

# Formal minutes of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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**Tuesday 13 July 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair<sup>1</sup>

Nigel Adams	George Eustice
Mr David Anderson	Mrs Mary Glendon
Tom Blenkinsop	Neil Parish
Thomas Docherty	Dan Rogerson
Bill Esterson	Amber Rudd

## **1. Declaration of interests**

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (a draft Appendix setting out these interests was circulated to Members last week).

## **2. Committee working methods**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee examine witnesses in public, except where it otherwise orders.

*Resolved*, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorized to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

*Resolved*, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

*Resolved*, That the Committee approves the use of electronic equipment by Members during public and private meetings, provided that such equipment is used in accordance with the rules and customs of the House.

## **3. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 July 2010 at 2.30 pm.]

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<sup>1</sup> Miss Anne McIntosh was elected as the Chair of the Committee on 9 June 2010, in accordance with Standing Order No. 122B (see House of Commons Votes and Proceedings, 10 June 2010).

## Wednesday 21 July 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Nigel Adams	George Eustice
Mr David Anderson	Mrs Mary Glendon
Tom Blenkinsop	Neil Parish
Thomas Docherty	Amber Rudd
Bill Esterson	

### 1. Government responses

#### **a) National Forest**

Draft Special Report (*The National Forest: the Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2009-10*) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

#### **b) Dairy Farmers of Britain**

Draft Special Report (*Dairy Farmers of Britain: the Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2009-10*) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

### 2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Environment Agency: briefing on water management

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 September 2010 at 11 am.]

## Tuesday 7 September 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Nigel Adams  
Tom Blenkinsop  
George Eustice

Amber Rudd  
Mr Dan Rogerson

### 1. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation

The Committee agreed the terms of reference for this inquiry.

### 2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. National Audit Office and Scrutiny Unit: briefing on public finances and Defra's budget

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 September 2010 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 15 September 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Bill Esterson  
George Eustice  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson  
Amber Rudd

### 1. Environmental Committees Chairpersons Meeting, Brussels, 3-4 October

*Resolved*, That the Chair have leave to visit Brussels in October to attend the Environmental Committees Chairpersons Meeting in a representative capacity.

### 2. Overseas visit (Brussels)

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake a visit to Brussels on 24-25 November and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

### **3. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter

*Resolved*, That the Committee conduct an inquiry into farming in the Uplands.

### **4. Defra's priorities and Annual Accounts 2009-10**

Rt Hon. Caroline Spelman, Secretary of State, and Dame Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, Defra gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 11.00 am.]

## **Tuesday 12 October 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Waste water NPS**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Uplands inquiry**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. The Comprehensive Spending Review**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Chief Veterinary Officer, Defra and Food Standards Agency: briefing on Notifiable Animal Diseases and bovine TB**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 13 October 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop	Mrs Mary Glendon
Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Bill Esterson	Dan Rogerson
George Eustice	

### 1. Marine Policy Statement

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Marine Policy Statement.

### 2. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation

*Ordered*, That the Memoranda relating to *Future Flood and Water Management Legislation* submitted by the following be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Peter Russell  
Gillie Bolton  
Waterwise  
The Fire Brigades Union  
Ewan Larcombe  
Natural England  
Devon County Council  
Water Industry Commission for Scotland  
Cornwall Council  
Plumb Centre  
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management  
Environment Agency  
SS Water Ltd  
Calderdale Council  
Essex County Council  
Lincolnshire County Council  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds  
Association of British Insurers  
Seven Trent Water  
Anglian Water  
Somerset County Council  
Thames Water  
National Farmers' Union  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Water UK  
Ofwat  
Consumer Council for Water  
Local Government Association

Regina Finn, Chief Executive, and Keith Mason, Director of Finance and Networks, Ofwat, the Water Services Regulation Authority, gave oral evidence.

Tony Smith, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Water, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 October 2010 at 3.00 pm.]

## **Wednesday 20 October 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

Thomas Docherty

Bill Esterson

George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. Marine Policy Statement**

The Committee agreed the terms of reference for this inquiry.

### **2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation**

*Ordered*, That the Memoranda relating to *Future Flood and Water Management Legislation* submitted by the following be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

RSA Insurance

FBU Parliamentary Group

Yorkshire Water

Tim Farr

Lord Smith of Finsbury, Chairman, David Rooke, Acting Director of Flood and Coastal Risk Management and Ian Barker, Head of Water, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Chris Loughlin, Chairman, James Bullock, Director of Economic Regulation and Market Reform, and Sarah Mukherjee, Director of Environment, Water UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 October 2010 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 27 October 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson  
Amber Rudd

### 1. CAP reform

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 4 Farming in the uplands

Ordered, That the Memoranda relating to *Farming in the uplands* submitted by the following be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Federation of Cumbria Commoners  
Tenant Farmers Association  
North West Upland Farming Forum  
Dartmoor Commons' Council  
South West Uplands Federation  
East of England Regional Development Agency  
Dartmoor National Park  
Campaign for National Parks  
National Trust  
Countryside Alliance  
RSPB  
English Heritage  
Barnard Castle Vision  
Country Land and Business Association  
Friends of the Earth  
National Farmers' Union  
Exmoor National Park  
DEFRA  
Aberdeen Centre for Environmental Sustainability  
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

English National Parks Authorities Association  
Campaign to Protect Rural England

Dr Stuart Burgess, Chairman; and Professor Mark Shucksmith, Commissioner, Commission for Rural Communities, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 November 2010 at 2.00 pm.]

### **Wednesday 3 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

Neil Parish

Richard Drax

Dan Rogerson

Thomas Docherty

Amber Rudd

George Eustice

#### **1. Declaration of Interests**

Mr Richard Drax declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (a note setting out these interests was circulated to Members at the meeting).

#### **2. Informal Briefing on Waste Water NPS**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation**

*Ordered*, That the supplementary Memorandum relating to *Future Flood and Water Management Legislation* submitted by the Local Government Association be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State; and Sonia Phippard, Director, Water, Floods, Environmental Risk and Regulation, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 November 2010 at 2.30 pm.]



## **Tuesday 9 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Mrs Mary Glendon
Richard Drax	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Dan Rogerson

### **1. The outcome of the CSR and Public Body Review**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Previously unpublished written evidence submitted to the Committee**

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

Letter from the Secretary of State, Defra: The Main Estimate and Defra's annual accounts

Letter from the Parliamentary Clerk, Defra: Cloned Animals

Letter from the Parliamentary Clerk, Defra: British Summer Time

Letter from the Chief Executive, Food Standards Agency: Cloned Animals

Letter from the Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries, Defra: Marine Conservation Zones

Letter from the Secretary of State, Defra: Adapting to Climate Change

### **3. Working practices of the Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 November 2010 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 10 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop	Mrs Mary Glendon
Richard Drax	Neil Parish
Thomas Docherty	Dan Rogerson
George Eustice	Amber Rudd

## **1. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation: Heads of Report**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That memorandum FFW 29 submitted by Pete Berry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## **2. Waste Water NPS**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Farming in the Uplands**

George Dunn, Chief Executive, and Mike Keeble, Uplands expert, Tenant Farmers Association, gave oral evidence.

Dr Andrew Clark, Head of Policy, and Will Cockbain, Uplands expert, National Farmers' Union, gave oral evidence.

William Worsley, President, and Professor Allan Buckwell, Director of Policy, Country Land and Business Association, gave oral evidence.

Dr Nigel Stone, Chief Executive, Exmoor National Park, and Peter Barfoot, Head of Conservation, North Yorks Moors National Park, English National Park Authorities' Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 November 2010 at 11.00 am.]

## **Tuesday 16 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Richard Drax	Dan Rogerson
George Eustice	Amber Rudd

## **1. Outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. CAP reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review: oral evidence**

Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State; Dame Helen Ghosh DCB, Permanent Secretary; and Peter Unwin, Director-General, Environment and Rural, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 November 2010 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 17 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson

#### **1. Farming in the Uplands**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That memorandum Uplands 23 submitted by Pennine Prospects be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

#### **2. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That memorandum FFW 34 submitted by Staffordshire County Council be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

#### **3. Farming in the Uplands: oral evidence**

Jim Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food; Jeremy Eppel, Deputy Director, Uplands; and Dan Osgood, Deputy Director, Environmental Land Management, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 11.00 am.]

### **Tuesday 23 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax  
George Eustice

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

## **1. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24th November 2010 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 24 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop	Mrs Mary Glendon
Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Richard Drax	Dan Rogerson
George Eustice	Amber Rudd

## **1. Marine Policy Statement**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Marine Policy Statement: oral evidence**

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Marine Environment and Fisheries; David Dawson, Director of Marine and Fisheries; and Amy Holmes, Head of Marine Planning and Marine Policy Statement, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30th November 2010 at 10.30 pm]

### **Tuesday 30 November 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax	Dan Rogerson
Mrs Mary Glendon	Amber Rudd
Neil Parish	

## **1. Farming in the Uplands**

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Correspondence with Defra

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8th December 2010 at 2.30 pm

*Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 December*

*The Chair, George Eustice, Mrs Mary Glendon, Neil Parish and Amber Rudd visited Brussels in connection with the Committee's inquiry into CAP reform in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 September 2010.*

### Wednesday 8 December 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson

## 1. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CAP 01 Unite the Union  
CAP 02 Valentin Zahrnt  
CAP 03 UK Research Councils' Rural Economy and Land Use Programme  
CAP 04 Agriculture Christian Fellowship  
CAP 05 Woodland Trust  
CAP 06 Central Association of Agricultural Valuers  
CAP 07 Fairtrade Foundation  
CAP 08 Tenant Farmers Association  
CAP 09 Alan Swinbank  
CAP 10 RSPCA  
CAP 11 DEFRA  
CAP 12 Devon County Council  
CAP 13 CEJA—European Council of Young Farmers  
CAP 14 RSPB  
CAP 15 Dairy UK

CAP 16 Campaign to Protect Rural England  
CAP 17 National Farmers' Union  
CAP 18 Country Land and Business Association

### **3. The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture: oral evidence**

Gareth Morgan, Director of Agricultural Policy, and Jenna Hegarty, Agriculture Policy Officer, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; Ian Woodhurst, Senior Rural Policy Officer, The Campaign to Protect Rural England; and George Dunn, Chief Executive, and Greg Bliss, National Chairman, The Tenant Farmers Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15th December 2010 at 2.30 pm]

## **Wednesday 15 December 2010**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Future flood and water management legislation*) 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 from the Committee, HC 522.*

### **2. The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Memorandum CAP 19 submitted by the Society of Biology and Memorandum CAP 20 submitted by the Food and Drink Federation in relation to *The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

### **3. Petition from residents of the Coventry South constituency**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. The use of animal cloning in agriculture: oral evidence**

James Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, Defra; Lord Rooker, Chair, and Tim Smith, Chief Executive, Food Standards Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11th January 2010 at 10.30 am

### **Tuesday 11 January 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax  
Barry Gardiner

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

#### **1. Declaration of Interests**

Mr Barry Gardiner declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (a note setting out these interests was circulated to Members at the meeting and is appended to these minutes).

#### **2. Correspondence from Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CAP 22 Rothamsted Research  
CAP 23 The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)  
CAP 24 Soil Association  
CAP 25 The Andersons Centre

#### **4. CAP Reform: oral evidence**

Miss Anne McIntosh and Richard Drax declared ownership of land in receipt of the single farm payment.

Neil Parish drew attention to his entry in the Register of Members' Financial Interests.

William Worsley, President, and Professor Allan Buckwell, Director of Policy, Country Land and Business Association; and Peter Kendall, President, and Tom Hind, Head of Economics and International Affairs, National Farmers Union, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 January 2011 at 9.30 am.]

**APPENDIX**

**DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

**Overseas visits**

Name of donor: GLOBE International  
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.  
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £7,315.51  
Destination of visit: Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, South Korea.  
Date of visit: 20-25 February 2010  
Purpose of visit: meetings with the members of Diet and House of Councillors in Tokyo and members of the National Assembly in Seoul.  
*(Registered 16 March 2010)*

Name of donor: GLOBE International  
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.  
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £722.10  
Destination of visit: Copenhagen, Denmark.  
Date of visit: 14-17 December 2009  
Purpose of visit: to attend the G20 climate talks as a representative of GLOBE.  
*(Registered 7 April 2010)*

Name of donor: GLOBE International  
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.  
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £307  
Destination of visit: Brussels, Belgium.  
Date of visit: 23 March 2010  
Purpose of visit: meeting with new EU Climate Action Commissioner, Connie Hedegaard.  
*(Registered 7 April 2010)*

Name of donor: GLOBE International  
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN  
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £ 8157.90  
Destination of visit: Nagoya, Japan and Tianjin, China.  
Date of visit: 24 October – 7 November  
Purpose of visit: to Chair the Parliamentarians Forum of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity organised by the Convention Secretariat and GLOBE International and to attend the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change organised by China's National People's Congress and GLOBE International.  
*(Registered 10 January 2011)*

Name of donor: GLOBE International  
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN  
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £ 424.00  
Destination of visit: Mexico City, Mexico.  
Date of visit: 4-5 December



Purpose of visit: to Chair the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change organised by the Mexican National Congress and GLOBE International.  
(Registered 10 January 2011)

## Thursday 13 January 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Richard Drax	Dan Rogerson
George Eustice	Amber Rudd
Barry Gardiner	

### 1. Waste Water NPS

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Waste Water NPS* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- WWnps 01 Infrastructure Planning Commission
- WWnps 02 Consumer Council for Water
- WWnps 03 Thames Water
- WWnps 04 Water UK
- WWnps 05 Ofwat
- WWnps 06 Greater London Authority
- WWnps 07 London Councils
- WWnps 08 Environment Agency

### 2. CAP Reform

The Committee considered this matter.

Dacian Cioloş, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission, gave oral evidence by videolink.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 January 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Tuesday 18 January 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop	Barry Gardiner
Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Richard Drax	Amber Rudd
George Eustice	

### 1. CAP Reform

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CAP 26: Dept of Agriculture and Development, Northern Ireland Assembly  
CAP 27: Dr Joan Moss, Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

### 2. Waste Water NPS

The Committee considered this matter.

Regina Finn, Chief Executive, and Keith Mason, Director of Finance and Networks, Ofwat; and Ed Mitchell, Director of Environment and Business, and Ian Barker, Head of Water, the Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 January 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 19 January 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Mrs Mary Glendon
George Eustice	Neil Parish
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd

### 1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Correspondence with Defra

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. CAP Reform

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Joan Moss, Agri-food and Biosciences Institute, Northern Ireland; and Professor Alan Swinbank, Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Reading, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 January 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Tuesday 25 January 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish

### 1. Waste Water NPS

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Waste Water NPS* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

WWNPS 09: Save King's Stairs Gardens Action Group  
WWNPS 10: STOPtheSHAFT Putney and Barnes

### 2. Marine Policy Statement

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Marine Policy Statement*) 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 from the Committee, HC 635.*

### 3. CAP Reform

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CAP 28: Welsh Assembly Government  
CAP 28a: Welsh Assembly Government

#### **4. Waste Water NPS: oral evidence**

Richard Aylard, External Affairs and Sustainability, and Phil Stride, Head of Tideway Tunnels, Thames Water; Isabel Dedring, Mayor's Advisor on the Environment, Greater London Authority; and Councillor Catherine West, Chair of London Council's Transport and Environment Committee and Leader of London Borough of Islington, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 January 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 26 January 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson

#### **1. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CAP 29: George Lyon MEP  
CAP 30: Scottish Agricultural College

#### **2. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the implications of the Welfare of Laying Hens Directive for the English egg industry.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the European Commission's "Milk Package" proposals and their impact on the dairy industry.

The Committee agreed terms of reference for the inquiries.

#### **3. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. CAP Reform: oral evidence**

George Lyon MEP, Rapporteur to the European Parliament report on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy after 2013, gave oral evidence; and Brian Pack OBE, Chair of the Inquiry into Future Support for Agriculture in Scotland, gave oral evidence by videolink.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 February 2011 at 10.30 am.]

### **Tuesday 1 February 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

Thomas Docherty

Richard Drax

George Eustice

Neil Parish

Dan Rogerson

Amber Rudd

#### **1. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *The impact of the Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CAP17A: NFU (supplementary)

CAP 31: NFU Scotland

CAP 32: The Scottish Government

CAP 33: British Retail Consortium

CAP34: Farmers' Union of Wales

#### **2. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. CAP Reform: oral evidence**

John Bridge, Chairman; Tim Bennett, Sector Chair (DairyCo); and Jonathan Tipples, Sector Chair (HGCA), Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board; Andrew Kuyk CBE, Director of Sustainability and Competitiveness, the Food and Drink Federation; and Andrew Opie, Director of Food and Sustainability, the British Retail Consortium, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 February 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 2 February 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 8 February 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax  
George Eustice  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. CAP Reform: oral evidence**

Rt Hon James Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food; and Martin Nesbit, Director, EU & International Agriculture, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 February 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 9 February 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Barry Gardiner
Richard Drax	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Amber Rudd

### **1. *Domestic fisheries management***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. *CAP reform***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. *European Committee debate on European Union Document No. 17582/10 relating to contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.***

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee nominated the following members to serve on the European Committee for the purposes of the debate: Richard Drax, George Eustice, Neil Parish and Amber Rudd.

### **4. *Egg industry***

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Egg Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

EGG 01: RSPCA  
EGG 02: Compassion in World Farming  
EGG 03: Dr Marsden  
EGG 05: J Clark Poultry Ltd  
EGG 06: Christine J Nicol

### **5. *Farming in the Uplands***

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Farming in the Uplands*) 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 from the Committee, HC 556.*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 February 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 16 February 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

Richard Drax

George Eustice

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

Dan Rogerson

#### **1. Egg Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Egg Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

EGG 04: Martin Morrison

EGG 07: Good Food for our Money

EGG 08: Bennett's Eggs

EGG 09: Kinswood Eggs

EGG 10: British Hen Welfare Trust (BHWT)

EGG 11: Roy Kerr

EGG 12: M B Crocker Ltd

EGG 13: Manor Farm Eggs

#### **2. CAP reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. Agricultural Committees Chairpersons Meeting, Budapest, 31 March – 1 April**

*Resolved*, That the Chair have leave to visit Budapest to attend the Agricultural Committees Chairpersons Meeting in a representative capacity.



#### **4. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **5. Waste Water National Policy Statement: oral evidence**

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Fisheries; John Bourne, Deputy Director for Water Supply and Regulation; and Andrea Marston, Head of Thames Tunnel Project Team, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March 2011 at 10.30 am.]

### **Tuesday 1 March 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice  
Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

#### **1. Domestic Fisheries Management**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 March 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 2 March 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson  
Amber Rudd

## **1. Egg Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Egg Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

EGG 11A Roy Kerr Supplementary  
EGG 14 British Egg Industry Council  
EGG 15 Scottish Egg Producer Retailers Association  
EGG 16 NFU  
EGG 17 UK Egg Producers Association Ltd (UKEP)  
EGG 18 The Co-operative Group  
EGG 19 Defra  
EGG 20 Martin Peaty  
EGG 21 NFU Cymru

## **2. Egg Industry: oral evidence**

Mark Williams, Chief Executive, and Giles Clifton, Head of Public Affairs, British Egg Industry Council; David Bowles, Director of Communications, and Alice Clark, Senior Scientific Officer, Farm Animals Department, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Andrew Opie, Director of Food and Sustainability, British Retail Consortium; and Andrew Jorêt, Technical Director, Noble Foods Ltd (and Deputy Chairman of the British Egg Industry Council), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 March 2011 at 2.00 pm.]

### **Wednesday 9 March 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Richard Drax  
Barry Gardiner

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

## **1. Waste Water NPS**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Waste Water NPS* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

WW NPS 11 Environment Agency

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Waste Water NPS* inquiry be reported to the House for placing in the Library and Parliamentary Archives:

WW(defra)NPS 01 South Ribble Borough Council  
 WW(defra)NPS 02 Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies  
 WW(defra)NPS 03 Shellfish Association of Great Britain  
 WW(defra)NPS 04 Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
 WW(defra)NPS 05 Wandsworth Borough Council  
 WW(defra)NPS 06 Andrew Golding  
 WW(defra)NPS 07 City of London  
 WW(defra)NPS 08 Seafish  
 WW(defra)NPS 09 London Councils  
 WW(defra)NPS 10 Angling Trust  
 WW(defra)NPS 11 Kent County Council  
 WW(defra)NPS 12 NHS Western Cheshire  
 WW(defra)NPS 13 Natural England  
 WW(defra)NPS 14 Hammersmith & Fulham Council  
 WW(defra)NPS 15 Institution of Civil Engineers  
 WW(defra)NPS 16 Southern Water Services  
 WW(defra)NPS 17 STOPtheSHAFT Putney & Barnes  
 WW(defra)NPS 18 CIWEM  
 WW(defra)NPS 19 Infrastructure Planning Commission  
 WW(defra)NPS 20 Severn Trent Water  
 WW(defra)NPS 21 David Percival  
 WW(defra)NPS 22 BGWS Environmental Protection Committee  
 WW(defra)NPS 23 Health & Safety Executive  
 WW(defra)NPS 24 EnvironmentalProtectionUK  
 WW(defra)NPS 25 London Borough of Enfield  
 WW(defra)NPS 26 Environment Agency  
 WW(defra)NPS 27 Thames Water  
 WW(defra)NPS 28 Northumberland County Council  
 WW(defra)NPS 29 Chartered Institute of Environmental Health  
 WW(defra)NPS 30 Consumer Council for Water  
 WW(defra)NPS 31 South West Water  
 WW(defra)NPS 32 Ofwat  
 WW(defra)NPS 33 Ministry of Defence  
 WW(defra)NPS 34 Residential Boat Owners' Association  
 WW(defra)NPS 35 Isle of Wight Waste Water Infrastructure  
 WW(defra)NPS 36 English Heritage  
 WW(defra)NPS 37 Health Protection Agency  
 WW(defra)NPS 38 Royal Town Planning Institute

## **2. Domestic Fisheries Management**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Domestic Fisheries Management* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FSH 01	New Under Ten Fishermen's Association
FSH 02	Duncan Grant, Croesco Ltd
FSH 03	Northern Ireland Assembly
FSH 04	Stephen Nuttall
FSH 05	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations

### **3. Domestic Fisheries Management: oral evidence**

Barrie Deas, Chief Executive, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations; and Jeremy Percy, Chief Executive, New Under Ten Fishermen's Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 March 2011 at 10.00 am.]

### **Wednesday 16 March 2011 at 10.00am**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Richard Drax	Dan Rogerson
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd
Mrs Mary Glendon	

#### **1. Domestic Fisheries Management**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. Domestic Fisheries Management: oral evidence**

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Fisheries; Gavin Ross, Deputy Director, Sustainable Fisheries; and Isabella Murfin, Head of Access to Fisheries, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 March 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 16 March 2011 at 2.30pm

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax

George Eustice

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glindon

Neil Parish

Dan Rogerson

Amber Rudd

### **1. Forestry Commission**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review: Follow Up**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Domestic Fisheries Management**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 March 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Tuesday 22 March 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty

Richard Drax

George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glindon

Neil Parish

### **1. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Waste Water NPS**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DRY 01 Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board
- DRY 02 NFU Scotland
- DRY 03 Dairy UK
- DRY 04 Ulster Farmers' Union
- DRY 05 British Retail Consortium
- DRY 06 Food and Drink Federation
- DRY 07 NFU
- DRY 08 Defra

#### **4. Egg Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Egg Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- EGG 11C Roy Kerr
- EGG 22 British Free Range Egg Producers Association

#### **5. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **6. Egg Industry: oral evidence**

Joanna Darmanin, Head of Cabinet, and Dr Harry Vassallo, Member of Cabinet, European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumer Policy; and James Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, and Sue Ellis, Head of Animal Welfare, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 March 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 30 March 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

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| Tom Blenkinsop  | Mrs Mary Glendon |
| Thomas Docherty | Neil Parish      |
| Richard Drax    | Dan Rogerson     |
| George Eustice  | Amber Rudd       |

### **1. Draft Grocery Code Adjudicator Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Waste Water NPS**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*The draft National Policy Statement on Waste Water*) 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 Fourth Report from the Committee, HC 736.*

### **3. Animal Cloning**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Future Flood and Water Management Legislation**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*Future Flood and Water Management Legislation: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2010-11*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

### **5. Comprehensive Spending Review: Follow Up**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Comprehensive Spending Review: Follow Up: Oral evidence**

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman, Secretary of State, Bronwyn Hill, Permanent Secretary, and Peter Unwin, Director General, Environment and Rural Group, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 April 2011 at 9.30 am.]

## Tuesday 5 April 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. Meeting of Chairpersons of EU Member States' Agricultural Committees**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. European Committee debate on European Union Document No. 16348/10 relating to the Commission Communication: The CAP towards 2020**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. CAP Reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*The Common Agricultural Policy after 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 Fifth Report from the Committee, HC 671.*

### **4. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Oral questions to the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April 2011 at 2.30 pm.]



## Wednesday 27 April 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

Thomas Docherty

Richard Drax

George Eustice

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. Government response to the Committee's report on Future Flood and Water Management Legislation**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Government response to the Committee's report on Farming in the Uplands**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*Farming in the Uplands: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2010-11*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

### **3. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Domestic Fisheries Management**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Memorandum FSH 06 (Defra) submitted in relation to the *Domestic Fisheries Management* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **5. Defra's Main Estimate 2011-12**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Memorandum submitted by Defra in relation to the Department's Main Estimate for 2011-12 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## **6. *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry***

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Memoranda DRY 09 (Tesco) submitted in relation to the *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## **7. *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry: oral evidence***

Tom Hind, Director of Corporate Affairs, National Farmers Union; Jim Begg, Director General, Peter Dawson, Policy Director, Mark Taylor, Group Milk Procurements Director Dairy Crest, and Rex Ward, Chair Dairy UK Farmers Forum, Dairy UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 May 2011 at 11.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 3 May 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Barry Gardiner

Amber Rudd

Mrs Mary Glendon

## **1. *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry***

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry: oral evidence***

Christine Tacon CBE, Managing Director, The Co-operative Farms; and Hermanus Versteijlen, Director for Economics of Agricultural Markets and the Single Common Market Organisation, DG AGRI, European Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 10.30 am.]

**Tuesday 10 May 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice

Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson

**1. *Travel in a Representative Capacity***

*Resolved*, That the Chair and a member of staff have leave to visit Brussels in July to attend the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in a representative capacity.

**2. *Written evidence submitted to the Committee***

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

Letter from the Parliamentary Clerk, Defra: Moorland Ponies

Letter from the Parliamentary Clerk, Defra: Animal Cloning

Letter from the Finance Director, Defra: Clear Line of Sight Implementation

**3. *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry***

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry: oral evidence***

David North, UK Corporate Affairs Director, Tesco Stores PLC; and Andy Bloor, Chairman of the Wiseman Tesco Sustainable Dairy Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 11 May 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice

Barry Gardiner  
Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Egg Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Rural Payments Agency**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Rural Payments Agency: oral evidence**

Mark Grimshaw, Chief Executive, Rural Payments Agency; and Katrina Williams, Director-General for Food and Farming, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 18 May 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Thomas Docherty  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Farming Regulation Task Force Report**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Farming Regulation Task Force Report.

The Committee agreed terms of reference for this inquiry.

## **2. Domestic Fisheries Management**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy: Domestic Fisheries Management*) 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 Sixth Report from the Committee, HC 858.*

## **3. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. Dairy Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **6. Dairy Industry: oral evidence**

Andrew Robinson, Head of Livestock and Livestock Products, and James Paice, Minister of State, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 8 June 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax  
George Eustice  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

## **1. Draft Grocery Code Adjudicator Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Red Tape Task Force**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Dairy Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Dairy Industry: oral evidence**

Pete Nicholson, Milk Procurement Director, and Graeme Jack, Communications Director, Robert Wiseman Dairies, gave oral evidence.

### **7. Air Quality**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 14 June 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

Thomas Docherty

George Eustice

Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. Written evidence submitted to the Committee**

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

Letter from the Secretary of State, Defra: Moorland Ponies

Letter from the Secretary of State, Defra: Drought

### **2. Draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- GCA 01 British Independent Fruit Growers' Association
- GCA 02 National Pig Association
- GCA 03 Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board
- GCA 04 Food and Drink Federation
- GCA 05 Food Ethics Council
- GCA 06 Dairy UK
- GCA 07 NFU
- GCA 08 Asda Stores Ltd

### **3. Draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill: oral evidence**

The Committee took oral evidence from Peter Kendall, President, and Nick van der Westenholz, Government Affairs Advisor, National Farmers' Union; and Richard Hirst, Chairman, David Piccaver, and Laurence Olins, Processed Vegetables Growers' Association.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 15 June 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop	George Eustice
Thomas Docherty	Barry Gardiner
Richard Drax	Dan Rogerson

#### **1. EU proposals for the dairy industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. National Ecosystem Assessment and Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 June 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 21 June 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop	Mary Glendon
Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Amber Rudd
Barry Gardiner	Dan Rogerson

### **1. *Pre-appointment hearings***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. *Natural Environment White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. *Farming Regulation Task Force***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. *Farming Regulation Task Force: Oral evidence***

Andrea Ross, University of Dundee and Richard MacDonald, chair of task force gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 June 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 22 June 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice	Amber Rudd
Barry Gardiner	Dan Rogerson
Neil Parish	

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Barry Gardiner was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

### **1. *Forward Programme***

The Committee considered this matter.



## **2. Draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill**

*Ordered*, That the following paper relating to the *Draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Business, Innovation and Skills select committee on the draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Draft Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GCA 07a	National Farmers' Union (Supplementary)
GCA 09	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd
GCA 10	British Brands Group
GCA 11	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
GCA 12	Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc

## **3. Travel in a representative capacity**

*Resolved*, that the Chair have leave to visit Edinburgh to attend the Royal Highland Show in a representative capacity.

## **4. Natural Environment White Paper**

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *Natural Environment White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NEWP 01	British Association for Shooting and Conservation
NEWP 02	Countryside Alliance
NEWP 03	Soil Association
NEWP 04	The Open Spaces Society
NEWP 05	Landscape Institute
NEWP 06	British Ecological Society
NEWP 07	Plantlife
NEWP 08	Food Ethics Council
NEWP 09	Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
NEWP 10	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
NEWP 11	Woodland Trust

NEWP 12	Campaign to Protect Rural England
NEWP 13	Campaign for National Parks
NEWP 14	Friends of the Earth England
NEWP 15	London Wildlife Trust
NEWP 16	Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) and Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF)
NEWP 17	English Heritage
NEWP 18	Field Studies Council
NEWP 19	Town and Country Planning Association
NEWP 20	Local Government Group
NEWP 21	Food and Drink Federation
NEWP 22	National Farmers' Union
NEWP 23	Ofwat
NEWP 24	Country Land and Business Association
NEWP 25	National Trust
NEWP 26	Water UK
NEWP 27	The Ramblers
NEWP 28	Ewan Larcombe, Leader of the National Flood Prevention Party
NEWP 29	Research Councils UK
NEWP 30	Heritage Lottery Fund
NEWP 31	Natural History Museum
NEWP 32	International Fund for Animal Welfare
NEWP 33	British Mountaineering Council
NEWP 34	WWF-UK
NEWP 35	Wildlife and Countryside Link
NEWP 36	CEMEX UK
NEWP 37	The Wildlife Trusts
NEWP 38	Central Association of Agricultural Valuers

## **5. Farming Regulation Task Force**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to *Farming Regulation Task Force* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

RTF 01 Rural Economy and Land Use (Relu) Programme, Newcastle University

RTF 02 Friends of the Lake District

RTF 03 Food Standards Agency

RTF 04 The Open Spaces Society

RTF 05 Julie Jones, Herefordshire

RTF 06 The Andersons Centre

RTF 07 Town and Country Planning Association

RTF 08 The Grasslands Trust

RTF 09 Country Land and Business Association

RTF 10 RSPB

RTF 11 Food Ethics Council

RTF 12 Environment Agency

RTF 13 Dairy UK

RTF 14 RSPCA

RTF 15 Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

RTF 16 British Veterinary Association

RTF 17 Tenant Farmers Association

RTF 18 The Red Tractor Scheme, Assured Food Standards

RTF 19 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

RTF 20 National Farmers' Union (NFU)

## **6. Farming Regulation Task Force: oral evidence**

Ben Stafford, Head of Campaigns, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Julia Wrathall, Head of Farm Animals, RSPCA Science Group, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Dr Abi Burns, Senior Agriculture Policy Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; David Clarke, Chief Executive, Assured Food Standards (Red Tractor) and Jeremy Boxall, Commercial Manager/ LEAF Marque Director, Linking

Environment and Farming (LEAF); and William Worsley, President, Country Land and Business Association (CLA), Meurig Raymond, Deputy President of the NFU and Vice Chairman of Assured Food Standards National Farmers' Union, and George Dunn, Chief Executive, Tenant Farmers Association gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 29 June 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop

Richard Drax

Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

Dan Rogerson

#### **1. *Natural Environment White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memorandum submitted in relation to the *Natural Environment White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NEWP 39 British Standards Institution

#### **2. *Petition from the residents of Torbay constituency***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. *CAP reform: Government Response***

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*The Common Agricultural Policy after 2013: Government response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2010-11*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

#### **4. *Hazardous Waste National Policy Statement***

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. Rural Payments Agency**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following paper be reported to the House for publication on the internet:  
Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State on the Rural Payments Agency.

## **6. EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry**

*Ordered*, That the following Memorandum submitted in relation to the *EU Proposals for the Dairy Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:  
DRY 16 DairyCo

## **7. Natural Environment White Paper: Oral evidence**

Peter Unwin, Director General, Environment and Rural Group, Defra; Pavan Sukhdev and Patrick ten Brinck, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) Project; Dr Andrew Clark, Head of Policy Services, National Farmers' Union; Chris Knight, PwC (Price Waterhouse Coopers); Martin Harper, RSPB, representing Wildlife and Countryside Link; and Ellie Robinson, Assistant Director, External Affairs, National Trust gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 5 July 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

### **1. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority**

Margaret McKinlay, preferred candidate for the Chair of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of Gangmasters Licensing Authority*) 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 Seventh Report from the Committee, HC 1400.*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 13 July 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Dan Rogerson
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd
Mrs Mary Glendon	

#### **1. *EU proposals for the dairy sector and the future of the dairy industry***

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*EU proposals for the dairy sector and the future of the dairy industry*) 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 from the Committee, HC 952.*

#### **2. *Estimate structure***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. *Natural Environment White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. *Waste Water National Policy Statement***

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence from Defra concerning the Waste Water National Policy Statement be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 July 2011 at 10.30 am.]

**Tuesday 19 July 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Dan Rogerson
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd
Mrs Mary Glendon	

**1. Report of the Farming Regulation Task Force**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

**3. Hazardous Waste National Policy Statement**

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. Implications of the Welfare of Laying Hens Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair's Draft Report (*The Welfare of Laying Hens Directive – Implications for the egg industry*) 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 from the Committee, HC 830.*

**5. Petition from residents of the Vale of Clywd**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Tuesday 6 September 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax  
George Eustice

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Domestic Fisheries Management: Government response**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy – Domestic Fisheries Management: Government response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2010-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

### **2. Farming Regulation Task Force**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Farming Regulation Task Force* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

RTF 21	Unite the Union
RTF 22	LEAF

### **3. Travel in a representative capacity**

*Resolved*, that the Chair have leave to visit Brussels to attend the meeting of Chairs of the Fisheries and the European Affairs Committees of National Parliaments, and to visit Warsaw to attend the Interparliamentary meeting of Chairpersons of Agriculture Committees, in a representative capacity.

### **4. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste**

The Committee considered this matter.



*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HazWasteNPS 01	Infrastructure Planning Commission
HazWasteNPS 02	Whitemoss Landfill Limited
HazWasteNPS 03	Environmental Services Association
HazWasteNPS 04	The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management
HazWasteNPS 05	Environment Agency
HazWasteNPS 06	The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management

The Committee received an informal briefing from officials from Defra, CLG and the Environment Agency.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 7 September 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax

Neil Parish

Mrs Mary Glendon

Dan Rogerson

### **1. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste: oral evidence**

The Committee considered this matter.

Matthew Farrow, Director of Policy, Environmental Services Association; Gill Weeks, Regulatory Affairs Director, Veolia Environmental Services (UK) Plc; and Gene Wilson, Group Technical Director, Augean Plc, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 September 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Tuesday 13 September 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice

Barry Gardiner

### **1. Outcome of the independent Farming Regulation Task Force**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair's Draft Report (*The Outcome of the independent Farming Regulation Task Force*) 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 Tenth Report from the Committee, HC 830.*

### **2. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## Wednesday 14 September 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon

### **1. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CFP 01	Marine Conservation Society
CFP 02	WWF-UK
CFP 03	RSPB
CFP 04	ClientEarth

CFP 05	The Pew Environment Group
CFP 06	Food and Drink Federation (FDF)
CFP 07	SeaFish
CFP 08	Defra
CFP 09	NEF (New Economics Foundation)

## **2. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs concerning Air Quality, E.coli and Fixed Quota Allocation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## **3. Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste: oral evidence**

The Committee considered this matter.

Jan Gronow, Vice-Chair, Waste Management Technical Panel, Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management; Ed Mitchell, Director of Environment and Business, Andrew Coleman, Senior Environment and Business Advisor (Planning), and Gill Ross-Jones, Senior Environment and Business Advisor (Waste and Illegals), Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 11 October 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Dan Rogerson
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd
Mrs Mary Glendon	

### **1. Petitions**

The Committee considered the petition to the House from the Residents of Great Harwood, Lancashire and Others concerning the Great Harwood Household Waste Recycling Centre.

### **2. European Committee A: Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Air Quality**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Draft National Policy Statement on Hazardous Waste**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Draft National Policy Statement on Hazardous Waste: oral evidence**

Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Sabine Mosner, Deputy Director Waste Strategy and Regulation, Andy Howarth, Head of Hazardous and International Waste, and Alison Gadsby, Senior Hazardous Waste Policy Advisor, Defra, gave oral evidence to the Committee.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 12 October 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. Committee Visits**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Denmark in connection with its inquiry into Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Washington and Costa Rica in connection with its inquiry into the Natural Environment White Paper, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Hastings in connection with its inquiry into Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

### **2. Government response to the Eighth Report of the Session 2010-12: EU Proposals for the Dairy Sector and the Future of the Dairy Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*EU Proposals for the Dairy Sector and the Future of the Dairy Industry: Government response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2010-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eighth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

### **3. Air Quality**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CFP 10	MARINET
CFP 11	Waitrose
CFP 12	Tom Appleby
CFP 13	Scottish White Producers Association Limited
CFP 14	Dept. of Agriculture and Development, Northern Ireland Assembly
CFP 15	Professor CLJ Frid
CFP 16	Greenpeace UK
CFP 17	South Western Fish Producer Organisation Ltd
CFP 18	Welsh Assembly Government

### **5. Defra's Annual Report and Accounts**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 October 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 18 October 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
Dan Rogerson

Amber Rudd

### **1. *Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence***

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Alex Rogers, University of Oxford; Aniol Esteban, Head of Environmental Economics, and Rupert Crilly, Researcher in Environmental Economics, New Economics Foundation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 October 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 25 October 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. *Forward Programme***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence**

Barrie Deas, Chief Executive, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations; Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation; and Jerry Percy, Chief Executive, New Under Ten Fishermen's Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 26 October 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax

Neil Parish

George Eustice

Dan Rogerson

Mrs Mary Glendon

Amber Rudd

### **1. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy* inquiry submitted by the Scottish Government (CFP 21) be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **3. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Defra Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Defra Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11: oral evidence**

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Bronwyn Hill CBE, Permanent Secretary, and Tom Taylor, Finance Director, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 27 October 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Thursday 27 October 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

### **1. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence**

Maria Damanaki, Commissioner, Andras Inotai, Member of Cabinet, and Oliver Drewes, Spokesperson, Directorate General of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Tuesday 1 November 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner

Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Daylight Saving**

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on Daylight Saving.

### **3. Environment Agency**

The Committee considered this matter.



#### **4. Environment Agency: oral evidence**

Lord Smith, Chair, Dr Paul Leinster, Chief Executive, and Ed Mitchell, Director, Business and Environment, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

### **Wednesday 2 November 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Richard Drax	Dan Rogerson
George Eustice	Amber Rudd
Mrs Mary Glendon	

#### **1. Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the European Commission's proposals to "green" the Common Agricultural Policy.

#### **2. Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency**

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency.

#### **3. Egg Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **5. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence**

Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Scottish Government; Linda Rosborough, Director, and Mike Palmer, Deputy Director Fisheries, Marine Scotland; and Peter Hajipieris, Chief Technical, Sustainability and External Affairs Officer, Iglo Foods Group Ltd, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 November 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 8 November 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax  
Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish

### **1. *Sharing of evidence***

*Ordered*, That the transcript of evidence taken before the Committee on 2 November be communicated to the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee of the Scottish Parliament, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A.

### **2. *Future programme***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. *Waste Water National Policy Statement and the Thames Tunnel***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. *Interim Response to the Farming Regulation Task Force report***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. *Implementation of the Welfare of Laying Hens Directive***

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 9 November 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. *Natural Environment White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence**

Dr Euan Dunn, Senior Marine Policy Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Dr Mirielle Thom, Senior Marine Policy Officer, Worldwide Fund for Nature, and Jim Portus, Chief Executive, South Western Fish Producer Organisation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 November 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## **Tuesday 22 November 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish

Dan Rogerson

### **1. Government response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2010-12: The Welfare of Laying Hens Directive – Implications for the Egg Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*The Welfare of Laying Hens Directive – Implications for the Egg Industry: Government response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2010-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Ninth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

### **2. The Welfare of Laying Hens Directive – Implications for the Egg Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Chair to the Secretary of State for Defra and to the European Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

*Ordered*, That correspondence received from the British Egg Industry Council be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **3. Visit to Denmark**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Greening the CAP**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Greening the CAP* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GCAP 01	RSPCA
GCAP 02	Tom Allen-Stevens
GCAP 03	Tenant Farmers Association
GCAP 04	UK Co-ordinating Body
GCAP 05	Country Land & Business Association
GCAP 06	Rothamsted Research
GCAP 07	Scottish Agricultural College
GCAP 08	National Farmers' Union
GCAP 09	Central Association of Agricultural Valuers
GCAP 10	Soil Association
GCAP 11	Food and Drink Federation
GCAP 12	Society of Biology
GCAP 13	Devon County Council
GCAP 14	Tate & Lyle Sugars
GCAP 15	National Heart Forum
GCAP 16	Agricultural Biotechnology Council
GCAP 17	Water UK
GCAP 18	Professor Nic Lampkin, Director, Organic Research Centre
GCAP 19	Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers
GCAP 20	National Trust for England, Wales and Northern Ireland
GCAP 21	RSPB
GCAP 22	Dairy UK
GCAP 23	Woodland Trust
GCAP 24	Fairtrade Foundation
GCAP 25	The Wildlife Trusts
GCAP 26	The Grasslands Trust
GCAP 27	Prof. Tim Benton
GCAP 28	Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
GCAP 29	Natural England

### **5. Greening the CAP: oral evidence**

The Chair and Mr Neil Parish drew attention to their entries in the Register of Members' Interests.

Peter Kendall, President, The National Farmers' Union; Harry Cotterell, President, The Country Land and Business Association; and George Dunn, Chief Executive, The Tenant Farmers Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November 2011 at 2.30 pm.]

## **Wednesday 23 November 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Tom Blenkinsop  
Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish

### **1. *The outcome of the Independent Farming Regulation Task Force: Government Response***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. *Natural Environment White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *N* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NEWP 03A	Soil Association
NEWP 04A	The Open Spaces Society
NEWP 05A	Landscape Institute
NEWP 07A	Plantlife
NEWP 10A	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
NEWP 11A	Woodland Trust
NEWP 12A	Campaign to Protect Rural England
NEWP 19A	Town and Country Planning Association
NEWP 20A	Local Government Association
NEWP 22A	National Farmers' Union
NEWP 23A	Ofwat
NEWP 24A	Country Land and Business Association
NEWP 25A	National Trust
NEWP 26A	Water UK
NEWP 27A	The Ramblers
NEWP 29A	Research Councils UK
NEWP 31A	Natural History Museum
NEWP 34A	WWF-UK

NEWP 35A	Wildlife and Countryside Link
NEWP 37A	The Wildlife Trusts
NEWP 40	Professor Colin Reid
NEWP 41	The Peak District Green Lane Alliance
NEWP 42	Confor
NEWP 43	Consumer Council for Water
NEWP 44	GreenLINK
NEWP 45	England and Wales Wildfire Forum
NEWP 46	EGENIS
NEWP 47	RenewableUK
NEWP 48	Institute of Chartered Foresters
NEWP 49	Association of Electricity Producers
NEWP 50	Northumbrian Water Ltd
NEWP 51	UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
NEWP 52	Anglian Water
NEWP 53	Hampshire County Council
NEWP 54	EDF Energy
NEWP 55	Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
NEWP 56	The Horticultural Trades Association
NEWP 57	The National Federation for Biological Recording
NEWP 58	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
NEWP 59	James Del Mar
NEWP 60	Miss Maria Crastus
NEWP 61	Forest Town Nature Conservation Group

### **3. Changes to Daylight Saving**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Greening the CAP: oral evidence**

The Chair and Mr Neil Parish drew attention to their entries in the Register of Members' Interests. The Chair declared ownership of land in receipt of the Single Farm Payment. Mr Parish declared an interest as a farmer.

Professor Tim Benton, University of Leeds, Global Food Security Champion; Paul Eggington, Director Systems, Knowledge and Information, and Geoff Radley, Land Management Head of Profession, Natural England; Arik Dondi, Deputy Director Environmental Land Management, Defra; Gareth Morgan, Director of Agricultural Policy, and Jenna Hegarty, Agricultural Policy Officer, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; and Paul Wilkinson, Head of Living Landscape, The Wildlife Trusts, and Chris Gerrard, Director of Living Landscapes, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 December 2011 at 10.30 am.]

## Tuesday 6 December 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty

Neil Parish

Mrs Mary Glendon

### **1. European Committee A: Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair's Draft Report (*The Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste*) 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 Eleventh Report from the Committee, HC 1465.*

### **3. The Outcome of the Independent Farming Regulation Task Force: Government response to the Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2010-12**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*The Outcome of the Independent Farming Regulation Task Force: Government response to the Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2010-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Tenth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

### **4. Implementation of the Welfare of Laying Hens Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence received from the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food and from the European Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## **5. Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CFP 23	Goldfish Partnership
CFP 24	Sainsbury
CFP 25	Professor Tim Lang

## **6. Greening the CAP**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following Memoranda submitted in relation to the *Greening the CAP* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GCAP 31	European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism
GCAP 32	Smiths Gore
GCAP 33	Friends of the Earth
GCAP 34	Scottish Government

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 2.30pm.]

### **Wednesday 7 December 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Richard Drax	Amber Rudd
George Eustice	

#### **1. European Committee A: Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. Implementation of the Welfare of Laying Hens Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.



### **3. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence**

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Fisheries, John Robbs, Director, Marine Programme and Natural Environment, and Andrew Clayton, Head of CFP Reform Policy, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 8 December 2011 at 2pm.

## **Thursday 8 December 2011**

The Committee met at Stade Hall, Hastings

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Mrs Mary Glendon

Amber Rudd

Neil Parish

### **1. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence**

David Scott, FPO; Bill Brock, South West Fish Producers Organisation Ltd; Paul Joy, Hastings Fishermen's Protection Society and New Under Ten Fishermen's Association; Graham Doswell, Eastbourne Fishermen's Society and New Under Ten Fishermen's Association; Adam Whittle, Industry Consultant, Billingsgate Seafood School; and Philip MacMullen, Head of Environment, Seafish, gave oral evidence. gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 2.30pm.

## Wednesday 14 December 2011

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. Independent Farming Regulation Taskforce**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Chair to to the Secretary of State for Defra concerning the Independent Farming Regulation Taskforce be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **2. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee do not proceed with its visit to Washington in connection with its inquiry into the *Natural Environment White Paper*.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the *Natural Environment White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NEWP 62

Balfour Beatty

NEWP 63

British Aggregates Association

### **3. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence received from Councillor John Hodges (Hastings) in connection with the *Reform of the CFP* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **4. Water White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Water White Paper.

### **5. Greening the CAP**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence received from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Northern Ireland Assembly in connection with the *Greening the CAP* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

*Ordered*, That the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Northern Ireland Assembly be authorised to publish their written evidence on *Greening the CAP*, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

## **6. *Greening the CAP: oral evidence***

Professor Charles Godfray, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 19 December 2011 at 4pm.]

### **Monday 19 December 2011**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

#### **1. *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy***

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. *Water White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 2.30pm.]

## Wednesday 11 January 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Dan Rogerson
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd
Mrs Mary Glendon	

### **1. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CFP 27	Paul Joy
CFP 28	Bill Brock
CFP 29	European Commission

### **2. Greening the CAP**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That supplementary written evidence received from the Woodland Trust in connection with the *Greening the CAP* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **3. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence received from the Mineral Products Association in connection with the *Natural Environment White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **4. Natural Environment White Paper: oral evidence**

Pavan Sukhdev, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) project and Chris Knight, Assistant Director, Sustainability and Climate Change, Pricewaterhouse Coopers; Jonathan Garrett, Group Head of Sustainability, Balfour Beatty, Chris Matthews, Head of Sustainability, United Utilities, and Paul Allison, British Aggregates Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 11.00am.]

## Tuesday 17 January 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Mrs Mary Glendon
Richard Drax	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Dan Rogerson
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd

### **1. *Natural Environment White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence received from The Environment Bank Ltd in connection with the *Natural Environment White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **2. *Greening the CAP***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. *Greening the CAP: oral evidence***

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Martin Nesbit, Director, EU, International and Evidence Base and Arik Dondi, Deputy Director, Environmental Land Management, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January 2012 at 2.30pm.]

## Wednesday 18 January 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Neil Parish
Barry Gardiner	Amber Rudd
Mrs Mary Glendon	

### **1. *Daylight Saving***

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Rationalisation of the AHVLA**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Air Quality**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. Welfare of Laying Hens Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, that the Chair and a member of staff have leave to visit Brussels to attend the meeting of Chairs of the Fisheries Committees of National Parliaments.

## **6. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **7. Natural Environment White Paper: oral evidence**

Paul Wilkinson, Head of Living Landscapes, Wildlife Trust (representing Wildlife and Countryside Link), Rodney Whittaker, Chairman, The Ramblers, Dr Simon Pryor, Natural Environment Director, National Trust, and Ben Stafford, Head of Campaigns, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England; and Dr Diane Mitchell, Chief Environment Advisor, National Farmers Union, and Harry Cotterell, President, Country Land and Business Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January 2012 at 2.30pm.]

## **Wednesday 25 January 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish  
Ms Margaret Ritchie  
Dan Rogerson

### **1. Declaration of Interests**

Ms Margaret Ritchie declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (a note setting out these interests had been circulated to Members and is appended to these minutes).

### **2. Daylight Savings**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Pevensey, East Sussex, in connection with its inquiry into the Natural Environment White Paper.

### **4. Public Bodies Act**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Appointment of Ofwat Chair**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Natural Environment White Paper: oral evidence**

Cllr David Parsons, Chair, Local Government Association (LGA) Environment and Housing Board, Tony Bradford, Head of Countryside Management Service, Hertfordshire County Council (representing the LGA), and Dr Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Association; and Professor David Hill, Chairman, The Environment Bank Ltd, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January 2012 at 10.30am.]

## Tuesday 31 January 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
George Eustice

Neil Parish  
Dan Rogerson  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Rationalisation of the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA)**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the *Rationalisation of the AHVLA* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

AHVLA 01	Forrest House Vets Ltd, North Yorkshire
AHVLA 02	Howells Veterinary Services Ltd, York
AHVLA 03	Biobest Laboratories Ltd
AHVLA 04	Deborah Brown, Farm Animal Veterinary Surgeon
AHVLA 05	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
AHVLA 06	National Pig Association
AHVLA 07	LGC Limited
AHVLA 08	Eastgate Veterinary Centre, North Yorkshire
AHVLA 09	Mr Darryl Thorpe
AHVLA 10	Pig Veterinary Society
AHVLA 11	Dr Gareth Enticott, Cardiff University
AHVLA 12	British Divers Marine Life Rescue
AHVLA 13	Cornwall Wildlife Trust Marine Strandings Network
AHVLA 14	V R Simpson, Wildlife Veterinary Investigation Centre, Truro
AHVLA 15	Tony Roberts, Veterinary Officer, AHVLA, Oxford
AHVLA 16	Dr Nicholas Tregenza, Chelonia Limited
AHVLA 17	Faye Archell, Trustee, British Divers Marine Life Rescue
AHVLA 18	World Horse Welfare
AHVLA 19	Prospect
AHVLA 20	British Veterinary Association and British Cattle Veterinary Association
AHVLA 21	M E Glover, Kebir House Veterinary Group, North Yorkshire
AHVLA 22	Garth Partnership



## **2. Rationalisation of the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency: oral evidence**

Rudolf Reichel and Charlotte Featherstone, Veterinary Investigation Officers, AHVLA Thirsk Regional Laboratory, Dr Zoe Davies, National Pig Association, and Jan Loveridge, Coordinator, Cornwall Wildlife Trust Marine Strandings Network; and Carl Padgett, President, British Veterinary Association, and Andrew Prail, President, British Cattle Veterinary Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February 2012 at 3.15pm.]

### **Wednesday 1 February 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Iain McKenzie
Richard Drax	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Ms Margaret Ritchie
Mrs Mary Glendon	Dan Rogerson

#### **1. Declaration of Interests**

Iain McKenzie declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (a note setting out these interests had been circulated to Members).

#### **2. AHVLA rationalisation**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. Water White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the *Water White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

WWP 01	David Linnell
WWP 02	Barri Hitchin
WWP 03	T Martin Blaiklock, Consultant, Energy & Infrastructure Project Finance
WWP 04	Howard Glenn, Project Engineer Flooding & Land Drainage, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
WWP 05	David Martin, Chartered Civil Engineer, Chartered Water and Environmental Manager

WWP 06	Scottish Water
WWP 07	British Chambers of Commerce
WWP 08	UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
WWP 09	RM Water Services
WWP 10	Wessex Water Services Ltd
WWP 11	Business Stream
WWP 12	SSE Water Ltd
WWP 13	SSE Plc
WWP 14	Waterwise
WWP 15	Water-Value
WWP 16	UK Rainwater Harvesting Association
WWP 17	Portsmouth Water Ltd
WWP 18	Hammersmith and Fulham Council
WWP 19	David Wilks, Varyflush Ltd
WWP 20	The River Chess Association
WWP 21	WWF-UK
WWP 22	United Utilities Group Plc
WWP 23	Major Energy Users' Council (MEUC)
WWP 24	Sembcorp Bournemouth Water
WWP 25	Wolseley UK
WWP 26	Kelda Group
WWP 27	Woodland Trust
WWP 28	Water Industry Commission for Scotland (WICS)
WWP 29	Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
WWP 30	Professor Catherine Waddams, ESRC Centre for Competition Policy, University of East Anglia
WWP 31	Lucy Borland
WWP 32	CBI Minerals Group
WWP 33	Ofwat
WWP 34	Mineral Products Association
WWP 35	Consumer Council for Water
WWP 36	The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE)
WWP 37	Blueprint for Water coalition
WWP 38	Thames Water
WWP 39	South West Water
WWP 40	National Farmers' Union (NFU)
WWP 41	Lord Krebs, Chair, Adaptation Sub-Committee (ASC), Committee on Climate Change
WWP 42	Food and Drink Federation
WWP 43	Anglian Water
WWP 44	Association of Electricity Producers
WWP 45	Country Land and Business Association
WWP 46	Northumbrian Water Ltd

WWP 47	Action for the River Kennet (ARK)
WWP 48	The Chilterns Conservation Board
WWP 49	Home Builders Federation Ltd (HBF)
WWP 50	Water UK
WWP 51	Local Government Association (LGA)
WWP 52	Carillion Energy Services (CES)
WWP 53	Severn Trent Water
WWP 54	Whitbread Hotels & Restaurants

#### **4. Draft Orders under the Public Bodies Act**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **5. AHVLA rationalisation: oral evidence**

Mr Jim Paice, Minister of State, Defra, Dr Nigel Gibbens, Chief Veterinary Officer and Catherine Brown, Chief Executive, AHVLA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 10.30am.]

### **Tuesday 21 February 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Ms Margaret Ritchie
Barry Gardiner	Dan Rogerson
Neil Parish	Amber Rudd

#### **1. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence from CEFAS received in connection with the *Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Chair's Draft Report (*EU Proposals for Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy*) 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 Twelfth Report from the Committee, HC 1563.*

## **2. AHVLA rationalisation**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence from the UK Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme received in connection with *AHVLA rationalisation* be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## **3. Water White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the *Water White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

WWP 55	Environment Agency
WWP 56	Mayor of London, Greater London Authority

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 February 2012 at 2.30pm.]

## **Wednesday 22 February 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty	Barry Gardiner
Richard Drax	Neil Parish
George Eustice	Ms Margaret Ritchie

## **1. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence received from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Natural Environment Research Council in connection with the *Natural Environment White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## **2. Greening the CAP**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Water White Paper: oral evidence**

The Committee considered this matter.

Alan Sutherland, Chief Executive, Water Industry Commission for Scotland, and Mark Powles, Chief Executive, Business Stream; and Regina Finn, Chief Executive, and Keith Mason, Director of Finance and Networks, Ofwat, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 February 2012 at 12:45pm.]

## **Wednesday 29 February 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish

Ms Margaret Ritchie

Dan Rogerson

### **1. *Natural Environment White Paper***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. *Natural Environment White Paper: oral evidence***

Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister of State, Cabinet Office, and Chloe Smith MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 10:30am.]

## **Tuesday 6 March 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax

George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glendon

Iain McKenzie

Neil Parish

Amber Rudd

### **1. *Waste Water National Policy Statement***

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. *Draft Orders under the Public Bodies Act***

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on the Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012.

### **3. Schmallenberg virus**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. AHVLA**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Chair to the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **5. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Water White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **7. Water White Paper: oral evidence**

Lord Chris Smith, Chairman, Dr Paul Leinster, Chief Executive, and Ian Barker, Head of Land and Water, Environment Agency; and Tony Smith, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Water, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 March 2012 at 2pm.]

## **Wednesday 7 March 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner  
Mrs Mary Glendon

Neil Parish  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Water White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. Water White Paper: oral evidence**

Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK, Peter Simpson, Managing Director, Anglian Water, and Steve Mogford, Chief Executive, United Utilities; Dr Rose Timlett, Freshwater Programme Manager, WWF-UK, Dr Geoffrey Findlay, Chairman, and John Lawson, Technical Advisor, Action for the River Kennet, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 10.30am.]

## **Tuesday 13 March 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty

Iain McKenzie

George Eustice

Neil Parish

Barry Gardiner

Amber Rudd

## **1. Schmallenberg virus**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012: oral evidence**

Tony Hales, Chairman, British Waterways, and Chair of Canal and River Trust Transition Trustees, Robin Evans, Chief Executive, British Waterways, and John Kittmer, Head of British Waterways Sponsorship and New Waterways Charity Project, Defra; Clive Henderson, Chairman, Inland Waterways Association, and Howard Pridding, Executive Director, British Marine Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 12.30pm.]

## Tuesday 27 March 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner  
Neil Parish

Ms Margaret Ritchie  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Common Agricultural Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Chair have leave to travel in a representative capacity to attend the meeting of Chairs of Agriculture Committees in Denmark, and the Interparliamentary Committee meeting on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in Brussels.

### **2. Habitats and Wild Birds Directives: Review of Implementation**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Forward programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. UK Eggs Industry**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on the UK eggs industry.

### **5. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence received from the Association of Local Government Ecologists in connection with the *Natural Environment White Paper* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **6. Water White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.



## **7. Water White Paper: oral evidence**

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Fisheries, Gabrielle Edwards and John Bourne, Deputy Directors, Water Availability and Quality Programme, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 April 2012 at 2pm.]

## **Tuesday 17 April 2012**

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon

Iain McKenzie

Neil Parish

Ms Margaret Ritchie

Amber Rudd

### **1. Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012 be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BWO 04	Anand Patil
BWO 05	National Bargee Travellers Association
BWO 06	Peter MacDonald
BWO 07	Graham Phillips
BWO 09	David DeVere

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 April 2012 at 2pm.]

## Wednesday 18 April 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  
Richard Drax  
George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glendon  
Neil Parish  
Ms Margaret Ritchie  
Amber Rudd

### **1. Rural communities**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Desinewed meat**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Chair to the Secretary of State, Defra, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **4. Water White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Natural Environment White Paper: oral evidence**

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Fisheries, and David Cooper, Head of Ecosystems and Sponsorship, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 April 2012 at 2pm.]

## Wednesday 25 April 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax	Ms Margaret Ritchie
George Eustice	Dan Rogerson
Mrs Mary Glendon	Amber Rudd
Neil Parish	

### **1. Tackling Irresponsible Dog Ownership**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Welfare of Laying Hens Directive: Follow Up**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the *Welfare of Laying Hens Directive: Follow Up* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Eggs follow-up 01	British Egg Industry Council (BEIC)
Eggs follow-up 03	National Farmers' Union (NFU)
Eggs follow-up 04	Defra

### **5. Welfare of Laying Hens Directive: Follow Up – oral evidence**

Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Animal Welfare Unit, and Bente Bergersen, Policy Officer, European Commission, gave oral evidence by videolink, and Terry Jones, Director of Communications, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 10.30am.]

## Proceedings of the Sub-Committee

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APPENDIX

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

*13 July 2010: declaration of Members' interests*

**Nigel Adams:**

Remunerated directorship: NGC Networks Limited (telecommunications products and services) (advice on sales and marketing strategy).

Sponsorship: Backup Technology Limited, Airedale Mechanical & Electrical Limited, Mr W Condon, Roxylight, Mr C D Forbes-Adam, Caddick Group PLC, Mr T C Dewhurst.

Gifts, benefits and hospitality: Complimentary first class travel pass for use on Grand Central Trains.

Land and property: two mixed use commercial and residential properties in Selby, North Yorkshire, owned jointly with my wife, from which rental income is received; half an acre of residential development land near York, owned jointly with my wife, from which no income is derived.

Registrable shareholdings: NGC Networks Limited; NGC Network Services Limited.

**Mr Dave Anderson**

Nil.

**Tom Blenkinsop**

Sponsorships: Community, the Trade Union for Life; Unite, the Union

Overseas visit: 27 to 31 May 2010 to Hua Min, Bangkok, Thailand. Flights, accommodation and meals provided by SSI, Sahaviriya Steel Industries plc Ltd.

**Thomas Docherty**

Sponsorships: Unison Labour Link (Unison Scotland); Unite Scotland

**Bill Esterson**

Sponsorships: John Moores

Land and property: two flats in Brompton, Kent, from which rental income is received.

Registrable shareholdings: Leaps & Bounds (Training) Ltd

**George Eustice**

Sponsorships: The 1900 Club

Land and property: one flat in Pimlico, London, from which rental income is received.

Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary allowances: my partner is employed as office manager.

Other: family farming interests

**Mrs Mary Glendon**

Sponsorship: GMB Northern Region

Other: my brother is employed as a meat inspector.

**Miss Anne McIntosh**

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.: Member of the Faculty of Advocates (non-practising and unremunerated)

Gifts, benefits and hospitality: Complimentary first class travel pass for use on Grand Central Trains

Land and property: Half share in a smallholding; quarter share in residential property in Teesdale, County Durham.

Other: Vice-chair of the Association of Drainage Authorities

**Neil Parish**

Sponsorship: Devon East Conservative Patrons Group Club (subsidiary of Devon East Conservative Group)

Land and property: family farm, Somerset

Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary allowances: my wife is employed as junior secretary.

**Dan Rogerson**

Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary allowances: my wife is employed as a part-time diary secretary.

**Amber Rudd**

Sponsorships: The Spring Lunch; Stephen Rumsey; Growth Financial Services Ltd; Rob Gray; Rita Skinner; Andrew Law; Women2win; Gareth Penny; United & Cecil; Sarah Kowitz.

***3 November 2010: declaration of Members' interests***

**Richard Drax**

Directorships :Morden Estates Company Limited, The Estate Office, Charborough Park, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7EN; property company that manages a number of family-owned properties.

Land and Property: Woodlands, farmland, residential and commercial property from which rental income is received, mainly in Dorset but one residential property in London and one commercial property in Hampshire; some are direct interests, others in family trusts.

Shareholdings: Morden Estates Company Ltd, property management company (see 1 above); Abbotts Court Farm Company (Holdings) Limited, holding company for a farming business.

***11 January 2011: declaration of Members' interests***

**Barry Gardiner**

Overseas visits:

Name of donor: GLOBE International

Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £7,315.51

Destination of visit: Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, South Korea.

Date of visit: 20-25 February 2010

Purpose of visit: meetings with the members of Diet and House of Councillors in Tokyo and members of the National Assembly in Seoul.

Name of donor: GLOBE International

Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £722.10

Destination of visit: Copenhagen, Denmark.

Date of visit: 14-17 December 2009

Purpose of visit: to attend the G20 climate talks as a representative of GLOBE.

Name of donor: GLOBE International

Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £307

Destination of visit: Brussels, Belgium.

Date of visit: 23 March 2010

Purpose of visit: meeting with new EU Climate Action Commissioner, Connie Hedegaard.

Name of donor: GLOBE International

Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £ 8157.90

Destination of visit: Nagoya, Japan and Tianjin, China.

Date of visit: 24 October – 7 November

Purpose of visit: to Chair the Parliamentarians Forum of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity organised by the Convention Secretariat and GLOBE International and to attend the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change organised by China's National People's Congress and GLOBE International.

Name of donor: GLOBE International

Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £ 424.00

Destination of visit: Mexico City, Mexico.

Date of visit: 4-5 December

Purpose of visit: to Chair the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change organised by the Mexican National Congress and GLOBE International.

***25 January 2012: declaration of Members' interests***

**Margaret Ritchie**

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.: Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Parliament Buildings Stormont, Belfast, and Minister in Northern Ireland Executive until 24 May 2010.

***1 February 2012: declaration of Members' interests***

**Iain McKenzie**

Nil.