Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

The Business, Innovation and Skills Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Current membership

Mr Adrian Bailey MP (Labour, West Bromwich West) (Chair)
Mr Brian Binley MP (Conservative, Northampton South)
Paul Blomfield MP (Labour, Sheffield Central)
Katy Clark MP (Labour, North Ayrshire and Arran)
Mike Crockart MP (Liberal Democrat, Edinburgh South)
Caroline Dinenage MP (Conservative, Gosport)
Julie Elliott MP (Labour, Sunderland Central)
Rebecca Harris MP (Conservative, Castle Point)
Ann McKechin MP (Labour, Glasgow North)
Mr Robin Walker MP (Conservative, Worcester)
Nadhim Zahawi MP (Conservative, Stratford-upon-Avon)

The following members were also members of the Committee during the parliament.
Luciana Berger MP (Labour, Liverpool, Wavertree)
Jack Dromey MP (Labour, Birmingham, Erdington)
Margot James MP (Conservative, Stourbridge)
Dan Jarvis MP (Labour, Barnsley Central)
Simon Kirby MP (Conservative, Brighton Kemptown)
Gregg McClymont MP (Labour, Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East)
Nicky Morgan MP (Conservative, Loughborough)
Chi Onwurah MP (Labour, Newcastle upon Tyne Central)
Rachel Reeves MP (Labour, Leeds West)
Ian Murray MP (Labour, Edinburgh South)
Mr David Ward MP (Liberal Democrat, Bradford East)

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/bis. A list of Reports of the Committee in the present Parliament is at the back of this volume.

The Reports of the Committee, the formal minutes relating to that report, oral evidence taken and some or all written evidence are available in a printed volume.

Additional written evidence may be published on the Internet only.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are James Davies (Clerk), Amelia Aspden (Second Clerk), Josephine Willows (Committee Specialist), Peter Stam (Committee Specialist), Ian Hook (Senior Committee Assistant), Pam Morris (Committee Assistant), and Henry Ayi-Hyde (Committee Support Assistant).
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Formal Minutes of the Business, Innovation and Skills Committee, Session 2013–14

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 14 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley, Ann McKechin
Paul Blomfield, Robin Walker
Katy Clark, Nadhim Zahawi
Caroline Dinenage

1. UK Retail Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the UK Retail Sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc
- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers
- Alliance for Intellectual Property
- National Federation of SubPostmasters
- Emma Brooksbank
- Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers
- New West End Company
- British Council of Shopping Centres
- Accessible Retail
- Association of Town and City Management
- Alliance Boots
- National Federation of Retail Newsagents
- National Skills Academy for Retail
- British Retail Consortium
- British Property Federation
- The Co-operative Group
- Petrol Retailers Association
- Local Government Association
2. The possible effects of Scottish Independence on UK business

Agreed, That the Committee inquire into The possible effects of Scottish Independence on UK business.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow and Edinburgh on 16-18 June 2013, in connection with its inquiry into the possible effects of Scottish Independence on UK business.

3. Open Access

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

- Supplementary written evidence from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Supplementary written evidence from the Public Library of Science
- Supplementary written evidence from Professor Stevan Harnad
- Supplementary written evidence from SPARC Europe

Rt Hon. David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science, and Ron Egginton C Eng MBA, Head BBSRC and ESRC Team Research Funding Unit, BIS Observer on the Finch working group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 May 2013 at 9.00 a.m.]
Tuesday 21 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Paul Blomfield  Rebecca Harris
Katy Clark  Ann McKechin
Mike Crockart  Robin Walker
Julie Elliott  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Extractive Industries

Agreed, That the Committee inquire into Extractive Industries.

2. UK Retail Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

Helen Dickinson, Director General, British Retail Consortium, Jonathan James, Chairman, Shane Brennan Public Affairs Director, Association of Convenience Stores, Edward Cooke, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, British Council of Shopping Centres, and Mark Williams, Chairman, Distressed Town Centre Taskforce, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 June 2013 at 9.00 a.m.]
Tuesday 4 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Brian Binley  Julie Elliott
Paul Blomfield  Rebecca Harris
Katy Clark  Ann McKechn
Mike Crockart  Robin Walker
Caroline Dinenage  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Women in the Workplace

The Committee informally considered the Chair’s draft Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 9.00 a.m.]
Tuesday 11 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Mike Crockart
Caroline Dinenage

Rebecca Harris
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Women in the Workplace

Draft Report (Women in the Workplace), 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 First Report of the Committee, Session 2013-14, (HC 342-I).

2. Pub Companies: Government Consultation on a Statutory Code of Practice

Brigid Simmonds OBE, Chief Executive, British Beer and Pub Association, Bernard Brindley, Chairman, British Institute of Innkeeping, Simon Clarke, Independent Pub Confederation, Kate Nicholls, Strategic Affairs Director, Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers, Martin Caffrey, Operations Director, Federation of Licensed Victuallers Associations and Phil Dixon, independent pub advisor, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 June 2013 at 10.00 am.]
Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 June 2013

The Chair, Paul Blomfield, Katy Clark, Mike Crockart, Caroline Dinenage, Julie Elliott, Ann McKechin, and Robin Walker visited Glasgow and Edinburgh in connection with the Committee’s inquiry the implications of Scottish Independence for business, higher education and research, and postal services, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 14 May 2013.

Monday 17 June 2013
Senate Room, University of Glasgow

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Paul Blomfield       Caroline Dinenage
Katy Clark           Ann McKechin
Mike Crockart        Robin Walker

1. BIS Main Estimates Memorandum

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Communication Workers Union
- Consumer Futures
- Institute of Physics
- OFCOM
- Royal Astronomical Society
- Royal Mail Group
- Scotch Whisky Association

Iain McMillan, Director, CBI Scotland, Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp, founder and facilitator, Business for Scotland, Jo Armstrong, Independent Economic Research, Centre for Public Policy for Regions (CPPR), University of Glasgow, gave oral evidence.
Robin Parker, President, NUS Scotland, Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland, and Ms Mary Senior, Scottish Official, University and College Union Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Trisha McAuley, Director for Scotland, and Robert Hammond, Director of Postal Policy and Regulation, Consumer Futures, John Brown, Scottish Regional Officer, Communications Workers Union, Paul Hook, Head of Policy and Communications, National Federation of Subpostmasters, Jonathan Millidge, Company Secretary, Royal Mail, and Mike Granville, Head of Stakeholder Relations, Post Office Ltd, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 June 2013 at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 18 June 2013
Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair
Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Mike Crockart
Ann McKechn
Robin Walker

1. Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services

David C Watt, Executive Director, Institute of Directors, Scotland, and Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Sterling, gave oral evidence.

James Barbour, Director, Technical Policy, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 25 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  
Paul Blomfield  
Katy Clark  
Caroline Dinenage  
Julie Elliott  
Rebecca Harris  
Ann McKechin  
Robin Walker  
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Open Access

The Committee considered this matter.

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

- Supplementary written evidence submitted by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

2. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Scottish Government
- National Federation of Subpostmasters

4. UK Retail Sector

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the UK Retail Sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- UK BIDs

Fiona Wilson, Head of Research and Economics, and Stephen Rydzkowski, Research Assistant, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW), gave oral evidence.
Martin Blackwell, Chief Executive, Association of Town & City Management, and Sara Scott, Chair, Market Rasen Town Team, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 July 2013 at 9.00 am.

Tuesday 2 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Mike Crockart
Caroline Dinenage

Rebecca Harris
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker

1. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Draft Consumer Rights Bill.

2. Extractive Industries

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Extractive Industries.

3. The Kay Review of UK Equity Markets and Long-term Decision Making

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The Kay Review of UK Equity Markets and Long-term Decision Making be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Supplementary written evidence submitted by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

4. Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Supplementary evidence from Consumer Futures Scotland
- Wellcome Trust

5. Pub Companies Statutory Code
The Committee considered this matter.

6. UK Retail Sector

Alex Gourlay, Chief Executive of the Health and Beauty Division, Alliance Boots, Tony Wheeler, Head of Branch, Peter Jones, and Mark Lewis, Online Director, John Lewis, and Tony Ginty, Head of Public Affairs, Marks and Spencer, gave oral evidence.

Martyn Hulme, Managing Director, Co-operative Estates, Tim Fallowfield, Director of Corporate Services and Company Secretary, Sainsburys, and David Hobbs, Director of UK Operational Strategy and Business Planning, Tesco, gave oral evidence.

David Owen, Chief Executive, GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership, Professor Joshua Bamfield, Director, Centre for Retail Research, Alexandra Birtles, Head of External Communications, TalkTalk Group, and Liz Peace, Chief Executive, British Property Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 9 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechin
Mike Crockart  Robin Walker
Caroline Dinenage  Nadhim Zahawi
Rebecca Harris

1. Local Enterprise Partnerships

Draft Special Report (Local Enterprise Partnerships: Interim Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2012–13), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee in 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 Chairman make the Report to the House.

2. Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- University and College Union

3. UK Retail Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Extractive Industries

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Pub Companies: Government Consultation on a Statutory Code

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 11 July 2013 at 9.00 am.]
Tuesday 16 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley           Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield            Ann McKechin
Mike Crockart             Robin Walker
Caroline Dinenage         Nadhim Zahawi

1. The Kay Review of UK Equity Markets and Long-term Decision Making

Draft Report (The Kay Review of UK Equity Markets and Long-term Decision Making), 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, Session 2013–14, (HC 603).

2. Consultation on a Statutory Code for Pub Companies

Draft Report (Government Consultation on a Statutory Code for Pub Companies), 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, Session 2013–14, (HC 314).

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. UK Retail Sector

Resolved, That the Committee visit Gloucester on 11 and 12 September 2013, in connection with its inquiry into the UK Retail Sector.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the UK Retail Sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- TalkTalk Group
- Bank Machine
- Rodney Atkinson

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 September 2013 at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 3 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Paul Blomfield
Caroline Dinenage
Ann McKechn
Robin Walker

1. Open Access

Draft Report (Open Access), 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, Session 2013–14, (HC 99-I).

2. Royal Mail privatisation

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Extractive Industries

The Committee considered this matter.

4. UK Retail Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 September 2013 at 10.00 am.]
Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 September 2013

The Chair, Paul Blomfield, Katy Clark, Mike Crockart, Caroline Dinenage, Julie Elliott, Ann Mckechin, and Robin Walker visited Gloucester in connection with the Committee’s inquiry the UK Retail Sector, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 16 July 2013.

Thursday 12 September 2013
The Guildhall, Gloucester

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Paul Blomfield
Caroline Dinenage
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker

1. Extractive Industries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Royal Mail Privatisation

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Women in the Workplace

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Women in the Workplace be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

• Response from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2013-14

4. UK Retail Sector

Mary Monfries and Matthew Tod, Price Waterhouse Cooper, gave oral evidence.

Mark Walmsley, Chief Executive, Act Smart; Ken Parsons, Chief Executive, Rural Shops Alliance; Meryl Halls, Head of Membership Services, Booksellers Association, gave oral evidence.

Jane Rexworthy, Director of Skills Solutions and Head of National Skills Academy for Retail, National Skills Academy; and Martin Christian, Kent Research and Policy Director, People 1st, National Skills Academy, gave oral evidence.

Mike Davidson, Head of Retail Operations, Land Securities; and Peter White, Executive Director, Marketing and Customer Services, Gloucestershire College, gave oral evidence.
Tuesday 8 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Caroline Dinenage
Julie Elliott

Rebecca Harris
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Royal Mail Privatisation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Royal Mail Privatisation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Action With Communities In Rural England (Acre)
- Communication Workers Union
- Consumer Futures (Formerly Consumer Focus)
- Bob Goodall
- Institute Of Directors
- National Federation Of Subpostmasters (Nfsp)
- Post Office Limited
- Royal Mail Group
- Save Our Royal Mail
- John Thwaites
- Dr Richard Wilson

2. Fraunhofer UK

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Apprenticeships

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Draft Consumer Rights Bill
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Draft Consumer Rights Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Alliance For Intellectual Property
- Anglian Home Improvements
- Asda Stores Ltd
- Association Of British Insurers (ABI)
- British Chambers Of Commerce (BCC)
- British Hospitality Association (BHA)
- British Independent Retailers Association (BIRA)
- British Retail Consortium(BRC)
- British Sky Broadcasting Limited
- BSA —The Software Alliance
- BT
- British Vehicle and Rental Leasing Association (BVRLA)
- Callcredit, Equifax and Experian
- Professor Peter Cartwright
- CBI
- Centrica Plc
- Citizens Advice
- City Of London Law Society’s Competition Law Committee
- Competition Appeal Tribunal
- Construction Industry Council (CIC)
- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills—Letter from Jo Swinson MP concerning the Consumer Rights Bill—An additional, 'satisfactory quality' test for Services (dated 20 September 2013)
- Energy UK
- ESRC Centre For Competition Policy, University of East Anglia
- Federation Against Software Theft
- Federation Of Small Businesses (FSB)
- Glass And Glazing Federation (GGF)
- Hausfeld & Co. LLP
- Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
- Independent Garages Association (IGA)
- Keep Me Posted Campaign
- Law Commission
- Law Society Of England And Wales
- Microsoft Ltd
- Mobile Broadband Group (MBG)
- Alan Moss
- National Franchised Dealers Association (NFDA)
- Office Of Fair Trading (OFT)
- Ombudsman Services
• Optical Confederation
• Phonepayplus
• Publishers Association
• RICS (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)
• RSVP Introductions Ltd
• Shelter
• Singleton, Solicitors
• Symantec
• Trading Standards Institute and Association of Chief Trading Standards Officers
• U.S. Chamber Institute For Legal Reform
• UK Competitive Telecommunications Association (UKCTA)
• UKIE (Association For UK Interactive Entertainment)
• Which?

Chris Warner, Lead Lawyer (Consumer Rights), Which?; David Hertzell, Law Commissioner, Law Commission; and Matthew Fell, Director for Competitive Markets, CBI, gave oral evidence.

Paul Downhill, Chairman Consumer Policy Advisory Group, British Retail Consortium; Sue Edwards, Partnership Intelligence Manager, Citizens Advice; and Mike Cherry, National Policy Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 October 2013 at 2.00 pm.]
**Wednesday 9 October 2013**

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  
Paul Blomfield  
Katy Clark  
Caroline Dinenage  
Julie Elliott  
Rebecca Harris  
Ann McKechin  
Robin Walker  
Nadhim Zahawi

1. **Royal Mail Privatisation**

Rt Hon. Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 October 2013 at 9.00 am.

**Tuesday 15 October 2013**

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  
Paul Blomfield  
Katy Clark  
Mike Crockart  
Rebecca Harris  
Ann McKechin  
Robin Walker  
Nadhim Zahawi

1. **Extractive Industries**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Royal Mail privatisation**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Draft Consumer Rights Bill**

Gordon Ashworth, Director of Consumer and Markets Policy, OFT; Paul Gurowich, Legal Director in General Counsel’s Office, OFT; Andy Foster, Operations and Policy Director, Trading Standards Institute and Ivan Hancock, Trading Standards Services Manager, Association of Chief Trading Standards Officers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 October 2013 at 9.00 am.]
Tuesday 22 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechin
Mike Crockart  Robin Walker
Caroline Dinenage  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Royal Mail privatisation

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Petition to the House

The Committee considered the petition to the House from the residents of Blaxhall, on the subject of Replacement of Blaxhall Post Box (Suffolk).


Draft Special Report (The Kay Review of the UK Equity Market and Long-term Decision Making: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2013–14), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Third Report from the Committee in Session 2013–14 was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Extractive Industries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit South Africa in connection with its inquiry into Extractive Industries, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure with the visit.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Extractive Industries be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
5. **Elmfield Training Ltd and WM Morrisons apprenticeship scheme**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Pay Day Loan Companies**

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Payday Loan Companies.
7. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Draft Consumer Rights Bill* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter from Jo Swinson MP, Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Letter from the Local Government Association
- Supplementary evidence from the Federation of Small Businesses

Jo Swinson MP, Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 October 2013 at 9.00 am.

**Tuesday 29 October 2013**

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley
Katy Clark
Caroline Dinenage

Rebecca Harris
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker

1. Payday Loan Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Royal Mail Privatisation

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services

The Committee considered this matter.

4. UK Retail Sector

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *UK Retail sector* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- BoxPark
• Supplementary evidence from the British Retail Consortium

Bill Grimsey (author of the Grimsey Review: an alternative future for the high street and Sold Out! Who killed the high street?), gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon. Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 9.00 am.

Tuesday 5 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Mike Crockart

Rebecca Harris
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Arms Export Controls Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Extractive Industries

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Implications for Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research and postal services

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Open Access

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Draft Consumer Rights Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

• Supplementary evidence from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
6. The Insolvency Service

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The Insolvency Service be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter and update on The Insolvency Service from Jo Swinson MP, Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

7. Post Office Network Transformation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Post Office Network Transformation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Written evidence from Consumer Futures

8. Payday Loan Companies

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Payday Loan Companies be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Written evidence from 118 118 Money

Henry Raine, Head of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Wonga, Greg Stevens, Chief Executive, Consumer Credit Trade Association, Adam Freeman, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lender, Russell Hamblin-Boone, Consumer Finance Association, and Andy Lapointe, UK Public Affairs Manager, QuickQuid, gave oral evidence.

Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice, Martin Lewis (from moneysavingexpert.com), Peter Tutton, Head of Policy, StepChange, and Richard Lloyd, Executive Director, Which?, gave oral evidence.

Jo Swinson MP, Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Lesley Titcomb, Chief Operating Officer and Programme Sponsor of Consumer Credit, and Nadege Genetay, Head of Banking, Lending and Protection Policy, Financial Conduct Authority, and David Fisher, Anti Money Laundering and Consumer Credit, Office of Fair Trading, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 November 2013 at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 12 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley
Caroline Dinenage
Rebecca Harris

1. Payday Loan Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Extractive Industries

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

- Africa All-Party Parliamentary Group

3. Royal Mail Privatisation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Royal Mail Privatisation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- David Stubbs

4. UK Retail Sector

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the UK Retail Sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Supplementary written evidence from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (Letter from Rt Hon. Michael Fallon MP, Minister for Business and Energy)

5. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 9.00 am.]
Tuesday 19 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  Ann McKechn
Caroline Dinenage  Robin Walker
Rebecca Harris  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Open Access

Draft Special Report (Open Access: Responses to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2013–14), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Fifth Report from the Committee in Session 2013–14 was appended to the Report.

The response from Research Councils UK (RCUK) to the Fifth Report from the Committee in Session 2013–14 was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Pub Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Extractive Industries

The Committee considered this matter.

David Hargreaves, Mining Consultant and Publisher, Week in Mining; Ros Lund, Senior Manager, Mining on Top; Ben Peachey, Communications Director, International Council on Mining and Metals; and Ken Cronin, CEO, UK Onshore Operators Group, gave oral evidence.


Robert Fenton, Business Consultant and Secretary, Mining Association of the UK; Nigel Jackson, Chairman, CBI Minerals Group; David Odling, Energy Policy Manager, Oil & Gas UK; Stuart Hoult, Director of Mining, UK Coal; and Nigel Holmes, Corporate
Affairs Manager, GDF Suez E&P UK and spokesperson for Oil and Gas Independents Association’ gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 9.00 am.

**Wednesday 20 November 2013**

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  
Mr Brian Binley  
Paul Blomfield  
Katy Clark  
Mike Crockart  

Caroline Dinenage  
Rebecca Harris  
Robin Walker  
Nadhim Zahawi

1. **New Member: Declaration of Interests**

Mr William Bain declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. **Pub Companies**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Royal Mail Privatisation**

The Committee considered this matter.

John Mayne, Managing Director, UK Client Coverage, JP Morgan; Ben Story, Head of UK Investment Banking & Broking, Citibank; Gert Zonneveld, Managing Director, Co-Head of Research, Panmure Gordon; James Agnew, Chairman of UK Corporate Broking, Deutsche Bank; James Robertson, Managing Director, UBS; and Richard Cormack, Managing Director, Co-Head of Equity Capital Markets, Goldman Sachs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 November 2013 at 9.00 am.]
Tuesday 26 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain
Mr Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Mike Crockart

Caroline Dinenage
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Pub Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Extractive Industries

The Committee considered this matter.

David Lawton, Director of Markets, Financial Conduct Authority, gave oral evidence.

Charles Watenphul, Director of Corporate Affairs, Glencore Xstrata, Ed Daniels, Chairman of Shell UK Limited, Shell International Limited, and Tara Hopkins, Chief Adviser, External Affairs, Europe, Rio Tinto, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 November 2013 at 9.00 am.]
**Wednesday 27 November 2013**

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  
Katy Clark  
Mike Crockart  
Caroline Dinenage  
Rebecca Harris  
Ann McKechin  
Robin Walker  
Nadhim Zahawi

1. **Royal Mail Privatisation**

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon. Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Rt Hon. Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State for Business and Energy, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Mark Russell, Chief Executive, Shareholder Executive, and William Rucker, Chief Executive, Lazard, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 December 2013 at 10.00 am.]

**Tuesday 3 December 2013**

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  
Paul Blomfield  
Katy Clark  
Ann McKechin  
Robin Walker

1. **UK Retail Sector**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

Agreed, That the Committee inquire into the Student Loan Book and Student Recruitment.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 December 2013 at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 10 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Mike Crockart

Rebecca Harris
Ann McKechin
Nadhim Zahawi
Robin Walker

1. Student Loans

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Payday Loan Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 December 2013 at 10.00 am.

Thursday 12 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Caroline Dinenage
Rebecca Harris

Ann McKechin
Nadhim Zahawi
Robin Walker

1. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 December 2013 at 9.00 am.]
Tuesday 17 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain          Caroline Dinenage
Mr Brian Binley          Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield           Ann McKechin
Mike Crockart            Nadhim Zahawi

1. Draft Consumer Rights Bill

Draft Report (Draft Consumer Rights 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 Sixth Report of the Committee, Session 2013–14, (HC 697-I).

2. Payday Loans

Draft Report (Payday Loans), 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, Session 2013–14, (HC 789).

3. Pub Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Royal Mail Privatisation

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Royal Mail Privatisation be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter from the Secretary of State (dated 10 December 2013)

5. Student Loans

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

- Written evidence from the NUS
- Written evidence from Bahram Bekhradnia, Director, Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI)
• Written evidence from Dr Andrew McGettigan, Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI)
• Written evidence from Neil Shephard, Professor of Economics and of Statistics, Harvard University; Fellow, Nuffield College, Oxford

Bahram Bekhradnia, Director, Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI), Dr Andrew McGettigan, Author and Expert on University Funding, Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI), and Toni Pearce, President, National Union of Students (NUS), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 January 2014 at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 7 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechnie
Mike Crockart  Robin Walker
Caroline Dinenage  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Extractive Industries Sector: visit to South Africa

The Committee considered this matter.

2. BIS Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Agreed, That the Committee inquire into Adult Literacy.

4. Payday Loans

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 11.00 am.]
Tuesday 14 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  
Mr Brian Binley  
Paul Blomfield  
Katy Clark  
Mike Crockart

Caroline Dinenage  
Rebecca Harris  
Ann McKechin  
Robin Walker  
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Adult Literacy

The Committee considered this matter with the Outreach Team.

Agreed, That the Committee publish the Terms of Reference of the inquiry.

2. Pub Companies Statutory Code

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Fraunhofer in relation to university/business collaboration.

4. Student Loans

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon. David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science, Matthew Hilton, Director Higher Education and Michael Harrison, Director, Shareholder Executive, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 10.15 am.]
Wednesday 22 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  Caroline Dinenage
Mr Brian Binley  Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechin
Katy Clark  Robin Walker
Mike Crockart  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Extractive Industries Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

3. BIS Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon. Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and President of the Board of Trade, Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary and Howard Orme, Director General, Finance and Commercial, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 January at 9.00 am.]
Tuesday 28 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain                      Caroline Dinenage  
Paul Blomfield                        Rebecca Harris     
Katy Clark                            Ann McKechin      
Mike Crockart                         Robin Walker       

1. Apprenticeships

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Extractive Industries Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Business-University Collaboration: The Fraunhofer UK Model

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Martin Dawson, Head of the Fraunhofer Centre for Applied Photonics and Research Director of the Institute of Photonics at the University of Strathclyde and Professor Graham Wren, Chair of Business Engagement, University of Strathclyde, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 February at 10.00 am.]
Tuesday 4 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechin
Katy Clark  Robin Walker
Mike Crockart  Nadhim Zahawi
Caroline Dinenage

1. **Extractive Industries Sector**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Student Loans**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **The Retail Sector**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 February at 10.15 am.]
Wednesday 5 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain                       Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield                        Ann McKechin
Katy Clark                            Robin Walker
Mike Crockart                         Nadhim Zahawi
Caroline Dinenage

1. The implications of Scottish Independence on business; higher education and research; and postal services

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon. Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and President of the Board of Trade, and Rt Hon. David Willetts MP, Minister of State for Universities and Science, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 February at 9.00 am.]
Tuesday 11 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  Caroline Dinenage
Mr Brian Binley  Ann McKechin
Paul Blomfield  Robin Walker
Katy Clark  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Adult Literacy and Numeracy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Association Of Colleges
- Association Of Employment And Learning Providers
- Booktrust
- City & Guilds
- Department For Business Innovation And Skills
- Department For Work And Pensions
- Dyslexia Action
- Eleanor Willard
- Got To Read
- Joan O’Hagan
- Learndirect
- Libby Coleman
- Local Government Association
- Mcdonald's Restaurants Ltd
- National Institute Of Adult Continuing Education
- National Literacy Trust
- National Numeracy
- OCR (Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations)
- Ofqual
- Ofsted
- Open Awards
- Open University
- Publishers Association
- Quick Reads
- Reading Agency
• Rex Hall Community Interest Company (Rhicic)
• RNIB
• Sally Collard
• Society Of Chief Librarians And The Association Of Senior Children’s And Education Librarians
• St Mungo’s
• St Vincent College
• Unionlearn, TUC
• University And College Union
• Veronica Joan Greyer
• Workers’ Educational Association
• 4Children

David Hughes, CEO, National Institute of Adults Continuing Education, Helen Casey, Executive Director, National Research and Development Centre for Adult Literacy and Numeracy, and Judith Norrington, Director of Policy, Research and Regulation, City and Guilds; Libby Coleman, author Yes, We Can Read, Tom Wilson, Director, Unionlearn, TUC, and Linda Curtis, volunteer for Read & Grow initiative; Di Lloyd, Principal, St Vincent College, Out There project, Jez Langhorn, Senior Vice President, Chief People Officer, McDonald’s, and Neil Couling, Director, Benefit Strategy, DWP (Operations Director, Job Centre Plus), gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 February at 9.30 am.]
Tuesday 25 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley  Mike Crockart
Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechin
Katy Clark  Robin Walker

1. The Retail Sector

Draft Report (The Retail Sector), 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 Eighth Report of the Committee, Session 2013–14, (HC 168-I).

2. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Leicester on 25 March 2014, in connection with its inquiry into Adult Literacy and Numeracy.

3. Extractive Industries Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Extractive Industries Sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- London Mining Network

[Adjourned till Thursday 27 February at 10.00 am.]
Thursday 27 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair
Paul Blomfield
Ann McKechn
Robin Walker

1. Extractive Industries Sector: Visit to South Africa

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 March at 9.00 am.

Tuesday 4 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair
William Bain
Mr Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Ann McKechn
Robin Walker
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Estimates Memoranda

Ordered, That the following 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Memoranda be published on the internet:

- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Competition & Markets Authority
- UK Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes

2. BIS Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the BIS Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13 be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Supplementary written evidence submitted by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

3. Student Loans
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Student Loans be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Supplementary written evidence submitted by the NUS

4. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Adult Literacy and Numeracy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Prisoners Education Trust
- BBC
- Crossbow Education Ltd

5. Payday Loans

Draft Special Report (Payday Loans: Responses to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2013–14), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee in Session 2013–14 was appended to the Report.

The response from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to the Seventh Report from the Committee in Session 2013–14 was appended to the Report.

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

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

6. Extractive Industries Sector: Visit to South Africa

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Extractive Industries Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

Susanne Schmitt, Extractives and Infrastructure Manager, WWF—UK; Joseph Stead, Senior Economic Justice Adviser, Christian Aid; Richard Solly, Co-ordinator, London Mining Network; and Alexander Scrivener, Policy Officer, World Development Movement, gave evidence.
Saturday 8 to Friday 14 March 2014

The Chair, William Bain, Mr Brian Binley, Paul Blomfield, Ann McKechin and Robin Walker visited South Africa in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Extractive Industries Sector, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 22 October 2013.

Tuesday 18 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr Brian Binley
Paul Blomfield
Katy Clark
Mike Crockart

Caroline Dinenage
Rebecca Harris
Ann McKechin
Robin Walker

1. Business-University Collaboration

Agreed, That the Committee inquire into Business-University Collaboration.

2. Royal Mail Privatisation

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Apprenticeships and Elmfield Training Ltd

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Extractive Industries

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

- Supplementary evidence submitted by WWF-UK

5. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Adult Numeracy and Literacy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
• Think2read
• Army; Ministry of Defence
• NCC Skills
• Andrea
• Supplementary evidence submitted by Libby Coleman

Brigadier Gary Morris, Director of Educational Capability, The Army; Nina Champion, Head of Policy, Prisoners Education Trust; Anna Page, Policy, Public Affairs & Research Manager, St Mungo’s; and Audrey Mitchell, Director of North London and Outreach Services, Thames Reach, gave evidence.

Heather Akehurst, Chief Executive, Open Awards; Professor John Field, Chair, Scotland’s Learning Partnership; Mike Ellicock, Chief Executive, National Numeracy; Jonathan Douglas, Director, National Literacy Trust; and Genevieve Clarke, Adult Literacy Specialist, the Reading Agency, gave evidence.

Karen Adriaanse, special Adviser (Improvement) FE and Skills, OFSTED; Keith Smith, Executive Director, Skills Funding Agency; and Lesley Giles, Deputy Director, UK Commission of Employment and Skills, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 April at 9.00 am.

Tuesday 1 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain Mr Brian Binley Paul Blomfield Katy Clark Mike Crockart Caroline Dinenage Ann McKechn

1. BIS Supplementary Estimate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Adult Literacy and Numeracy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

• Kris Ventris-Field
3. **Student Loans**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

- Letter from David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (dated 20 January 2014)

4. **Extractive Industries**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

- Supplementary evidence submitted by Christian Aid

5. **The implications of Scottish Independence on business, higher education and research, and postal services**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Royal Mail Privatisation.**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 April at 9.00 am.]

**Tuesday 8 April 2014**
Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechn
Mike Crockart  Robin Walker
Caroline Dinenage  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Adult Literacy and Numeracy

The Committee considered this matter.

Matthew Hancock MP, Minister of State for Skills and Enterprise, and Catherine Paulson-Ellis, Assistant Director, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 29 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  Mike Crockart
Mr Brian Binley  Ann McKechn
Paul Blomfield  Nadhim Zahawi
Katy Clark

1. Royal Mail Privatisation.

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon. Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Rt Hon. Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State for Business and Energy, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Mark Russell, Chief Executive, Shareholder Executive, and William Rucker, Chief Executive, Lazard, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 May at 9.00 am.

Tuesday 6 May 2014

Members present:
Mr Adrian Bailey, in the Chair

Mr William Bain  Rebecca Harris
Paul Blomfield  Ann McKechin
Katy Clark  Robin Walker
Caroline Dinenage  Nadhim Zahawi

1. Main Estimates Memoranda 2014-15

Ordered, That the following 2014-15 Main Estimates Memoranda be published on the internet:

- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Export Credits Guarantee Department
- UK Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes
- UKTI

2. Visit to the Farnborough International Airshow 2014

Resolved, That the Committee accept the invitation to visit the Farnborough International Airshow being held from 14-20 July 2014.

3. Letter from Gareth Roberts Re: Mouchel, MRBL, Royal Bank of Scotland and Others

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Letter from Leisure Leagues

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The future of AstraZeneca

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the future of AstraZeneca.

Agreed, That representatives of trade unions, Pfizer Inc. and AstraZeneca plc be invited to give evidence on Tuesday 13 May 2014.

6. Business-University Collaboration

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Harwell Science and Innovation Centre and Transport Systems Catapult on Tuesday 17 to Wednesday 18 June 2014 in connection to the inquiry into Business-University Collaboration.
Resolved, That the Committee visit Coventry University Technology Park and Warwick Manufacturing Group on Tuesday 1 July 2014 in connection to the inquiry into Business-University Collaboration.

7. Extractive Industries Sector

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Patrick Foster, Senior Lecturer in Mining Engineering, Camborne School of Mines (University of Exeter), Mr Dean Thornewell, President, and Mr Paul Burton, Director of Service, Joy Global Eurasia, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 May at 9.00 am.]
Appendix: Declaration of Interests

BAIN, William (Glasgow North East)

None.