

Formal Minutes of the Justice Committee

Tuesday 15 May 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine

Jeremy Corbyn

Nick de Bois

Ben Gummer

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Elizabeth Truss

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Petition*

The Committee noted the Government's observations on the petition presented by Stephen Williams on the East Bristol Youth Inclusion Programme.

3. *Main estimates memoranda*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Main estimates* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice; Serious Fraud Office; and HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor.

4. *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ian Benson; Paul Conroy; Tristan Lane; Michael and Pam Clarkson; CFOI; and the Association of Colleges.

- a. Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Business Strategy and Support, Kent County Council; Edward Hammond, Research and Information Manager, Centre for Public Scrutiny; Tracy Phillips, Information Compliance Advisor (Solicitor), Lambeth Council; Mark Turnbull, Head of Property Finance and Technology Legal Services, Leeds City Council; and
- b. Glenn Preston, Deputy Director of Information and Devolution and Pam Teare, Director of Communication and Information, Ministry of Justice; Marion Furr, Director of Ministerial Business and Parliamentary Accountability, Department of Health; Brendan Walsh, Head, Information Rights Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Roger Smethurst, Deputy Director of Knowledge, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Ben Gummer	Karl Turner

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Public Bodies (Abolition of Public Board and HM Inspectorate of Court Administration) Order 2012*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would not make any recommendation under section 11 of the Public Bodies Act 2011 in relation to the draft Order.

3. *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*

Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, Attorney General, Rt Hon Lord McNally, Ministry of Justice and Rt Hon Frances Maude MP, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 May at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 22 May 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Ben Gummer
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	Elizabeth Truss
Chris Evans	Karl Turner

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Jo and Celia Kelly; Susanna Rees; Public Concern at Work; Jan Savage; and Alistair Sloan.

3. *Budget and structure of the MOJ*

James Allen, Head of Partnerships and Public Services, National Council for Voluntary Organisations; Clive Martin, Director, Clinks; and Michael Spurr, Chief Executive, National Offender Management Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 May at 2.15pm.]

Wednesday 23 May 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	Seema Malhotra
Ben Gummer	Karl Turner

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Budget and Structure of the MOJ*

Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor, Sir Suma Chakrabarti KCB, Permanent Secretary, and Antonia Romeo, Director General, Transforming Justice, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 13 June 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois	Elizabeth Truss
Chris Evans	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Framework Agreement for Language Services*

Ordered, That correspondence with HM Courts and Tribunals Service regarding the Framework Agreement for Language Services be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. *Operation of the Family Courts: follow-up*

Jonathan Djanogly MP, Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, and Tim Loughton MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Education, gave oral evidence

4. Budget and Structure of the MOJ

Matthew Coats, Chief Executive, Legal Services Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 June at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 19 June 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Evans	Elizabeth Truss

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth Justice

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMYOI Feltham and HMYOI Hindley in connection with its inquiry into *youth justice*.

3. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Attorney General.

4. Youth Justice

a) Memoranda for publication on the internet

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Youth Justice inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Youth Offending Service, Reading; Catch22; Prison Reform Trust; HM Inspectorate of Prisons; and the Children's Commissioner.

b) Declaration of interests

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had been a member of the advisory panel to the Howard League's inquiry into former armed service personnel in prison and that he had participated in a visit to Milan which had been sponsored by the same organisation.

c) *Oral evidence*

Alexandra Crossley, Senior Researcher, Centre for Social Justice, Andrew Neilson, Director of Campaigns, Howard League for Penal Reform and Enver Solomon, Chair, Standing Committee on Youth Justice, gave oral evidence.

Ordered, That the public withdraw.

Resolved, That the Committee now take evidence to be given by User Voice at this day's sitting in private.

User Voice gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 June at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 26 June 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Ben Gummer
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	Seema Malhotra
Nick de Bois	Elizabeth Truss
Chris Evans	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Budget and structure of the MoJ*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *budget and structure of the MoJ* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Professional Interpreters' Alliance.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 July at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 3 July 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Evans	Elizabeth Truss
Ben Gummer	Karl Turner

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into women offenders.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Serious Fraud Office.

2. *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*

Draft Report (*Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*), 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 96-I.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 July at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 10 July 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Ben Gummer
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	Seema Malhotra
Chris Evans	Elizabeth Truss

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into EU Data Protection framework proposals.

2. *Youth Justice*

a) *Declaration of interests*

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he was a Recorder of the Crown Court.

b) *Oral evidence*

- a. Gareth Jones, Vice-Chair, Association of Youth Offending Team Managers, Paul O'Hara, Manager, Bradford Youth Offending Service, Wendy Poynton, Manager, Leicestershire Youth Offending Service, and
- b. Steve Crocker, Association of Directors of Children's Services, Assistant Chief Constable Kevin Wilkins, Association of Chief Police Officers, and John Bache, Chairman, Youth Courts Committee, Magistrates' Association gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 July at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 17 July 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Ben Gummer
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	Seema Malhotra
Nick de Bois	Elizabeth Truss

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solutions Contract.

2. *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Rt Hon Tony Blair.

3. *Budget and structure of the Ministry of Justice*

Draft Report (*The budget and structure of the Ministry of Justice*), 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 97-I.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 September at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 4 September 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Seema Malhotra
Mr Robert Buckland	Yasmin Qureshi
Jeremy Corbyn	Elizabeth Truss
Mr Elfyn Llwyd	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *European Data Protection framework proposals*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *European Data Protection framework proposals* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Brussels European Employee Relations Group; Information Commissioner; Towers Watson; Stephanie Johnson; FLA; Microsoft Ltd; RSA Insurance Group; Equifax Ltd; Professional Publishers Association; Christopher Millard, Alan Cunningham, Kuan Hon of the Cloud Legal Project, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London; U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Welcome Trust; CIFAS; NHS European Office; Association of Chief Police Officers; Advertising Association; Federation of Small Businesses; Association of British Insurers; International Regulatory Strategy Group; Which?; Thomson Reuters; British Bankers' Association; Market Research Society; ISBA; Symantec Corporation; Business Software Alliances; Direct Marketing Association of the United States; UK Cards; Adobe Systems; MoJ; Association for Financial Markets in Europe; Information Commissioner; Newspaper Association; Society of Editors; Internet Advertising Bureau UK; Association of Medical Research; Intellect; Direct Marketing Association (UK) Ltd; Ebay Inc; Pearson Plc; Aimia; British Medical Association; CBI; and Privacy International.

- a. Ian Readhead, Director of Information, Association of Chief Police Offices, Merilyne Knox, Head of Public Access Office, Metropolitan Police;
- b. Jean Gonié, Director of Privacy EU Affairs, Microsoft, Sietske de Groot, Senior EU and International Affairs Policy Advisor, Federation of Small Businesses; and
- c. Christopher Graham, Information Commissioner, and David Smith, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Data Protection, Information Commissioner's Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 September at 10.15am.]

Tuesday 11 September 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Seema Malhotra
Mr Robert Buckland	Yasmin Qureshi
Jeremy Corbyn	Elizabeth Truss
Mr Elfyn Llwyd	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Children and Families Bill.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Secretary of State for Justice on the work of the Secretary of State.

2. *Petition*

The Committee noted the petition from residents of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire and the surrounding areas, presented by Peter Bone MP, on the subject of the proposed closure of Wellingborough Prison.

3. *European Data Protection framework proposals*

- a. Anna Fielder, Trustee and Company Secretary, Privacy International, Georgina Nelson, Lawyer, Information Policy, Which?; and
- b. Françoise Le Bail, Director General, and Marie-Hélène Boulanger, Head of the Data Protection Unit, Directorate-General JUSTICE, European Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 September at 4.45pm.]

Monday 17 September 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Chris Evans
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *European Data Protection framework proposals*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *European Data Protection framework proposals* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Digital Policy Alliance; and Microsoft Ltd.

Lord McNally, Minister of State, Glenn Preston, Deputy Director, Information and Devolution, and Tim Jewell, Deputy Director, Legal Directorate, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 October at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 16 October 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Robert Buckland	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland in connection with its inquiries into *Youth Justice* and *women offenders*.

2. *Petition*

The Committee noted the petition from members of Usdaw, presented by Cathy Jamieson MP, on the subject of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

3. *Interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solutions contract*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solutions contract* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Jeremy Lynn; EULITA; Law Society; Sarolta Melania Lillywhite; Laura Orsini; International Association of Conference Interpreters; Matthew Scott; Elder Rahimi Solicitors; Colvin de Silva; Susanna Garcia; Zornitsa Stoyanova; SE Suffolk Bench; Yelena McCafferty; Saadia Ahmad; Orsolia Mance; Eszter Fejes; Dr Yvonne Fowler; John McCarthy; Professional Interpreters for Justice; Capita; Magdalena Taylor; Marketa Moskvikova; Miguel Llorens; Jennifer Hogg; Marie Adamova; SOMI UK; Klasiena Slaney; Dr Francis Beresford; Ranjeeta Johnson; Kasia Beresford; National Register of Public Service Interpreters; Chartered Institute of Linguistics; Sitta K Sittambalam; Elvana Moore; Sense; Ian McGarr; Jennifer Smith; Rekha Narula; Amanda Clement; Association of Sign Language Interpreters; Dr Christopher Stone; Thuy O'Shea; Professional Interpreters Alliance; Carita Thomas; Emery Johnson Solicitors; Prison Reform Trust; Fair Trials International; University Council of Modern Languages, Open University; Peter Beeke; Irina Jefremova; Yvonna Swanson; Bogumila Kolbus; Elena Irimia; Association of Translation Companies; The Magistrates' Association; Marc Starr; Involvis Ltd; Institute of Translation and Interpreting; Cintra Ltd; Dennings LLP; The Reverend Michael J Slade; National Audit Office; Ministry of Justice; thebigword; Dr Zuzana Windle; Gonul Ekmekci; Dev Rajasansi; Pawel Nalewaj; Ligia Xavier; Amjad Parvez; Brooke Townsley; and Dr Francis Beresford.

4. *Youth Justice*

- a. Debbie Pippard, Vice Chair, Transition to Adulthood Alliance, Sue Berelowitz, Deputy Children's Commissioner, Claire Moser, Policy Officer, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists; and
- b. Hugh Thornbery, Director of Business Development, Action for Children, Ian Langley and Clare Hobbs, Wessex Dance Academy, and Dr Becky Morland, Peterborough Multi-Systemic Therapy pilot, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 October at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 23 October 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine

Mr Robert Buckland

Nick de Bois

Yasmin Qureshi

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solutions contract*

- a. Madeleine Lee, Director, Professional Interpreters' Alliance, Nick Rosenthal, Chair, Institute of Translation and Interpreting, Ted Sangster, Chair, National Register of Public Service Interpreters; and
- b. John Fassenfelt, Chairman, Magistrates' Association, and Richard Atkinson, Chair, Criminal Law Committee, Law Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 24 October 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Nick de Bois
Mr Robert Buckland	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *The work of the Attorney General*

a) Declaration of interests

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he is a Crown Court Recorder and that until 2010 he was regularly instructed by the CPS in the Crown Court.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she had formerly worked for the CPS, had been regularly instructed by the CPS as a Member of the independent bar and that she had a relative that worked for the CPS.

b) Oral evidence

Rt Hon Dominic Grieve MP, Attorney General, gave oral evidence.

3. *EU Data protection Framework*

Draft Report (*The Committee's opinion on the European Union Data Protection framework proposals*), 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 572.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 October at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 30 October 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Nick de Bois
Mr Robert Buckland	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solutions contract*

- a. Andy Parker, Joint Chief Operating Officer, Sunna van Loo, Public Service Director, and Gavin Wheeldon, former CEO, Applied Language Solutions, Ann Beasley, DG Finance and Corporate Services, Peter Handcock, Chief Executive, HM Courts and Tribunals Service; and
- b. Helen Grant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 November at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 6 November 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland	Yasmin Qureshi
Jeremy Corbyn	Seema Malhotra
Mr Elfyn Llwyd	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels in a representative capacity to attend an Interparliamentary Committee meeting on the Common European Sales Law.

2. *Youth Justice*

- a. Nick Hardwick, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, Juliet Lyon, Director, Prison Reform Trust, and Darren Coyne, Projects and Development Manager, Care Leavers' Association; and
- b. Deborah Coles, Co-Director, INQUEST, and Carol Pounder, the mother of Adam Rickwood, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 7 November 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland
Jeremy Corbyn
Nick de Bois

Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Yasmin Qureshi

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Children and Families Bill*

a) *Declaration of interests*

Nick de Bois declared that he was a party to mediation.

Mr Robert Buckland declared that he was a Crown Court recorder.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had practised in the family courts.

Yasmin Qureshi declared that she had practised in the family courts.

b) *Oral evidence*

a. Naomi Angell, Family Law Committee, Law Society, Janet Bazley QC, Family Law Bar Association, Martha Cover, Association of Lawyers for Children;

b. Jane Robey, National Family Mediation and Colin Anderson, College of Mediators; and

c. Dr Judith Freedman, Consortium of Expert Witnesses, and Ann Haigh, Nagalro, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 November at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 13 November 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine

Mr Robert Buckland

Rehman Chishti

Jeremy Corbyn

Yasmin Qureshi

1. Declaration of Interests by a new Member

Rehman Chishti MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, see appendix A.

2. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit YOI Feltham in connection with its inquiry into *Youth Justice*; and the Crown Prosecution Service offices in Reading in connection with its ongoing scrutiny of the work of the CPS.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Information Commissioner's office; and from the Legal Services Board.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Crown Dependencies* (follow-up).

3. Operation of the Family Courts

The Committee agreed to report to the House correspondence in connection with the *Operation of the Family Courts* in response to an FOI request.

4. The work of the Serious Fraud Office

David Green CB QC, Director, Serious Fraud Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 November at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 20 November 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Jeremy Corbyn
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Rehman Chishti	Seema Malhotra

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Children and Families Bill*

- a. Hon Mrs Justice Pauffley DBE, and Hon Mr Justice Ryder, Family Judiciary
- b. Clare Chamberlin, Project Manager, Tri-borough Care Proceedings Pilot, Steve Crocker, Deputy Director (Children and Families), Hampshire County Council, Anthony Douglas, Chief Executive, Cafcass and Bruce Clark, Director of Policy, Cafcass; and
- c. Ken Sanderson, CEO, Families Need Fathers, and Paul Apreda, National Manager, FNF Both Parents Matter Cymru, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 21 November 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Jeremy Corbyn
Mr Robert Buckland	Nick de Bois
Rehman Chishti	Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Children and Families Bill*

a) *Declaration of interests*

Nick de Bois MP declared that he was participating in a mediation process.

b) Oral evidence

- a. Lisa Harker, Head of the Strategy Unit, and Tom Rahilly, Head of Strategy and Development for looked after children, NSPCC; and
- b. Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice, and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords, and Edward Timpson, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Children and Families), Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 November at 9.00am.]

Tuesday 27 November 2012

Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith visited Brussels, in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 November 2012.

Jeremy Corbyn and Seema Malhotra visited HMP Feltham, in a representative capacity, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Women offenders in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7 November 2012.

Wednesday 28 November 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Nick de Bois
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Rehman Chishti	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *The work of the Secretary of State*

a) Declaration of interests

Steve Brine MP declared that he was married to a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

b) Oral evidence

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 December at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 4 December 2012

Meeting held in Stormont Castle, Belfast

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine

Mr Robert Buckland

Jeremy Corbyn

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Ministry of Justice Annual Report*

Ordered, That written evidence received from the Ministry of Justice be reported to the House for publication on the internet: correspondence with the Permanent Secretary.

3. *Youth Justice*

- a. Paula Jack, Chief Executive, Mary Brannigan, Director, Youth Justice Services, Youth Justice Agency Northern Ireland; and
- b. Professor Shadd Maruna, Director, Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Queen's University Belfast, Dave Weir, Director of Services, Families and Children, NIACRO, and Koulla Yiasouma, Director, Include Youth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 December at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 11 December 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland

Rehman Chishti

Jeremy Corbyn

Nick de Bois

Andy McDonald

1. *Declaration of Interests by a new Member*

Andy McDonald MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, see appendix B.

2. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Youth Justice*

Frances Done, Chair, John Drew, Chief Executive, Youth Justice Board, and Jeremy Wright MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.30am.]

Wednesday 12 December 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Robert Buckland
Jeremy Corbyn

Nick de Bois
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *older prisoners*.

2. *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Children and Families Bill*

Draft Report (*Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Children and Families Bill*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 739.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 December at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 18 December 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine
Mr Robert Buckland
Jeremy Corbyn

Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Seema Malhotra
Andy McDonald

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Women offenders*

a) Declaration of interests

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had been a member of the Steering Group of the APPG on Girls in the Criminal Justice System.

b) Oral evidence

Baroness Corston and Liz Hogarth gave oral evidence.

Ordered, That the public withdraw.

Resolved, That the Committee now take evidence in private.

A panel of ex women offenders gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 January at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 15 January 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine

Rehman Chishti

Jeremy Corbyn

Nick de Bois

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Andy McDonald

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels in January to attend the Interparliamentary meeting on Freedom of Movement in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Second Offences Guideline: Consultation.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into post-legislative scrutiny of the Serious Crime Act 2007.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Draft Public Bodies (Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013.

2. *Women offenders*

Jackie Russell, Women's Breakout, Peter Kilgarriff, Corston Independent Funders Coalition, Sharon Spurling, Swan Project, and Joy Doal, Anawim, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 January at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 22 January 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Nick de Bois
Mr Robert Buckland	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	Graham Stringer

1. Declaration of Interests

Graham Stringer declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

2. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council

Draft Report (*Draft Public Bodies (Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 927.

4. Interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solution contract

Draft Report (*Interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solutions contract*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 645.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 January at 9.15am.]

22 January 2013

The Committee visited the Crown Prosecution Service Headquarters, Reading, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7 November 2012.

Members who participated in the visit: Rehman Chishti, Nick de Bois and Mr Elfyn Llwyd.

Tuesday 29 January 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Rehman Chishti	Andy McDonald
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois	Graham Stringer

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Women offenders inquiry

a) Written evidence

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Women offenders* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: INQUEST; Working Chance; and Action for Prisoner's Families.

b) Declaration of Interests

Mr Llwyd declared an interest as a member of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

c) Oral evidence

- a. Juliet Lyon, Prison Reform Trust, Frances Crook, Howard League for Penal Reform, and Clive Martin, Clinks; and Rachel Halford, Women in Prison; and
- b. Jacqueline McKenzie, Hibiscus, Deborah Cowley, Action for Prisoners' Families, and Sherry Ashfield, Lucy Faithfull Foundation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 February at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 5 February 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Rt Hon Elwyn Llwyd
Rehman Chishti	Andy McDonald
Jeremy Corbyn	Graham Stringer

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor, on the Government's transforming rehabilitation proposals.

2. *The work of the Information Commissioner*

Ordered, That written evidence received from the Information Commissioner be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Christopher Graham, Information Commissioner, David Smith, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Data Protection and Graham Smith, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Freedom of Information, Information Commissioner's Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 February at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 26 February 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Andy McDonald
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Gareth Johnson	Graham Stringer
Mr Elwyn Llwyd	Mike Weatherley
Seema Malhotra	

1. *Declaration of interests by a new Member*

Gareth Johnson MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, see appendix C.

Mike Weatherley MP disclosed his interests in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, see appendix D.

2. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Supplementary estimates 2012-13*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Supplementary estimates 2012-13* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Ministry of Justice; Serious Fraud Office; HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor; Crown Prosecution Service; National Archives; Supreme Court.

4. *Youth Justice*

Draft Report (*Youth Justice*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 339.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 27 February 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Andy McDonald
Nick de Bois	Yasmin Qureshi
Gareth Johnson	Graham Stringer
Mr Elfyn Llwyd	Mike Weatherley

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Older Prisoners*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Older prisoners* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Prisoner A; Prisoner B; Prisoner C; Dr Azrini Wahidin; Prisoner D; Prisoner E; Prisoner F; Prisoner G; Prisoner H; Prisoner I; Prisoner J; Prisoner K; Jen Geary; and the Criminal Justice Alliance.

3. *Transforming Rehabilitation*

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 March at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 5 March 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Rehman Chishti	Seema Malhotra
Jeremy Corbyn	Graham Stringer
Nick de Bois	Mike Weatherley
Gareth Johnson	

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMP Styal and Adelaide House in connection with its inquiry into *Women offenders*.

2. Women offenders

- a. Liz Rijnenberg, Probation Chiefs' Association, Liz Calderbank, Acting HM Chief Inspector of Probation, Val Castell, Magistrates' Association Sentencing Committee; and
- b. Nick Hardwick, HM Inspector of Prisons and Eoin McLennan Murray, President, Prison Governors' Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 March at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 12 March 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Rehman Chishti	Andy McDonald
Jeremy Corbyn	Yasmin Qureshi
Nick de Bois	Graham Stringer
Gareth Johnson	Mike Weatherley

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into crime reduction policies: a co-ordinated approach?.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Crown Dependencies: developments since 2010.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Parole Board.

2. *Scrutiny of the draft Public Bodies (Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013*

Draft Report (*Scrutiny of the draft Public Bodies (Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013*), 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 965.

3. *The functions, powers and resources of the Information Commissioner*

Draft Report (*The functions, powers and resources of the Information Commissioner*), 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 962.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 March at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 19 March 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Andy McDonald
Jeremy Corbyn	Seema Malhotra
Gareth Johnson	Graham Stringer
Mr Elfyn Llwyd	

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *The work of the Legal Services Board*

a) Declaration of Interests

Gareth Johnson declared that he was a practising solicitor.

Mr Elfyn Llwyd declared that he had practised as a solicitor for the last 15 years and had practised at the Bar up until last year.

Andy McDonald declared that he has a current practising certificate as a solicitor.

b) *Oral evidence*

David Edmonds, Chair and Chris Kenny, Chief Executive, Legal Services Board, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 March at 9.15am.]

25 March 2013

The Committee visited HMP Styal and Adelaide House in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Women offenders in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 March 2013.

Members who participated in the visit: Sir Alan Beith, Steve Brine and Jeremy Corbyn.

Tuesday 26 March 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine

Jeremy Corbyn

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Seema Malhotra

Andy McDonald

Graham Stringer

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Houston and Austin, Texas, in connection with its inquiry into *crime reduction policies: a co-ordinated approach*, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMP Isle of Wight and HMP Dartmoor in connection with the Committee's inquiry into *Older prisoners*.

2. *Older prisoners*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Older prisoners* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet: HM Chief Inspector of Prisons; NEPACS; POA (The Professional Trades Union for Prison, Correctional and Secure Psychiatric Workers); Prisons and Probation Ombudsman; Offender Health Research Network; The British Psychological Society; Nick Le Mesurier; RECOOP; Louise Ridley and Charlotte Bilby; Centre for Mental Health and the Mental Health Foundation. AGE UK; Dr Elaine Crawley; Association of Members of Independent Monitoring Boards; The Royal College of Psychiatrists; Solicitor A; Prisoners Education Trust; Restore Support Network; Prisoner spouse A; Leigh Day; Prison Reform Trust; Ministry of Justice; Prisoner L; Prisoner M; Prisoner N; and Prisoner O.

3. *Women offenders*

Mrs Helen Grant MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ian Porée, Rehabilitation Programme Director, Ministry of Justice, and Michael Spurr, Chief Executive, National Offender Management Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 April at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 16 April 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine
Nick de Bois
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Andy McDonald
Mike Weatherley

1. *Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 April at 9.15am.]

22 April 2013

The Committee visited HMP Isle of Wight in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Older prisoners in accordance with the Committee's decision of 26 March 2013.

Members who participated in the visit: Sir Alan Beith, Steve Brine and Andy McDonald.

Tuesday 23 April 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Steve Brine	Gareth Johnson
Rehman Chishti	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Jeremy Corbyn	Seema Malhotra
Nick de Bois	Mike Weatherley

1. Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Public Bodies Act (Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013

Draft Special Report (*Scrutiny of the draft Public Bodies (Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2012–13*), 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 of Session 2012–13 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.

3. Older prisoners

- a. Nick Hardwick, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, Peter McParlin, National Chairman, Prison Officers Association, and Nigel Newcomen, Prison and Probation Ombudsman; and
- b. Helen Boothman, Secretary, Association of Members of Independent Monitoring Boards, Sean Humber, Partner, Leigh Day, and Dr Azrini Wahidin, Reader in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Queen's University, Belfast, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 May at 9.15am.]

Appendix A

Rehman Chishti*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc*

Received payments from the Crown Prosecution Service for work carried out as a barrister prior to the 2010 General Election, Address: Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HS.

29 July 2010, two payments of £46.50;

5 August 2010, three payments of £46.50, one payment of £100 and one of £310;

17 August 2010, £46.50;

20 August 2010, £238.34;

23 August 2010, £46.50;

4 October 2010, £46.50;

12 October 2010, £60;

8 November 2010, £46.50;

21 December 2010, £46.50;

14 January 2011, £110;

31 March 2011, £66.

(Registered 12 December 2011)

11 April 2011, £157.80;

23 May 2011, £54.64, £137.48 and £99.88

31 May 2011, £167.40

(Registered 14 December 2011)

Received on 8 June 2011, payment of £126.16 from Geoffrey Miller Solicitors, in respect of work done prior to the 2010 General Election. Address: PO Box 748, Aeroworks, Adair St, Manchester M60 2YS. *(Registered 14 December 2011)*

Received on 20 January 2012, payment of £438.86 from London Probation Trust in respect of work done prior to the 2010 General Election. Address: Finance Department of London Probation Trust, 71/73 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2BN *(Registered 27 January 2012)*

Sponsorships

Received donations to his constituency party or association, which had been or would be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Bestway Cash and Carry Ltd

Address of donor: 2 Abbey Road, Park Royal, London NW10 7BW

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

Donor status: Company

(Registered 4 September 2012)

Overseas visits

Name of donor: Majlis As Shura - Shura Council of Kingdom Saudi Arabia
 Address of donor: c/o Embassy of Saudi Arabia, 30 Charles St, London W1J 5DZ
 Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £3,025
 Destination of visit: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
 Date of visit: 4-8 December 2011

Purpose of visit: All Party Parliamentary Group visit to Riyadh at the invitation of the Shura Council to meet with Members of the Shura Council, Government Ministers and various human rights groups to further understanding of the Kingdom and its latest developments as well as to strengthen political ties with the country. *(Registered 4 January 2012)*

Name of donor: Government of Pakistan
 Address of donor: c/o High Commission of Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN
 Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £3,369.91 approx for all flights, accommodation and food
 Destination of visit: Islamabad, Muzaffarabad, Karachi, Sakkar, Gari Huda Baksh and Nudaro
 Date of visit: 7-14 April 2012
 Purpose of visit: As state guest of the Government, to meet the President and Government Ministers of Pakistan and the President and Ministers of Pakistan Administered Kashmir (Azad Jammu and Kashmir) and to build and strengthen relationships between the UK and Pakistan. *(Registered 13 May 2012)*

Miscellaneous

Councillor Rainham Central Medway Council. Since my election to Parliament I draw no allowances.

Non-practising barrister.

Appendix B**Andy McDonald***Remunerated employment, office, profession etc*

Received from Thompsons Solicitors LLP, 202-206 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 3QW, payment of £9,061 following termination of my employment as a solicitor on my election. Hours: nil. *(Registered 28 December 2012)*

Sponsorships

(b) Support in the capacity as an MP:

Name of donor: Thompsons Solicitors LLP
 Address of donor: 202-206 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 3QW
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Date of receipt: 6 November 2012
 Date of acceptance: 6 November 2012
 Donor status: limited liability partnership
 (*Registered 28 December 2012*)

Name of donor: GMB Northern Region
 Address of donor: Mosley St, Newcastle upon Tyne
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
 Date of receipt: 16 November 2012
 Date of acceptance: 16 November 2012
 Donor status: trade union
 (*Registered 28 December 2012*)

Land and Property

Residential property in Middlesbrough. (*Registered 28 December 2012*)

Miscellaneous

Solicitor (not currently employed as such) (*Registered 28 December 2012*)

Appendix C

Gareth Johnson

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Employed as a solicitor by Thomas Boyd Whyte Solicitors, 302 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent.

Received £800 gross in April 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 30 May 2012*)

Received £800 gross in May 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 30 May 2012*)

Received £800 gross in June 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 3 July 2012*)

Received £800 gross in July 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 5 September 2012*)

Received £800 gross in August 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 5 September 2012*)

Received £800 gross in September 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 24 September 2012*)

Received £800 gross in October 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 9 November 2012*)

Received £800 gross in November 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 9 November 2012*)

Received £800 gross in December 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 26 February 2013*)

Received £800 gross in January 2013. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 26 February 2013*)

Received £800 gross in February 2013. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 26 February 2013*)

October 2012, I received £150 from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY, for market research. Hours: 1 hr. Payment donated to Dartford Conservatives. (*Registered 9 November 2012*)

Overseas visits

Name of donor:

1) Conservative Middle East Council

2) Kurdistan Democratic Party

Address of donor:

1)55 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QL

2)Kurdistan Democratic Party, Salahideen, Erbil, Iraq

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £3,920 covering flights, transportation, accommodation and meals

Destination of visit:

Iraqi Kurdistan

Date of visit: 27-30 August 2012

Purpose of visit: to enhance international relations

(Registered 6 September 2012)

Appendix D**Mike Weatherley***Directorships*

Motion Picture Licensing Co Ltd (studio and partner relations), 4 Saffrons Rd Eastbourne, BN 21 1DG, and subsidiaries Christian Video Licensing (Europe) Ltd, Motion Picture Licensing Company Poland, Film Lisensiering AS, Motion Picture Licensing Company Norge AS, Motion Picture Licensing Company Spain, Motion Picture Licensing Company International and Motion Picture Licensing Company Denmark A/S. Hours: 6 hours a month. Payments received; all gross:

30 March 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 26 April 2012)*

30 April 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 23 May 2012)*

30 May 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 21 June 2012)*

30 June 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 20 July 2012)*

30 July 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 21 August 2012)*

30 August 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 4 September 2012)*

30 September 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 31 October 2012)*

30 October 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 31 October 2012)*

30 November 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 19 December 2012)*

30 December 2012, £2,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 7 January 2013)*

30 January 2013, £6,500. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 24 February 2013)*