



House of Commons
Welsh Affairs Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2006–07

The Welsh Affairs Committee

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

Membership

Dr Hywel Francis MP (Chairman) (*Labour, Aberavon*) (appointed 19 July 2005)
Mr Stephen Crabb MP (*Conservative, Preseli Pembrokeshire*) (appointed 19 July 2005)
Mr Wayne David MP (*Labour, Caerphilly*) (appointed 4 June 2007)
David T. C. Davies MP (*Conservative, Monmouth*) (appointed 19 July 2005)
Nia Griffith MP (*Labour, Llanelli*) (appointed 19 July 2005)
Mrs Siân C. James MP (*Labour, Swansea East*) (appointed 19 July 2005)
Mr David Jones MP (*Conservative, Clwyd West*) (appointed 19 July 2005)
Mr Martyn Jones MP (*Labour, Clwyd South*) (appointed 19 July 2005)
Albert Owen MP (*Labour, Ynys Môn*) (appointed 6 March 2006)
Jessica Morden MP (*Labour, Newport East*) (appointed 21 November 2005, discharged 4 June 2007)
Hywel Williams MP (*Plaid Cymru, Caernarfon*) (appointed 20 July 2005)
Mark Williams MP (*Liberal Democrat, Ceredigion*) (appointed 19 July 2005)

Powers

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

Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the internet at www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/welsh_affairs_committee.cfm
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 Nick Wright (Clerk), Llinos Madeley (Committee Specialist), Christine Randall (Committee Assistant), Annabel Goddard (Secretary), Jim Lawford (Senior Office Clerk) and Rebecca Jones (Media Officer).

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Formal Minutes of the Committee, Session 2006-07

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2006

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Hywel Williams

Mrs Siân James

Mark Williams

Mr David Jones

1. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate: additional witnesses

Ordered, That representatives of Victim Support Wales and of The Campaign for Real Justice be invited to give evidence in this inquiry on 28 November.

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales: appointment of Specialist Advisers

Ordered, That Professor Max Munday, Professor Kevin Morgan and Professor Kevin Williams be appointed Special Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Globalisation and its impact on Wales.

3. Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Welsh prisoners in the prison estate be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Home Office

Cyngor Alcohol Information Service (CAIS)

The Confederation of British Industry

The Association of Chief Police Officers in Wales

Mr Iolo Madoc-Jones

The Howard League for Penal Reform

HMP/YOI Parc

NACRO

UNLOCK

Victim Support Wales
The Campaign for Real Justice
Children in Wales

Julie Morgan MP, Chair, Children in Wales All-Party Parliamentary Group, and Janet Williams, Trustee, Children in Wales; Professor David Wilson, Vice Chair, Anita Dockley, Assistant Director, Howard League for Penal Reform, and Jackie Worrall, Director for Policy and Public Affairs, NACRO; and Bobby Cummines, Chief Executive, and Gill Hurley, UNLOCK Cymru, UNLOCK, gave oral evidence.

Dr Hywel Francis, Mrs Siân James and Mr Hywel Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of the Children in Wales All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Nia Griffith declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she has attended meetings of the Children in Wales All-Party Parliamentary Group, although she is not a member.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 November at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2006

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb

Nia Griffith

Mr David Jones

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the meeting to take oral evidence from the Minister of State, Home Office, in connection with the inquiry into Welsh prisoners in the prison estate, be moved from 6 to 12 December, with consequential amendments to the Committee's future programme.

2. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Welsh prisoners in the prison estate be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Prison Governors Association

The Youth Justice Board
The Chief Officer, North Wales Probation Area

3. Legislative Competence Orders in Council (appointment of a Specialist Adviser)

Ordered, That Professor Keith Patchett be appointed Special Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Legislative Competence Orders in Council.

4. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

Mr Paul Tidball, President, and Mr Eoin Lawrence, Prison Governors Association; Mr Rod Morgan, Chairman, Mr Paul Bowers, Director of Service Delivery, and Sue Williams, National Manager for Wales, Youth Justice Board; Mr Jon Trew, National Officer for Wales, Victim Support Wales; and Mr David Fraser, Co-Director, and Mr Brian Lawrence, Co-Director, Campaign for Real Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 4 December at 9.15 am

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2006

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith
Mr Martyn Jones

Hywel Williams

1. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

Mr Ian Shannon, Assistant Chief Constable, North Wales Police, and Mrs Carol Moore, Head of North Wales Probation Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 12 December at 10.30 a.m.

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2006

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb
 Nia Griffith
 Mrs Siân James
 Mr David Jones

Albert Owen
 Hywel Williams
 Mark Williams

1. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Welsh prisoners in the prison estate be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HMP/YOI Parc (supplementary memorandum)
 Victim Support Wales (supplementary memorandum)
 Prison Governors Association
 National Probation Service (South Wales Area)
 Shelter (Cymru)
 The Butler Trust
 The Welsh Local Government Association
 HMP Altcourse

Mr Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Criminal Justice and Offender Management, Home Office, Mr Peter Brooke, Director of Corporate Services, National Offender Management Service, Sian West, Acting Director of Offender Management for Wales, and Mr Michael Spurr, Deputy Director General, HM Prison Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 19 December at 10.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2006

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith
 Mrs Siân James
 Mr David Jones

Hywel Williams
 Mark Williams

1. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Welsh prisoners in the prison estate be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Public and Commercial Services Union

Dyfed-Powys Probation Area
 The Prison Officers Association
 The Youth Justice Board

2. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Legislative Competence Orders in Council be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mr Nick Ainger MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales and Jane Hutt AM, Business Minister, Welsh Assembly Government
 Professor Keith Patchett, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Wales
 Tomorrow's Wales

Mr Nick Ainger MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales, and Mr John Williams, Deputy Director, Wales Office, Jane Hutt AM, Business Minister, and Dr Hugh Rawlings, Director of Department for Local Government and Culture, Welsh Assembly Government; Rt Hon Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM, Presiding Officer, Mr Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant, and Mr Adrian Crompton, Head of Members Research and Committee Services, National Assembly for Wales; and Jennifer Randerson AM, Chair, Committee on Standing Orders, and Mr Gareth Williams, Clerk, Committee on Standing Orders, National Assembly for Wales, gave oral evidence. [This evidence was partly in the Welsh language.]

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 January at 10.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies
 Nia Griffith
 Mrs Siân James
 Mr David Jones

Albert Owen
 Hywel Williams
 Mark Williams

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Czech Republic and Poland in connection with its inquiry into Globalisation and its impact on Wales, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 16 January at 10.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb

Nia Griffith

Mr David Jones

Albert Owen

1. Energy in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Energy in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Department of Trade and Industry

The Centre for Alternative Technology

The Coal Authority

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Energy in Wales

The Chairman declared an interest in that he was associated with local constituents who were opposed to the extension of the opencast site at Margam.

Lord Truscott, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Energy, Brian Morris, Head of Carbon Abatement Technologies, Energy Technologies Unit, Clare Harding,

Assistant Director, Coal Industry, Energy Technologies Unit, and Rachel Crisp, Assistant Director, Emerging Energy Technologies, Energy Technologies Unit, Department of Trade and Industry; Peter Harper, Head of Research, and James Cass, Funding and Development Co-ordinator, Centre for Alternative Technology, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 January at 10.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Albert Owen

1. Energy in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Energy in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Opencast Coal Committee of Wales

The Transport and General Workers Union

Energybuild

Miller Argent

Unity Power plc

Celtic Energy

The National Union of Mineworkers

Protecting and Conserving Together (PACT)

The Woodland Trust

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered potential witnesses in this inquiry, and the Committee's visit to the Czech Republic and Poland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit South West Wales in connection with this inquiry.

3. Energy in Wales

The Chairman declared an interest in that he was associated with local constituents who were opposed to the extension of the opencast site at Margam; in the 1970's that he was

the official historian of the NUM South Wales area; and that in the 1980's he was Chairman of the Wales Conference in Support of Mining communities.

Mr Martyn Jones declared an interest in that he has been a member of the TGWU since 1973.

Mr Nigel Hughes, Chairman, Mr Clem Llewelyn, Secretary, Mr Les Watkin, Treasurer, Opencast Coal Committee of Wales, and Mr Gareth Jones, Senior Regional Industrial Organiser, TGWU; Mr Rhydian Davies, Director, Mr Richard Nugent, Director, Energybuild, Mr James Poyner, Director, Miller Mining, and Director of Miller Argent, Miller Argent, Mr Gerwyn Llewellyn Williams, Chairman, and Mr John Anthony, Co-Director, Unity Power plc; Gaynor Ball, Secretary, Suzanne De Celis, Issues Co-ordinator, Protecting and Conserving Together (PACT), Mr Rory Francis, Public Affairs and Press Officer, and Mr Graham Bradley, Casework Manager, Woods Under Threat Team, The Woodland Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 30 January at 10.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb
Nia Griffith
Mrs Siân James
Mr David Jones

Albert Owen
Hywel Williams
Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Memorandum relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales submitted by CBI Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Work of the Committee in 2005–06

A draft Report (*Work of the Committee in 2005-06*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 52 read and agreed to.

Annexes read and agreed to.

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

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

3. Witness feedback forms

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr David Rosser, Director, CBI Wales; Mr Derek Walker, Head of Policy and Campaigns, and Mr Andy Richards, Executive Member, Wales TUC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 6 February at 10.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Department for Trade and Industry

PCS South West Wales Branch

Rhys David, Associate Director, Institute of Welsh Affairs

2. Energy in Wales

Ordered, That the Memorandum relating to Energy in Wales submitted by Miller Argent be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Committee meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee's regular meeting time be brought forward to 10 a.m., with effect from 20 February.

4. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Ian McCartney MP, Minister of State for Trade, Investment and Foreign Affairs, Mr Christopher Moir, Director, Industry Economics and Statistics, Business Group, Mr Patrick Robinson, Director, Regional Directorate UK Trade and Investment, Department of Trade and Industry, and Mr Kevin Pugh, Head of Branch - Economic Affairs Policy, Wales Office; Mr Steve Lazenby, Branch Organiser, PCS South West Wales Branch, Mr Peter Jones, President, PCS South West Wales Branch, and Mr Jeff Evans, Senior Officer, PCS Wales, Public and Commercial Services (PCS), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 February at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BT

Admiral Group plc

NFU Cymru

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ann Beynon, Director, Wales, John Thornhill, Regional Director, Wales (Openreach), BT, and Andrew Probert, International Director of the Admiral Group; and Catherine Speight, Regional Secretary, AMICUS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 February at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Albert Owen

Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Burberry

GMB

National Union of Journalists

2. Future programme

The Committee considered its future programme.

Ordered, That representatives of Corus and Community be invited to give evidence to the Committee on 24 April.

Resolved That in its inquiry into *Globalisation and its impact on Wales* the Committee next consider matters relating to population and population movement.

Ordered, That Sir Digby Jones and Sir Adrian Webb give oral evidence in connection with the inquiry into *Globalisation and its impact on Wales*.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Chirk and Wrexham the week beginning Monday 14 May, in connection with its inquiry into *Globalisation and its impact on Wales*.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Aberaeron in the autumn, in connection with its inquiry into *Globalisation and its impact on Wales*.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

John Peace, Chairman, Angela Ahrendts, Chief Executive, Stacey Cartwright, Chief Financial Officer, and Michael Mahony, Director of Public Affairs, Burberry; and Allan Garley, Regional Officer, South Western Region, and Mervyn Burnett, Senior Organiser, GMB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 March at 9 am

TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Andrew Davies AM, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks, Welsh

Assembly Government

FSB Wales

Health and Social Service Department, Welsh Assembly Government

Wales Tourism Alliance

2. Future programme

The Committee considered its future programme.

Resolved, That the Committee would not meet on Tuesday 1 May.

Resolved, That the Committee would meet on Wednesday 9 May at 2 p.m. in private, and at 2.30 p.m. in public.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Andrew Davies AM, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks, James Price, Director for Policy and Strategy, and Rob Halford, Principal Policy Analyst, Welsh Assembly Government; Clive Davenport, Chairman, FSB Trade and Industry Committee, Russell Lawson, FSB Wales Press and Parliamentary Officer, and Ben Cottam, Welsh Policy Adviser, Federation of Small Businesses, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 March at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones
Mr Albert Owen

Mark Williams

1. Visit to Poland and the Czech Republic, 25 – 30 March

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Julian Burrell, Chairman, and Dave Chapman, Communications and Policy Consultant, Wales Tourism Alliance; Ann Lloyd, Director, Health and Social Services Department, Welsh Assembly Government and Chief Executive of NHS Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 April at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones
Mrs Siân James

Mr Albert Owen
Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GMB European Office
Welsh Contact Centre Forum

2. Visit to Poland and the Czech Republic, 25 – 30 March

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Review of select committee resources

The Committee considered this matter.

4. European Commission's Annual Policy Strategy for 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 April at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies
Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Corus
Community

Resolved, That the Committee visit China and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

Dr Hywel Francis declared non-pecuniary interests as a member of the Steel and Metal All-Party Parliamentary Group, that the Corus site at Port Talbot is located within his constituency of Aberavon, and that he is a member of Community.

Philippe Varin, Chief Executive, and James Leng, Deputy Chairman, Corus; Michael Leahy OBE, General Secretary, and Michael Walsh, Head of Research Department, Community, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Wednesday 9 May at 2 p.m.]

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb

Mr David Jones

Mrs Siân James

Mr Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Memorandum relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales submitted by Higher Education Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

Ordered, That the letter of March 2007 from Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Criminal Justice and Offender Management, Home Office, to Hywel Williams, be reported to the House for publication on the internet, and published with the evidence to the report.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Professor Merfyn Jones, Chairman, and Amanda Wilkinson, Director, Higher Education Wales, gave oral evidence.

4. Draft Report: Legislative Competence Orders in Council

A draft Report (*Legislative Competence Orders in Council*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 175.

[Adjourned until Monday 14 May at 2 p.m.]

MONDAY 14 MAY 2007

The Committee met at the North East Wales Institute of Higher Education, Wrexham

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones

Mark Williams

Mr Martyn Jones

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

TGWU

TUC Wales

Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW)

Ms Charlie Jones, Project Manager Union Learning Organiser, Transport and General Workers Union, and Barbara Hale, Development Officer, TUC Wales; Councillor Aled Roberts, Leader, and Jill Grainger, Wrexham Community Cohesion Officer, Wrexham Council; John Gallanders, Chief Officer, Janet Williams, Health and Social Care Facilitator, Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW), and Alison Hill, Chief Officer, Caia Park Partnership, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Wednesday 16 May at 2 p.m.]

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones
Mr Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

1. Welsh prisoners in the prison estate

A draft Report (*Welsh prisoners in the prison estate*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 74.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 May at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies
Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James
Mr David Jones

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor David Reynolds
Sir Digby Jones

Sir Digby Jones, UK Skills Envoy, and Professor David Reynolds, Professor of Education, University of Plymouth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 June at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Borders and Immigration Agency

Department for Work and Pensions

2. Formal Minutes, Session 2005-06

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, that the Formal Minutes of Session 2005-06 be published on the internet.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Mr Jeremy Oppenheim, Director for Stakeholders and Regionalisation, Borders and Immigration Agency, and Mr Bill Wells, Economy and Labour Market Divisional Manager, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 12 June at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith
Mrs Siân James
Mr David Jones

Albert Owen
Hywel Williams
Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests

Mr Wayne David declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, in that he took part in an overseas visit from 1-7 January 2006, with the All-Party Parliamentary British-Taiwan Group, as a guest of the government of Taiwan.

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ordered, That the Memorandum relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales submitted by Sir Adrian Webb be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Sir Adrian Webb gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 19 June at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb
Nia Griffith
Mrs Siân James
Mr Martyn Jones

Albert Owen
Hywel Williams
Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Commission for Racial Equality, Wales
North Wales Police

2. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme: CSA Recruitment

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That representatives of CSA Recruitment (Llanelli) attend the Welsh Affairs Committee on Tuesday 3 July at 10.30 a.m.

4. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Reverend Aled Williams OBE, Commissioner, and Chris Myant, Director, Commission for Racial Equality, Wales; Chief Superintendent Steve Curtis, and Chief Superintendent Phill Thomson, North Wales Police, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 26 June at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David TC Davies

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Mr Mark Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor Robert Rowthorn

Dr Surhan Cam

Ordered, That representatives of Dawn Pac Cross Hands attend the Welsh Affairs Committee on Tuesday 3 July at 10.30 a.m.

Professor Robert Rowthorn, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge; and Dr Surhan Cam, Lecturer in Comparative Political Economy and Quantitative Methods, Cardiff University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 3 July at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 3 JULY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James
Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones
Mr Albert Owen

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CSA Service Group

Dawn Pac Cross Hands

Mr Mark Spragg, Business Development Manager, CSA Service Group, gave oral evidence in accordance with the Order of the Committee of 19 June; and Mr Padraig McCarthy, Head of Strategic Development, Dawn Pac Cross Hands, gave oral evidence in accordance with the Order of the Committee of 26 June.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 July at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 10 JULY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David T C Davies
Mr David Jones

Mr Hywel Williams
Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the visit to Ceredigion be postponed until Sunday 2 – Tuesday 4 December.

Ordered, That Mr David T C Davies attend the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) joint conference on "Representative democracy, European affairs and active citizenship" in Strasbourg on 12 September, in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 July at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 17 JULY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David T C Davies

Mr Albert Owen

Mr David Jones

Mr Hywel Williams

Mr Martyn Jones

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Memorandum relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales submitted by the Department of Work and Pensions be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Caroline Flint MP, Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform and Mr Bill Wells, Economy and Labour Market Divisional Manager, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 July at 2 p.m.]

TUESDAY 24 JULY 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb	Mr David Jones
Mr David TC Davies	Mr Martyn Jones
Nia Griffith	Mr Albert Owen
Mrs Siân James	Mr Hywel Williams

1. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Memorandum relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales submitted by the Gangmasters Licensing Authority be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Alan Dyson, University of Manchester, be appointed Special Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to additional learning needs.

Ordered, That Dr Ian Williams, Southampton University, be appointed Special Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to environmental protection and waste management.

Draft Special Report, (*Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2006-07*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

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.

Ordered, That the Government's Response to the Second Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Wales Office Annual Report 2007

Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Mr Alan Cogbill, Director, and Mr John Williams, Deputy Director, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

5. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Mr Paul Whitehouse, Chairman, Gangmasters Licensing Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 October at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb	Mr Martyn Jones
Mr David TC Davies	Mr Albert Owen
Nia Griffith	Mr Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones	Mark Williams

1. Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Anne Crowley be appointed Special Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council relating to vulnerable children and child poverty.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the provision of cross-border public services for Wales.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 October at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David TC Davies

Nia Griffith

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Mr Albert Owen

1. Provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 6 November at 2 p.m.]