



House of Commons
Select Committee on the
Armed Forces Bill

Formal Minutes

Session 2010–11

Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill

The Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill was appointed by an Order of the House of Commons to consider the Armed Forces Bill.

Current membership

Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP (*Conservative, North East Hampshire*) (Chair)
Alex Cunningham MP (*Labour, Stockton North*)
Thomas Docherty MP (*Labour, Dunfermline and West Fife*)
Gemma Doyle MP (*Labour/Co-operative, West Dunbartonshire*)
Mr Tobias Ellwood MP (*Conservative, Bournemouth East*)
Mr Mark Francois MP (*Conservative, Rayleigh and Wickford*)
Mr Kevan Jones MP (*Labour, North Durham*)
Mark Lancaster MP (*Conservative, Milton Keynes North*)
Jack Lopresti MP (*Labour, Filton and Bradley Stoke*)
Sandra Osborne MP (*Labour, Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock*)
Christopher Pincher MP (*Conservative, Tamworth*)
Mr Andrew Robathan MP (*Conservative, South Leicestershire*)
Bob Russell MP (*Liberal Democrat, Colchester*)
David Wright MP (*Labour, Telford*)

Powers

Extract from the Votes and Proceedings, 10 January 2011:

“Armed Forces Bill,—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill:

1. The Committee shall have 14 members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.
2. The Committee shall have power—
 - (a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place and to report from day to day the minutes of evidence taken before it;
 - (b) to admit the public during the examination of witnesses and during consideration of the Bill (but not otherwise); and
 - (c) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the provisions of the Armed Forces Bill.”

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/afbcom.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Georgina Holmes-Skelton (Clerk) and Miguel Boo Fraga (Committee Assistant).

Contacts

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Tuesday 25 January 2011

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois

Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Mr Andrew Robathan
David Wright

1. Declarations of interest

Members disclosed their interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix 1.*)

2. Chairmanship

Mr James Arbuthnot was called to the Chair.

3. Committee working methods

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

Resolved, That the 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.

4. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Visits

Resolved That the Committee visit the Reserve Training and Mobilisation Centre, Nottingham, in connection with its inquiry into the Armed Forces Bill.

Resolved That the Committee visit the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Headley Court, Epsom, in connection with its inquiry into the Armed Forces Bill.

Resolved That the Committee visit the Military Corrective Training Centre, Colchester, in connection with its inquiry into the Armed Forces Bill.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 February at 10.00 am

APPENDIX 1

DECLARATIONS OF [MEMBERS'] INTERESTS

*25 January 2011: declaration of Members' interests***ARBUTHNOT, Rt. Hon. James (North East Hampshire)****2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.**

Member of Lloyd's (resigned as from 31 December 2002).

Categories of business underwritten until resignation - CBS Private Capital Ltd.: All categories.

Received a tie (value £5) for giving a speech on 22 March 2010. Hours: 2.5 hrs. Address of payer: The Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ. *(Registered 6 April 2010)*

8. Land and Property

Two flats in London, both providing rental income.

11. Miscellaneous

Non-practising barrister.

Chairman of the Conservative Friends of Israel (unremunerated).

CUNNINGHAM, Alex (Stockton North)**1. Directorships**

Tees Valley Communicators Ltd, 10 Lapwing Lane, Norton, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland TS20 1LT. Communications and web design.

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Surveys completed for Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY.

June 2010, £75 fee donated to constituency party. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 2 September 2010)*

Surveys completed for ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA.

June 2010, £75 fee donated to charity. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 2 September 2010)*

August 2010, £75 fee donated to constituency party. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 2 September 2010)*

14 September 2010, £75 fee donated to constituency party. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 14 September 2010)*

October 2010, £75 donated to charity. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 22 November 2010)*

October 2010, £75 donated to constituency party. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 22 December 2010)*

Surveys completed for Populus, 10 Northburgh Street, London EC1V 0AT:

November 2010, £50 fee donated to constituency party. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 22 December 2010)*

December 2010, £50 fee donated to constituency party. Hours: 15 mins. *(Registered 7 January 2011)*

4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Unison

Address of donor: 140-150 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6TH.

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,490 to fund a newspaper and election leaflet.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 June 2010)

5. Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

Name of donor: Grand Central Railway Company Ltd

Address of donor: River House, 17 Museum Street, York, YO1 7DJ.

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: first class rail pass for the period June 2010 to December 2011. Used for parliamentary travel only. Without this pass, the cost of standard class rail travel would be met from parliamentary allowances. Value: approximately £5,000 per year.

Date of receipt of donation: 1 June 2010

Date of acceptance of donation: 14 June 2010

Donor status: company, registration number 03979826

(Registered 29 June 2010)

9. Shareholdings

(a) Tees Valley Communicators Ltd. Communications and web design. See also category 1.

DOCHERTY, Thomas (Dunfermline and West Fife)

4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Unison Labour Link (Unison Scotland)

Address of donor: Unison House, 14 West Campbell Street, Glasgow

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,150

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 7 June 2010)

6. Overseas visits

Name of donor: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain

Address of donor: c/o The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain, 30 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £3,279

Destination of visit: Bahrain

Date of visit: 21-25 October 2010

Purpose of visit: in my capacity as member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Bahrain

I was invited to visit the country to meet with Government Ministers and others and to observe the Parliamentary elections that were taking place during the visit.

(Registered 16 December 2010)

DOYLE, Gemma (West Dunbartonshire)

Nil

ELLWOOD, Tobias (Bournemouth East)

5. Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

Name of donor: John Lewis

Address of donor : private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: my wife and I received tickets to the Conservative Party general election fundraising dinner. Value: £2,000.

Date of receipt of donation: 1 February 2010

Date of acceptance of donation: 1 February 2010

Donor status: individual

(Registered 11 February 2010)

FRANCOIS, Mark (Rayleigh and Wickford)

4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Mr Neil Chapman

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 7 June 2010)

LANCASTER, Mark (Milton Keynes North)

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Serving Officer, Royal Engineers Territorial Army. Payments received from the Army Pay Office, Kentigern House, 65 Brown Street, Glasgow G2 8EX:

31 December 2009, received payment of £1350.39 from for 14 days military service between 1 November-31 December 2009. *(Registered 6 January 2010)*

28 February 2010, received payment of £377.54 for 4 days military service between 1 January-28 February 2010. *(Registered 2 March 2010)*

31 October 2010, received payment of £1256.80 for 17 days military service between 1 August-31 October 2010. *(Registered 1 November 2010)*

4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Caledonia Investments PLC

Address of donor: Cayzer House, 30 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6NN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: donation of £5,000

Donor status: company

(Registered 4 March 2010)

Name of donor: Peter J Wilson

Address of donor: Private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: donation of £1600

Donor status: individual

(Registered 8 June 2010)

Name of donor: The Portcullis Club

Address of donor: Sycamore House, Grange Way, Willington, MK 44 1JP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: donation of £2000

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 8 June 2010)

Name of donor: The 1900 Club

Address of donor: 6 Barton Street London SW19 3NG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: donation of £2500

Donor status: company

(Registered 8 June 2010)

Name of donor: Simon Cuthbertson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: donation of £5000 to my constituency association.

Donor status: individual

(Registered 8 June 2010)

9. Registrable shareholdings

(a) Kimbolton Fireworks Ltd

11. Miscellaneous

Parliamentary adviser (unpaid) to the Royal Society of Chemistry.

LOPRESTI, Jack (Filton and Bradley Stoke)

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Member of Territorial Army Reserve Forces.

4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Cllr John Godwin

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: 2 donations; total £1,750

Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 June 2010)

Name of donor: Mr R C Griffin

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 June 2010)

ROBATHAN, Andrew (South Leicestershire)

8. Land and Property

Farm in Leicestershire, including rented residential property, from which income is received.

WRIGHT, David (Telford)

Nil

Tuesday 1 February 2011

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mr Kevan Jones
Mark Lancaster

Jack Lopresti
Sandra Osborne
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell
David Wright

1. Declarations of interest

Members disclosed their interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix 2.*)

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visits

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Armed Forces Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 February at 10.00 am

APPENDIX 2

DECLARATIONS OF [MEMBERS'] INTERESTS

1 February 2011: declaration of Members' interests

JONES, Kevan (North Durham)

Nil

OSBORNE, Sandra (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock)

Nil

PINCHER, Chris (Tamworth)

Nil

RUSSELL, Bob (Colchester)

Nil

Thursday 3 February 2011

MORNING SESSION

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham	Mark Lancaster
Thomas Docherty	Jack Lopresti
Gemma Doyle	Christopher Pincher
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Mr Andrew Robathan
Mr Mark Francois	Bob Russell
Mr Kevan Jones	David Wright

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Armed Forces Bill

Mr Gavin Barlow, Director Service Personnel Policy, Mr Gary Lewitt, Head Service Personnel Policy – Service Conditions and Welfare, Mr Humphrey Morrison, Head of Legislation, Central Legal Services, Cdre Andrew Jameson, Director Naval Legal Services (Navy), Brig Mike Griffiths, Director Personal Services (Army), and Air Cdre Ross Paterson, Assistant Chief of Staff Services Personnel Policy (RAF), MoD; Mr Gavin Barlow, Director Service Personnel Policy, Simon Lowe, Head Service Personnel Policy – Secretariat, Mr Gary Lewitt, Head Service Personnel Policy – Service Conditions and Welfare, Jeff Garrett, Head Service Personnel Policy – Pensions Compensations and Veterans, Air Cdre Charlie Wilcock, Head of Medical Strategy and Policy for Defence Medical Services, MoD, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 February at 2.00 pm]

Thursday 3 February 2011

AFTERNOON SESSION

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham	Jack Lopresti
Thomas Docherty	Christopher Pincher
Gemma Doyle	Mr Andrew Robathan
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Bob Russell
Mr Mark Francois	David Wright
Mr Kevan Jones	

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Armed Forces Bill

Dr Susan Atkins, Service Complaints Commissioner for the Armed Forces gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February at 10.00 am

Monday 7 February

The Chairman, Alex Cunningham, Gemma Doyle, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Mark Francois, Kevan Jones, Mark Lancaster, Jack Lopresti, Christopher Pincher, and Mr Andrew Robathan visited the Reserve Training and Mobilisation Centre, Chilwell, Nottinghamshire in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Armed Forces Bill, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 25 January.

Tuesday 8 February 2011

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham	Jack Lopresti
Thomas Docherty	Sandra Osborne
Gemma Doyle	Christopher Pincher
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Mr Andrew Robathan
Mr Mark Francois	Bob Russell
Mr Kevan Jones	David Wright
Mark Lancaster	

1. Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Question put, That the Committee seek oral evidence from Mr Andrew Robathan.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Noes, 7

Alex Cunningham

Mr Tobias Ellwood

Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Kevan Jones
Sandra Osborne
David Wright

Mr Mark Francois
Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell

Question accordingly negatived.

3. Written evidence

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

- The Forces Pension Society
- The Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers
- Defence Police Federation (DFP)
- General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches
- Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
- David Gee

4. The Armed Forces Bill

Lt General Sir William Rollo, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, Vice Admiral Charles Montgomery, Second Sea Lord, Lt General Mark Mans, Adjutant General, and Air Marshal Andy Pulford, Air Member for Personnel, MoD; Cdr Tony West, Provost Marshal (Navy), Brig Eddie Forster-Knight, Provost Marshal (Army), Gp Capt John Whitmell, Provost Marshal (RAF), Chief Constable Stephen Love, Chief Executive, Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency, and Mr Humphrey Morrison, Central Legal Services – Head Legislation, MoD, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February at 10.00 am

Wednesday 9 February

Gemma Doyle, Jack Lopresti, Mr Andrew Robathan and the Clerk visited the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Headley Court in a representative capacity, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Armed Forces Bill, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 25 January.

Thursday 10 February 2011

MORNING SESSION

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham	Mark Lancaster
Thomas Docherty	Jack Lopresti
Gemma Doyle	Christopher Pincher
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Mr Andrew Robathan
Mr Mark Francois	David Wright
Mr Kevan Jones	

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Armed Forces Bill

Chris Simpkins, Director General, Royal British Legion, AVM Tony Stables, Chairman, COBSEO - Confederation of Service Charities, and Bryn Parry, CEO, Help for Heroes; Kim Richardson OBE, Chair, Naval Families Federation, Julie McCarthy, Chief Executive, Army Families Federation, Dawn McCafferty, Chairman, RAF Families Federation, and John Moore-Bick CBE DL, General Secretary, Forces Pension Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 February at 2.00 pm

Thursday 10 February 2011

AFTERNOON SESSION

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham	Mark Lancaster
Thomas Docherty	Jack Lopresti
Gemma Doyle	Christopher Pincher
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Mr Andrew Robathan
Mr Mark Francois	Bob Russell
Mr Kevan Jones	David Wright

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the Armed Forces Bill be now considered.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2.

Amendment (2) proposed. – (*Gemma Doyle*.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 5

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Kevan Jones
David Wright

Noes, 7

Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell

Question accordingly negated.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 February at 10.00 am

Monday 14 February

The Chair, Gemma Doyle, Mark Francois, Jack Lopresti, and Bob Russell visited Colchester, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Armed Forces Bill, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 25 January.

Tuesday 15 February 2011

MORNING SESSION

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mr Kevan Jones
Mark Lancaster

Jack Lopresti
Sandra Osborne
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell
David Wright

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the Armed Forces Bill be now considered.

Clause 2.

Amendment (3) proposed. –(*Gemma Doyle*.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Kevan Jones
Sandra Osborne
David Wright

Noes, 7

Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment (4) proposed. –(*Gemma Doyle*.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Kevan Jones
Sandra Osborne
David Wright

Noes, 7

Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment (6) proposed. –(*Mr Kevan Jones*.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Kevan Jones
Sandra Osborne
David Wright

Noes, 7

Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment (7) proposed. *-(Mr Kevan Jones.)*

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Kevan Jones
Sandra Osborne
David Wright

Noes, 7

Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment (8) proposed. *-(Mr Kevan Jones.)*

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Alex Cunningham
Thomas Docherty
Gemma Doyle
Mr Kevan Jones
Sandra Osborne
David Wright

Noes, 7

Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mark Lancaster
Jack Lopresti
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell

Question accordingly negatived.

Clause agreed to.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 February at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 15 February 2011

AFTERNOON SESSION

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham	Jack Lopresti
Thomas Docherty	Sandra Osborne
Gemma Doyle	Christopher Pincher
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Mr Andrew Robathan
Mr Mark Francois	Bob Russell
Mr Kevan Jones	David Wright
Mark Lancaster	

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the Armed Forces Bill be now considered.

Clauses 3 – 23 agreed to.

Clause 24.

Amendment (9) proposed. –(*Bob Russell.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:-Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agree to.

Clauses 25 – 33 agreed to.

Schedules 1- 5 agreed to.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 February at 10.00 am

Thursday 17 February 2011

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham	Jack Lopresti
Gemma Doyle	Sandra Osborne
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Christopher Pincher

Mr Mark Francois
Mr Kevan Jones
Mark Lancaster

Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell
David Wright

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the Armed Forces Bill be now considered.

A Clause (NC1) – (*Alex Cunningham*) – brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: - Clause, by leave withdrawn.

A Clause (NC2) – (*Alex Cunningham*) – brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: - Clause, by leave withdrawn.

A Clause (NC3) – (*Thomas Docherty*) – brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: - Clause, by leave withdrawn.

Resolved, That the Committee do sit in private.

Armed Forces Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Written evidence

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

- Archbishops' Council of the Church of England
- Ministry of Defence
- Dr Susan Atkins, Service Complaints Commissioner for the Armed Forces
- His Honour Judge Jeff Blackett, Judge Advocate General
- Daniels Trust
- The Peace Pledge Union
- ForcesWatch
- AT EASE

- The Welsh Assembly Government
- The Scottish Government
- British Armed Forces Federation

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March at 10.00 am

Tuesday 8 March 2011

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Alex Cunningham
Gemma Doyle
Mr Tobias Ellwood
Mr Mark Francois
Mr Kevan Jones
Jack Lopresti

Sandra Osborne
Christopher Pincher
Mr Andrew Robathan
Bob Russell
David Wright

Armed Forces Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*Armed Forces Bill*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 – 22 read and agreed to.

Several papers were appended to the Report as Appendix 1.

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

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

Ordered, That the Armed Forces Bill, without amendment, be reported to the House.