sammy Wilson

1. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice

*Ordered*, That the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children be authorised to publish their written evidence on cross-border co-operation, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

3. Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland

Draft Special Report (*Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: the Cost of Policing the Past: Government response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2007-08*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 October at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 15 October 2008**

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  
Rosie Cooper

Lady Hermon  
Dr Alastair McDonnell
1. Future work programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Police Service of Northern Ireland, on cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice

[Adjourned till Monday 27 October at 1.45 p.m.

Monday 27 to Tuesday 28 October 2008

The Chairman, Rosie Cooper, Christopher Fraser, Lady Hermon, Kate Hoey, Dr Alastair McDonnell and Stephen Pound visited Belfast, Omagh, Newry and Crossmaglen in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into political developments in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 21 May 2008.

Monday 27 October 2008

The Committee met at the Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast
Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Rosie Cooper          Kate Hoey
Christopher Fraser    Dr Alastair McDonnell
Lady Hermon           Stephen Pound

Political Developments in Northern Ireland

The Rt Hon Peter Robinson MP MLA, First Minister of Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 November at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 5 November 2008

Members present:

Sir Patrick Cormack, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell          Dr Alastair McDonnell
Lady Hermon                   Mr Denis Murphy
Mr John Grogan                Stephen Pound
Kate Hoey                     Sammy Wilson

1. Future work programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, and the Serious Organised Crime Agency on cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Lord Eames and Denis Bradley on the work of the Consultative Group on the Past.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Mr Michael Gallagher and the Omagh Victims Self-Help and Support Group.

2. Cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice

Sir Hugh Orde, Chief Constable, Judith Gillespie, Assistant Chief Constable, and Sam Cordner, Chief Inspector, Police Service of Northern Ireland gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 19 November 2008

Members present:
1. New Members: Declaration of Interests

Mrs Iris Robinson declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**  
Member of Castlereagh Borough Council  
Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly  
Chairman, Health Committee, Northern Ireland Assembly

**Land and Property**  
Joint ownership with my husband of constituency offices at Dundela Avenue in East Belfast and North Street in Newtownards.

David Simpson declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

**Remunerated Directorships**  
Universal Meat Company, Co Armagh.

**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**  
Councillor, Craigavon Borough Council  
Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly  
Chairman, Social Development Committee, Northern Ireland Assembly

**Land and Property**  
Farm in Co Armagh, from which rental income is received.  
Flats in Portadown, Co Armagh, from which rental income is received.

**Registrable shareholdings**  
Blackwater Investments.

2. Future work programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee seek evidence from Lord Saville on the timetable for
publication of the Bloody Sunday inquiry report.

3. Cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice

Resolved, That the Committee seek evidence from, the Probation Board NI, Youth Justice Agency, Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Law Commission, the Northern Ireland Prison Service, Court Service, the Public Prosecution Service, the Policing Board and the Forensic Science and State Pathology service, on cross-border co-operation on policing and criminal justice.

Beth Smith, Deputy Director, John Whiting, Assistant Director, Andrew Lawrence, Deputy Head, Criminal and Enforcement Policy; and Keiran Coll, Senior Investigation Officer, HM Revenues and Customs gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 November at 2.30 p.m.]