



House of Commons
European Scrutiny Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2013-14

Wednesday 8 May 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the draft Regulation on key information for investment products and the draft Directive on undertakings for collective investments in transferable securities as set out in his entry in the Register of Members' Interests.

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*First Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 83-i.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Scrutiny of Documents: Reducing the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks: Reasoned Opinion

Draft Report (*Second Report*) (*Reducing the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks: Reasoned Opinion*) 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 with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 83-ii.

Ordered, That the Draft Regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks be referred for consideration that it does not comply with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and to consider that a reasoned opinion be submitted by the Clerk of the House to the Presidents of the European Institutions.

5. Pre-presidency visit to Lithuania

Resolved, That the Committee visit Lithuania on 9-11 June in connection with its scrutiny work during the Lithuanian Presidency of the European Union, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

6. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Sir Jon Cunliffe CB, Head of UKRep and Mr Simon Manley, Director, Europe, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 May at 2.00 p.m.]

Sunday 12 — Tuesday 14 May 2013

The Committee visited Brussels and The Hague, in conjunction with its inquiry on European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

The following Members participated in the visit: The Chairman, Mr James Clappison, Michael Connarty, Nia Griffith, Kelvin Hopkins.

Tuesday 21 May 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith

Chris Heaton-Harris
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Third Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 83-iii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 5 June 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Linda Riordan
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Fourth Report*) 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 with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 83-iv.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. COSAC Plenary, Dublin

Resolved, That the Committee sends representatives to the COSAC Plenary on 23-25 June, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Sunday 9 — Tuesday 11 June 2013

The Committee visited Vilnius, Lithuania, in advance of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, in conjunction with its ongoing scrutiny of European documents.

The following Members participated in the visit: The Chairman, Mr James Clappison, Michael Connarty, Julie Elliott, Kelvin Hopkins, Henry Smith.

Wednesday 12 June 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Kelvin Hopkins

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Fifth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 83-v.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Professor Simon Hix, London School of Economics, gave oral evidence.

5. COSAC Chairpersons

Resolved, That the Chair attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting on the 7-8 July in Vilnius, Lithuania, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 19 June 2013

Members present:

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Linda Riordan
Henry Smith

In the absence of the Chair, Mr James Clappison was called to the chair.

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Sixth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 83-vi.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Sunday 23 — Tuesday 25 June 2013

Members of the Committee attended the COSAC XLIX Conference in Dublin in a representative capacity.

The following Members participated in the visit: The Chairman, Nia Griffith

Wednesday 26 June 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Julie Elliott
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Seventh Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 83-vii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 July at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 3 July 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
Mr James Clappison
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Eighth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 83-viii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. CFSP/CSDP Lithuania

Resolved, That the Chair attend the CFSP/CSDP meeting in Lithuania on the 4-6 September, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

5. Inter-parliamentary Conference for Economic and Financial Governance of the EU (Lithuania)

Resolved, That the Chair attend the Inter-parliamentary Conference for Economic and Financial Governance of the EU on 16-18 October, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

6. COSAC Plenary, Lithuania

Resolved, That the Committee send representatives to the COSAC Plenary on the 27-29 October, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 July at 2.00 p.m.]

Thursday 4 July

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris

Kelvin Hopkins
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Rt Hon David Lidington, Minister for Europe, Owen Jenkins, Head of Western Balkans Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and George Hodgson, Head of Parliamentary and Communications Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 July at 2.00 p.m.]

Sunday 7 — Monday 8 July 2013

The Chairman attended the COSAC Chairpersons conference in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Wednesday 10 July 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
James Clappison
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Ninth Report*) 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 with the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 83-ix.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Documents: Further amendments to EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime

Draft Report (*Tenth Report*) (*Further amendments to EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime*) 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 with the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 83-x.

4. Scrutiny of Documents: Reforming Europol

Draft Report (*Eleventh Report*) (*Reforming Europol*) 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 with the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 83-xi.

5. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 July at 2.00 p.m]

Wednesday 17 July 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Chris Kelly
Mr James Clappison	Stephen Phillips
Michael Connarty	Jacob Rees-Mogg
Julie Elliott	Henry Smith
Nia Griffith	

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Mr Andrew Bingham declared no interests in relation to the scrutiny of European documents.

Draft Report (*Twelfth Report*) 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 with the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4 Regulation of Tobacco and related Products: Scrutiny Override

Anna Soubry MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health, Department of Health, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 September at 2.00 p.m]

Wednesday 4 September 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Chris Kelly
Julie Elliott	Linda Riordan
Chris Heaton-Harris	Jacob Rees-Mogg
Kelvin Hopkins	Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirteenth Report*) 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 with the Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xiii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the following evidence be published on the internet:

From	Title
David Keighley, Newswatch	Supplementary evidence Reforming the European Scrutiny System in the House of Commons

5. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Professor Damian Chalmers, London School of Economics, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 September at 2.00 p.m]

Wednesday 11 September 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
James Clappison
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the documents covered in chapters 5 and 15 in the report, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

Draft Report (*Fourteenth Report*), 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 with the Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xiii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Documents: European Public Prosecutor's Office: Reasoned Opinion, Reform of Eurojust & European Anti-Fraud Office

Draft Report (*Fifteenth Report*) (*European Public Prosecutor's Office: Reasoned Opinion, Reform of Eurojust & European Anti-Fraud Office*) 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 with the Fifteenth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xi.

4. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 October at 2.00 p.m]

Wednesday 9 October 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Seventeenth Report*) 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 with the Seventeenth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xvi.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 October at 10.00 a.m.]

Thursday 10 October 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Geraint Davies
Nia Griffith

Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. The UK's block opt-out of pre-Lisbon criminal law and policing measures

Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Home Secretary, Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 16 — Friday 18 October 2013

The Chairman attended the Inter-parliamentary conference for Economic & Financial Governance of the EU in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Wednesday 16 October 2013

Members present:

Mr James Clappison
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

In the absence of the Chair, Mr James Clappison was called to the Chair.

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Eighteenth Report*) 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 with the Eighteenth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xvii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Pre-presidency, Lithuania

Resolved, That the Committee visit Greece on 1-3 December in connection with its scrutiny work during the Greek Presidency of the European Union, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 October at 4.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 23 October 2013

Members present:

Andrew Bingham
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith

Kelvin Hopkins
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Henry Smith was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Nineteenth Report*) 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 with the Nineteenth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xviii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 October at 2.00pm

Sunday 27 — Tuesday 29 October 2013

Members of the Committee attended the L COSAC Conference in Lithuania in a representative capacity.

The following Members participated in the visit: The Chairman, Michael Connarty

Wednesday 30 October 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Chris Kelly
Mr James Clappison	Stephen Phillips
Michael Connarty	Jacob Rees-Mogg
Nia Griffith	Linda Riordan
Kelvin Hopkins	Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Twentieth Report*) 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 with the Twentieth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xix.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Document: The UK's block opt-out of pre-Lisbon criminal law and policing measures

Draft Report (*Twenty-first Report*): (*The UK's block opt-out of pre-Lisbon criminal law and policing measures*) 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 with the Twenty-first Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxi.

4. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 November at 2.00pm

Wednesday 6 November 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Jacob Rees-Mogg
Chris Heaton-Harris	Linda Riordan
Chris Kelly	Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Twenty-second Report*) 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 with the Twenty-second Report of the Committee, HC 83-XX.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Committee, Lord Patten of Barnes, in his capacity as Chairman of the BBC Trust, ought to appear before the Committee to give oral evidence on Wednesday 27 November at 2.30pm.

4. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November at 2.00pm]

Wednesday 20 November 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Kelvin Hopkins
Mr James Clappison	Chris Kelly
Michael Connarty	Jacob Rees-Mogg
Geraint Davies	Linda Riordan
Nia Griffith	Henry Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the documents covered in chapter 5 of this Report, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

Draft Report, (*Twenty-third report*) 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 with the Twenty-third Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxi.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Draft Report, (*Reforming the European Scrutiny System in the House of Commons*) 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 with the Twenty-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxiv.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 November at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 27 November 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Mr James Clappison
Geraint Davies
Nia Griffith

Kelvin Hopkins
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Mr Michael Thornton declared no interests in relation to the scrutiny of European documents.

Draft Report (*Twenty-fifth Report*), 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 with the Twenty-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 December at 2.00 p.m.]

Sunday 1 — Tuesday 3 December 2013

The Committee visited Athens, Greece, in advance of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU, in conjunction its ongoing scrutiny of European documents.

Members who took part in the visit: The Chairman, Kelvin Hopkins, Henry Smith.

Wednesday 4 December 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Twenty-sixth Report*), 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 with the Twenty-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxiii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Charter of Fundamental Rights

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights to the UK.

5. COSAC Chairpersons

Resolved, That the Chair attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting on 26-27 January in Athens, Greece and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 December at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 11 December 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Twenty-seventh Report*), 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 with the Twenty-seventh Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxiv.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 December at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 18 December 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Mr James Clappison
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Twenty-Eighth Report*), 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 with the Twenty-Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxiv.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inter-parliamentary Conference for Economic and Financial Governance of the EU (Brussels)

Resolved, That the Chair attend the Inter-parliamentary Conference for Economic and Financial Governance of the EU meeting on the 20-21 January, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 January at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 7 January 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Mr James Clappison
Chris Heaton-Harris

Kelvin Hopkins
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Mr Michael Thornton

1. European Document Debates

Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Dr Andrew Murrison MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (International Security Strategy), Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 8 January 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Twenty-ninth Report*), 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 with the Twenty-ninth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxvi.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 15 January 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Geraint Davies
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Linda Riordan
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirtieth Report*), 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 with the Thirtieth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxvii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the following evidence be published on the internet:

From	Title
Profession Paul Craig	Supplementary evidence
Andrew Duff MEP	The Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK
Martin Howe QC	The Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK

5. EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK

David Anderson QC, University of London, Professor Paul Craig, Oxford University, Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott, Oxford University, Martin Howe QC, 8 New Square Chambers, Lincoln's Inn, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January at 11.00 a.m.]

Sunday 20 — Tuesday 21 January 2014

The Chairman attended the Inter-parliamentary Conference on Economic Governance of the EU in a Representative Capacity.

Wednesday 22 January 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Mr James Clappison

Michael Connarty
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirty-first Report*), 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 with the Thirty-first Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxviii.

Draft Report (*Thirty-second Report*), 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 with the Thirty-second Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxix.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK

From	Title
Lord Goldsmith QC	Memorandum to the inquiry into the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 22 January 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Stephen Phillips

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. The application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK

David Anderson QC; Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott, Professor of European and Human Rights Law, University of Oxford, Professor Paul Craig, Professor of English law, St John's College, Oxford University and Rt Hon the Lord Goldsmith PC QC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Sunday 26 — Monday 27 January 2014

The Chairman attended the COSAC Chairpersons conference in Athens, Greece in a Representative Capacity.

Wednesday 29 January 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Nia Griffith
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirty-third Report*), 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 with the Thirty-third Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxx.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4 The application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Justice gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 5 February 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham

Chris Kelly

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Henry Smith

Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirty-fourth Report*), 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 with the Thirty-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxi.

3. Scrutiny of Document: Animal Cloning: Reasoned Opinion

Draft Report (*Thirty-fifth Report*) (*Animal Cloning: Reasoned Opinion*) 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 with the Thirty-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

4. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 12 February 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirty-sixth Report*), 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 with the Thirty-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxiii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 26 February 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Chris Kelly

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirty-seventh Report*), 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 with the Thirty-seventh Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxiv.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. What Europe stands for: Growth, jobs and Rights: will the EU rise to the occasion (Rome)

Resolved, That the Chair attend the What Europe stands for: Growth, jobs and Rights: will the EU rise to the occasion? conference on 13-14 March, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 5 March 2014

Members present:

Michael Connarty
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr James Clappison was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirty-eighth Report*), 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 with the Thirty-eighth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxv.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 12 March 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Thirty-ninth Report*), 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 with the Thirty-ninth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxvi.

3. The EU and Ukraine: restrictive measures

Draft Report (*Fortieth Report*), 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 with the Fortieth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxvii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

4. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Correspondence with the BBC

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the following evidence be published on the internet: letters to the Chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee of 3 March from Lord Patten of Barnes, Chairman of the BBC Trust and Tony Hall, Director-General of the BBC and the Committee's letters to the BBC.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 March at 10.30 a.m.]

Thursday 13 — Friday 14 March 2014

The Chairman attended the What Europe stands for: growth, jobs & rights: will the EU rise to the occasion conference in Rome, Italy in a Representative Capacity.

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Kelvin Hopkins
Mr James Clappison	Chris Kelly
Michael Connarty	Stephen Phillips
Geraint Davies	Jacob Rees-Mogg
Stephen Gilbert	Henry Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Mr Geraint Davies & Mr Stephen Gilbert declared no interests in relation to the scrutiny of European documents.

Draft Report (*Forty-first Report*), 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 with the Forty-first Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxvii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. First Joint Report from the European Scrutiny, Home Affairs and Justice Committees of Session 2013-14

Draft Report (*Forty-second Report*): (*The Government's response to the Committees' Reports on the 2014 block opt-out decision*) 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 with the Forty-second Report of the Committee, HC 1177

4. The application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK: a state of confusion

Draft Report (*Forty-third Report*): (*The application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in the UK: a state of confusion*) 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 with the Forty-third Report of the Committee, HC 979

5. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 March at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 26 March 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Kelvin Hopkins
Michael Connarty	Chris Kelly
Geraint Davies	Jacob Rees-Mogg
Julie Elliott	Linda Riordan
Nia Griffith	Henry Smith
Chris Heaton-Harris	Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Forty-fourth Report*), 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 with the Forty-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xxxix.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inter-parliamentary Conference for Common Foreign & Security Policy and the Common Security Defence Policy (Athens)

Resolved, That the Chair attend the Inter-parliamentary Conference for Common Foreign & Security Policy and the Common Security Defence Policy meeting on 3-4 April, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 2 April 2014

Members present:

Andrew Bingham
Michael Connarty
Geraint Davies
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr James Clappison was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Forty-fifth Report*), 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 with the Forth-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xl.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 April at 2.00 p.m.]

Thursday 3 — Friday 4 April 2014

The Chairman attended the Inter-parliamentary conference for Common Foreign & Security Policy and Common Security Defence Policy, Athens, Greece.

Wednesday 9 April 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Michael Connarty
Kelvin Hopkins

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Forty-sixth Report*), 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 with the Forty-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xli.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Animal Cloning: the use of Article 352 TFEU

George Eustice MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DEFRA; Simon Waterfield, Head of the On-Farm Animal Welfare Team and Simon Parker, Lawyer with responsibility for EU legal matters, DEFRA, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 April at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 30 April 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Geraint Davies
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Forty-seventh Report*), 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 with the Forty-seventh Report of the Committee, HC 83-xlii.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The European Investigation Order

Rt Hon. Theresa May MP, Home Secretary; Emma Gibbons, Deputy Director, European Unit, International Directorate; Sunil Teeluck, Legal Adviser; Harvey Palmer, Mutual Legal Assistance Policy, Judicial Cooperation Unit, Home Office gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 7 May 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Forty-eighth Report*), 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 with the Forty- eighth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xliii.

3. Undeclared Work: Reasoned Opinion

Draft Report, (*Fortieth-ninth Report*), 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 with the Fortieth-ninth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xliv.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

4. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Pre-presidency, Italy

Resolved, That the Committee visit Italy on 7-9 September in connection with its scrutiny work during the Italian Presidency of the European Union, and that the

Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 May at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 14 May 2014

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith
Mr Michael Thornton

1. Ministerial Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter and agreed to publish on the internet.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Draft Report (*Fiftieth Report*), 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 with the Fiftieth Report of the Committee, HC 83-xlv.

Meeting summary agreed to; summary to be published.

3. Scrutiny of Pre-Council and Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 June at 4.00 p.m.]