



House of Commons
International Development
Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2007–08

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 6 November – Friday 9 November 2007

The Chairman and the Committee Specialist visited Lisbon to attend the EU Presidency Seminar on Africa and the European Development Days in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 October 2007.

Tuesday 13 November 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Mr Stephen Crabb
Hugh Bayley	James Duddridge
John Bercow	Ann McKechin
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith

1. Declaration of Interests: new Member

Mr Stephen Crabb declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

A visit to India on 1-6 February 2007, organised by Christian Solidarity Worldwide who contributed the cost; visit to Doha, Qatar on 27-30 October funded by South Hook LNG Terminal Company Ltd; visit to Rwanda and Burundi, 2-10 June 2007 as a member of a delegation from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Great Lakes Region of Africa, paid for by Christian Aid, Oxfam Novib (Holland), International Alert and ActionAid.

2. Inquiry into the DFID Annual Report 2007

Draft Report, [*Department for International Development Annual Report 2007*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 64-I, p. 40]

3. Overseas visits (Washington DC)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into Maternal Health

Dr Tim Ensor, Oxford Policy Management, Alec Cumming, Chief Executive Officer, Immpact, University of Aberdeen, and Dr Sam Adjei, Principal Consultant to the Ghana Health Service, of the Immpact Project; and Dr Tony Falconer, Senior Vice President, RCOG International Office, Dr Monir Islam, Member, International Executive Board of RCOG International Office and Director, Making Pregnancy Safer, WHO and Dr Nynke van den

Broek, Senior Clinical Lecturer in Reproductive Health, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Director, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists International Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 November at 10.00 am.

Thursday 15 November 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley

Ann McKechin

Richard Burden

Sir Robert Smith

James Duddridge

1. Overseas visits

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environments: Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

David Mansfield, an independent consultant; and Elizabeth Winter, Special Adviser, Policy and Advocacy, British and Irish Agencies Afghanistan Group (BAAG); Mudasser Hussein Siddiqui, Policy, Research and Advocacy Coordinator, ActionAid Afghanistan and David Page, Chair of Trustees, Afghanaid gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 November at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 20 November 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	James Duddridge
Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
Richard Burden	Jim Sheridan
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith

1. Declaration of Interests: new Member

Jim Sheridan declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Visit to France, 12-14 February 2007 to visit nuclear power stations as a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nuclear Energy. The costs of the trip were met by AREVA.

2. Inquiry into Development and Trade: Cross-Departmental Working

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into Iraq

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Visits

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Department for International Development's offices in London and the Overseas Development Institute in London.

5. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environment: Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Inquiry into DFID and the World Bank

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to DFID and the World Bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet..

WB7 01	Institute of Development Studies
WB7 02	Environmental Defense
WB7 03	Trades Union Congress
WB7 04	Results UK
WB7 05	Ute Koczy, Member of the Deutsch Bunderstag
WB7 06	School of Oriental and African Studies
WB7 07	UNISON
WB7 08	One World Trust

WB7 09	Jubilee Debt Campaign
WB7 10	Overseas Development Institute
WB7 11	Rainforest Foundation UK
WB7 12	World Vision UK
WB7 13	CARE International UK
WB7 14	Christian Aid
WB7 15	AquaFed
WB7 16	Stop the Traffik
WB7 17	UK Consortium on Aids and International Development
WB7 18	ActionAid UK
WB7 19	Oxfam GB
WB7 20	Bretton Woods Project and others
WB7 21	WaterAid
WB7 22	WWF-UK
WB7 23	Bretton Woods Project
WB7 24	Overseas Development Institute
WB7 25	DFID

7. Inquiry into DFID and the World Bank

Michael Hammer, Director, One World Trust; Jeff Powell, Coordinator, Bretton Woods Project and Nuria Molina, Policy Officer, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 22 November at 2.00 pm.]

Thursday 22 November 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	James Duddridge
John Bercow	Ann McKechin
Richard Burden	Jim Sheridan
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environment: Afghanistan

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Development assistance in insecure environments: Afghanistan be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

AF 12	Oxfam
AF 13	Institute for State Effectiveness
AF 14	British Council

2. Inquiry into Development and Trade: Cross-Departmental Working

Draft Report, [*Development and Trade: Cross-Departmental Working*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 68, p.31]

3. Inquiry into Maternal Health

Richard Horton, Editor, *The Lancet* and Brigid McConville, White Ribbon Alliance; and Aasha Pai, Regional Director, Africa and Latin America, Marie Stopes International and Giorgio Cometto, Health Adviser, Save the Children UK gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 December at 10.00 am.]

Sunday 25 November – Thursday 29 November 2007

The Chairman, Hugh Bayley, James Duddridge, Ann McKechin, Sir Robert Smith and Mr Marsha Singh visited Washington in connection with the Committee's inquiry into DFID and the World Bank, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 June 2007.

Tuesday 4 December 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
Richard Burden	Jim Sheridan
James Duddridge	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environment: Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 December at 9.00 am.]

Wednesday 5 December 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
John Bercow	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith
James Duddridge	

1. Inquiry into Maternal Health

Peter Godfrey-Faussett, Chair, Technical Review Panel, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria; Professor Charlotte Watts, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Catharine Taylor, Lead Specialist for Maternal Health, HLSP; and Dr Gill Greer, Director-General, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 December at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 11 December 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	James Duddridge
Richard Burden	Ann McKechin
Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith

1. Future Inquiries

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Department for International Development's Programme in Nigeria; the African Development Bank; China; the World Food Programme; and Donor Coordination.

2. Overseas Visits

Resolved, That the Committee visit: Nigeria and Ghana in March 2008 in connection with its inquiries into DFID's Programme in Nigeria and Donor Coordination; China in June 2008 in connection with its inquiry into China; EU capital cities in May in connection with the inquiry into Donor Coordination and Tunisia in 2008 in connection with its inquiry into the African Development Bank; and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visits.

3. Regular time of meeting

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 December at 2.00 pm.]

Thursday 13 December 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Jim Sheridan
Hugh Bayley	Mr Marsha Singh
Ann McKechin	Sir Robert Smith

1. Publication of Written Evidence on the Internet

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

DFID and the World Bank

WB07 25a	Department for International Development (Supplementary paper)
WB07 26	International Alert

Maternal Health

MH 24	Save the Children
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2. Overseas visits (Tunisia)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into DFID and the World Bank

Sir Robert Smith declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a share-holder in companies involved in extraction of natural resources, as set out in the Register of Members' Interests.

Hugh Bayley declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a member of the Executive Board of the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank.

Simon Counsell, Director, Rainforest Foundation UK; Lies Craeynest, WWF UK; Andrew Pendleton, Christian Aid; Edward Bell, International Alert; Helen Collinson, independent consultant on aid architecture; and Romilly Greenhill, ActionAid UK gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 December at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 18 December 2007

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	James Duddridge
Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
John Bercow	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environments: Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into Maternal Health

The Committee considered this matter.

Baroness Vadera, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Dr Stewart Tyson, Head of Profession for Health, Human Development Group and Andrew Rogerson, Head of Human Development Group, Policy and Research Division, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 January at 2.00 pm.]

Thursday 10 January 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Ann McKechin
Hugh Bayley	Mr Marsha Singh
James Duddridge	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into DFID's Programme in Nigeria

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Overseas visits (Tunisia)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. UK visit (DFID Offices in Palace Street, London)

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environments: Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Inquiry into DFID and the World Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

Sir Robert Smith declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a share-holder in companies involved in extraction of natural resources, as set out in the Register of Members' Interests.

Hugh Bayley declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Executive Board of the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank.

Baroness Vadera, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Mark Lowcock, Director General, Policy and International, and Sally Taylor, Head of the International Financial Institutions Department, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 January at 11.00 am.]

Thursday 17 January 2008

MORNING SITTING

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Ann McKechin
Hugh Bayley	Mr Marsha Singh
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith
James Duddridge	

1. Work of the Committee in 2007

Draft Report [*Work of the Committee in 2007*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 255, p.28]

2. Overseas visit (West Africa)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. UK visit (DFID Offices in Palace Street, London)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environments: Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into Afghanistan be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

AF07 9A and 9B British & Irish Agencies Afghanistan Group (BAAG) Refugee Council
AF07 15 David Elliot

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for International Development, Marshall Elliott, Head of DFID Afghanistan, and Philippa Rogers, Deputy Head of the Afghan Drugs Inter-Departmental Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 2.00 pm.]

Thursday 17 January 2008

AFTERNOON SITTING

The Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present

*Business, Enterprise
and Regulatory Reform
Committee*

Defence Committee

*Foreign Affairs
Committee*

*International
Development
Committee*

Mr Adrian Bailey Roger Berry Peter Luff	Mr David S. Borrow Linda Gilroy Robert Key	Mr Fabian Hamilton Sir John Stanley	John Battle Malcolm Bruce
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1. Chairman

Roger Berry was called to the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

2. Strategic export controls and review of export control legislation

The Committees considered the course of their inquiry and deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Ordered, That the following Memoranda be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (August 2007), Foreign and Commonwealth Office (August 2007), Foreign and Commonwealth Office (October 2007), Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2007) HM Revenue and Customs (November 2007), Foreign and Commonwealth Office (October 2007), Reed Exhibitions Ltd (December 2007), Transparency International (UK) (December 2007), Saferworld (December 2007), Ministry of Defence (December 2007), Campaign Against Arms Trade (December 2007) and Nicholas Gilby (September 2007).

3. Oral evidence

Des Browne MP, the Secretary of State for Defence, Tony Pawson, Head of the Defence Services, and Desmond Bowen, Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

[Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee adjourned till Tuesday 22 January at 10.15 am.

Defence Committee adjourned till Tuesday 22 January at 10.00 am.

Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Wednesday 23 January at 2.00 pm.

International Development Committee adjourned till Thursday 31 January at 2.00 pm.

Thursday 31 January 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle

Ann McKechin

Richard Burden

Mr Marsha Singh

1. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Overseas travel

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Overseas visits (West Africa)

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Inquiry into Iraq

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for International Development, Barbara Hendrie, Deputy Director for Iraq, Middle East and North Africa Department, and Giles Lever, Deputy Head (Political-Military, International and Operations), Iraq Group, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 February at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 5 February 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh
James Duddridge	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into Development assistance in insecure environments: Afghanistan

Draft Report, [*Reconstructing Afghanistan*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[*The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 65-I, p. 63*]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 February at 10.00 am

Wednesday 6 February 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith
Mr Stephen Crabb	

1. Overseas visits (European capitals)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Travel in a representative capacity

Resolved, That one member and a member of staff have leave to visit Brussels in February to attend the Slovenian EU Presidency Seminar on Africa, that the Chairman and Clerk have leave to visit Ljubljana in March to attend the Conference of Chairmen of Foreign Affairs and Development Committees of EU member states, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visits.

3. Inquiry into DFID's Annual Report 2007

Draft Special Report [*Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2007-08: Department for International Development Annual Report 2007*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

4. Inquiry into Development and Trade: Cross-departmental Working

Draft Special Report [*Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2007-08: Development and Trade: Cross-departmental Working*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

5. Inquiry into Maternal Health

Draft Report, [*Maternal Health*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[*The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 66-I, p.66*]

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 February at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 26 February 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	James Duddridge
Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
Richard Burden	Jim Sheridan
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith

1. Estimates day debate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into DFID's Programme in Nigeria

Resolved, That the Committee do not proceed with its inquiry into DFID's Programme in Nigeria.

3. Overseas visits (West Africa – Ghana)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Inquiry into DFID and China

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Overseas visits (European capitals)

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

8. Inquiry into DFID and the World Bank

Draft Report, [*DFID and the World Bank*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 67-I, p. 58]

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 March at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 4 March 2008

Members Present:

Hugh Bayley	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith
Ann McKechin	

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Hugh Bayley was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Inquiry into the World Food Programme and Global Food Security

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Overseas Visits (West Africa – Ghana)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into Coordination for Aid Effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into Coordination for Aid Effectiveness be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

ACo 1	Saferworld
ACo 2	ActionAid UK
ACo 3	World Vision
ACo 4	International Development Initiatives
ACo 5	Muslim Aid
ACo 6	UK Aid Network
ACo 7	Christian Aid
ACo 8	Bretton Woods Project:
ACo 9	Bretton Woods Project, Greenpeace, Christian Aid, Practical Action, Platform and People & Planet
ACo 10	Merlin
ACo 11	Department for International Development
ACo 12	Overseas Development Institute
ACo 13	Professor Mick Moore, Institute of Development Studies

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 March at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 11 March 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley

Ann McKechin

Richard Burden

Sir Robert Smith

1. Spring Supplementary Estimates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Modernisation Committee: Inquiry into Debating Departmental Objectives and Annual Reports

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Overseas visits (European capitals)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Overseas visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

5. European and External Affairs Committee of the Scottish Parliament: Inquiry into International Development

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 March at 9.30 am.]

Sunday 16 March – Tuesday 18 March 2008

The Chairman and the Clerk visited Ljubljana to attend the Conference of Chairmen of Foreign Affairs Committees of EU member states in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 February 2008.

Wednesday 19 March 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Ann McKechin
John Bercow	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith

1. Committees on Arms Export Controls

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

ADB 1	Transparency International
ADB 2	Department for International Development
ADB 3	Engineers Against Poverty and the Institute of Civil Engineers

Joseph Eichenberger, Vice-President Operations, of the African Development Bank, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 March at 9.30 am.]

Thursday 20 March 2008

The Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present

*Business, Enterprise
and Regulatory Reform
Committee*

Defence Committee

*Foreign Affairs
Committee*

*International
Development
Committee*

Roger Berry Mr Michael Clapham Mr Mike Weir	Linda Gilroy Mr Bernard Jenkin	Mike Gapes Mr Fabian Hamilton Sir John Stanley	Malcolm Bruce Richard Burden
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1. Chairman

Roger Berry was called to the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

2. Strategic export controls and review of export control legislation

The Committees considered the course of their inquiry and deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Ordered, That the following Memoranda be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Foreign and Commonwealth Office (January 2008), HM Revenue and Customs (January 2008), Campaign Against Arms Trade (January 2008), Ministry of Defence (February 2008), Export Group for Aerospace and Defence (March 2008), Transparency International (UK) (March 2008), Memorandum from UK Working Group on Arms (March 2008) and Amnesty International UK, the Omega Research Foundation and Saferworld (March 2008)

3. Oral evidence

Mr David Hayes, Chairman of Export Group for Aerospace and Defence (EGAD), Mr Brinley Salzman, Secretary of EGAD, Ms Bernadette Peers, Strategic Shipping Company, and Mr Barry Fletcher, Fletcher International Export Consultancy; and Mr Roy Isbister, Saferworld and UK Working Groups on Arms, Mr Oliver Sprague, Amnesty UK and UK Working Groups on Arms, Ms Marilyn Croser, Oxfam GB and UK Working Groups on Arms, and Mr Mark Pyman, Transparency International UK, gave oral evidence.

[Business and Enterprise Committee adjourned till Wednesday 26 March at 2.00 pm.

Defence Committee adjourned till Tuesday 25 March at 10.00 am.

Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Wednesday 26 March at 1.15pm.

International Development Committee adjourned till Tuesday 22 April at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 25 – Saturday 29 March 2008

The Chairman, Hugh Bayley, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr Marsha Singh and Sir Robert Smith visited Ghana in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Coordination for Aid Effectiveness in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 December 2007.

Tuesday 1 –Thursday 3 April 2008

The Chairman, Hugh Bayley, Ann McKechin and Mr Marsha Singh visited Tunisia in connection with the inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 December 2007.

Tuesday 22 April 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Daniel Kawczynski
Hugh Bayley	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith
Mr Stephen Crabb	

1. Declaration of Interests: new Member

Daniel Kawczynski declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

Funding for a telephone canvass of my constituents provided by the Midlands Industrial Council.

Sponsored by High and Mighty clothing company for taking part in the London Marathon in April 2007. The sponsorship consisted of a donation made directly to a local charity, and vouchers of a value below the registrable threshold for my own use in the company's stores.

3-6 December 2007, visit to Sudan, to visit refugee camps in Darfur and meet the President of the Sudan. Travel and accommodation were paid by the Anglo-Arab Organisation.

7-12 February 2008, visit to Saudi Arabia for meetings with Saudi Ministers and officials. Flights, accommodation, internal travel and security were paid for by the Saudi Government. The visit was co-ordinated by the Conservative Middle East Council.

2. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into the World Food Programme and Global Food Security

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the World Food Programme and Global Food Security be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

WFP 1	UK Forum on Agricultural Research for Development (UKFARD)
WFP 2	Rothamsted Research
WFP 3	Nestlé UK
WFP 4	Save the Children UK
WFP 5	Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
WFP 6	Dr Edward Clay, Senior Research Fellow, ODI
WFP 7	Cru Investment Management
WFP 8	One World Trust
WFP 9	Mohammad Pournik, Principal Economic and Governance Advisor, UN Development Programme Yemen
WFP 10	Prof. Joachim von Braun, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute
WFP 11	Simon Maxwell, Director, Overseas Development Institute
WFP 12	World Food Programme
WFP 13	Oxfam
WFP 14	DFID
WFP 15	Lawrence Haddad, Institute of Development Studies
WFP 16	Alex Evans, Center on International Cooperation
WFP 17	UK Food Group

Sir Robert Smith declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as the owner of a farm producing food, as set out in the Register of Members' Interests

Josette Sheeran, Executive Director, and John Aylieff, Director, Programme Design and Support Division, World Food Programme; Simon Maxwell, Director, and Dr Steve Wiggins, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute; and Alex Rees, Food Security and Livelihoods Advisor, Save the Children UK gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 April at 10.00 am.]

Thursday 24 April 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Jim Sheridan

Sir Robert Smith

Mr Marsha Singh

1. Inquiry into Reconstructing Afghanistan

Draft Special Report [*Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2007-08: Reconstructing Afghanistan*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

2. Overseas visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

Sir Robert Smith declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a share-holder in companies involved in extraction of natural resources, as set out in the Register of Members' Interests

Gillian Merron MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Sally Taylor, Head of International Financial Institutions Department, and Richard Dewdney, Executive Director to the African Development Bank, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 29 April 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Ann McKechin
Hugh Bayley	Mr Marsha Singh
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith
Daniel Kawczynski	

1. Overseas visits (European capitals)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Travel in a representative capacity

Resolved, That the Chairman and a member of staff have leave to visit Brussels on 25-26 June to attend the Joint Committee Meeting between the European Parliament and National Parliaments, that the Chairman and Clerk have leave to visit Paris in July to attend the Conference of Chairmen of Foreign Affairs and Development Committees of EU member states, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visits.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Inquiry into Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness

Myles Wickstead, Visiting Professor, Open University, Sarah Mulley, Co-ordinator, UK Aid Network, Linda Doull, Director of Health and Policy, Merlin, Antonio Tujan Jr, Chairman of Reality of Aid Network; Director of IBON International and Howard White, Executive Director, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 April at 9.30 am.]

Wednesday 30 April 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith
Ann McKechin	

1. Overseas visits (European capitals)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OPT 1	Department for International Development
OPT 2	MachsomWatch
OPT 3	Funding for Peace Coalition
OPT 4	European Commission
OPT 5	TaxPayers' Alliance
OPT 6	Portland Trust
OPT 7	UNICEF UK
OPT 8	Al-Haq
OPT 9	Palestine Solidarity Campaign
OPT 10	War on Want
OPT 11	Palestinian grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign – Stop the Wall
OPT 12	Brigitte Herremans-Broederlijk Delen and Eóin Murray – Trócaire
OPT 13	Stephanie Koury, SOAS
OPT 14	NGO Monitor
OPT 15	Christian Aid
OPT 16	Lord Janner of Braunstone QC
OPT 17	Oxfam GB

John Ging, Director, UN Relief Works Agency (UNRWA) Operations, Gaza, David Freud, Chief Executive Officer, The Portland Trust and Adam Leach, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, Oxfam GB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May at 9.30 am.]

Wednesday 7 May 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle

Jim Sheridan

Richard Burden

Mr Marsha Singh

Ann McKechin

Sir Robert Smith

1. Overseas visits (European capitals)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Overseas visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness

Mr Eckhard Deutscher, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and Brenda Killen, Head of Aid Effectiveness Division, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate; and Mr Maciej Popowski, Director responsible for Aid Effectiveness, and Clare Denvir, Policy Officer for Aid Effectiveness and Relations with Member States, Directorate-General for Development, European Commission gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 8 May at 10.30 am.]

Thursday 8 May 2008

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley Mr Marsha Singh
Richard Burden Sir Robert Smith
Ann McKechin

1. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

Draft Report, [*DFID and the African Development Bank*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 441-I, p.40]

2. Inquiry into DFID and the World Bank

Draft Special Report [*Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2007-08: DFID and the World Bank*] proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

3. Inquiry into DFID and China

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to DFID and China be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Chi 1	DEFRA
Chi 2	Tibet Foundation
Chi 3	WWF-UK
Chi 4	Dr Giles Mohan, Open University
Chi 5	Institute of Development Studies China Group
Chi 6	VSO
Chi 7	YozuMannion Limited
Chi 8	The Rights Practice
Chi 9	Barry & Martin's Trust
Chi 10	The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children
Chi 11	International Synergies Limited

- Chi 12 Department for International Development
- Chi 13 Dr Martyn Davies, Executive Director, Centre for Chinese Studies,
Stellenbosch University
- Chi 14 Christian Aid
- Chi 15 Save the Children

[Adjourned till Monday 19 May at 1.45 pm.]

Sunday 11 –Friday 16 May 2008

The Chairman, Hugh Bayley, Sir Robert Smith and Mr Marsha Singh visited Rome, Berlin and Copenhagen in connection with the inquiry into Coordination for Aid Effectiveness in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 11 December 2007.

Monday 19 May 2008

The Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee *Defence Committee* *Foreign Affairs Committee* *International Development Committee*

Roger Berry Mr Mark Oaten	Mr David S. Borrow Linda Gilroy Mr Bernard Jenkin	Mike Gapes Sir John Stanley	John Battle Mr Marsha Singh
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1. Chairman

Roger Berry was called to the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

2. Strategic export controls and review of export control legislation

The Committees considered the course of their inquiry and deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Ordered, That the following Memorandum be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Foreign and Commonwealth Office (April 2008).

3. Oral evidence

Mr Malcolm Wicks, Minister of State, Mr John Doddrell, Director, Export Control Organisation, and Ms Jayne Carpenter, Assistant Director Export Control Organisation, Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, gave oral evidence.

[Business and Enterprise Committee adjourned till Monday 19 May at 6.00 pm.
Defence Committee adjourned till Tuesday 20 May at 10.00 am.
Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Wednesday 21 May at 2.00 pm.
International Development Committee adjourned till Tuesday 20 May at 2.00 pm.]

Tuesday 20 May 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Ann McKechin
Hugh Bayley	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh
Daniel Kawczynski	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into Maternal Health

Draft Special Report [*Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2007-08: Maternal Health*] proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

2. Overseas visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into DFID's Annual Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OPT 18 John Ging, Director of UNRWA Operations in Gaza

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for International Development; Michael Anderson, Head, Iraq and Middle East Group, DFID; and John Jenkins, Director, Middle East and North Africa Directorate, FCO gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.30 am.

Wednesday 21 May 2008

MORNING SITTING

Members Present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Richard Burden
Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
John Bercow	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into DFID and China

James Oporia-Ekwaro, Senior Lecturer, University College London and Daniel Large, Research Director, Africa Asia Centre, School for Oriental and African Studies gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 21 May 2008

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley Mr Marsha Singh

Mr Stephen Crabb Sir Robert Smith

Ann McKechin

1. Inquiry into DFID and China

Dr Sarah Cook, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies; Dr Gerry Bloom, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies; David Daniels, YozuMannion Limited; David Mephram, Director of Policy, Save the Children; Matthew Foster, Regional Director, South and East Asia, VSO; and Julie Thomas, China-Africa Policy Adviser, WWF-UK gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 June at 3.30 pm.]

Monday 2 June 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle Daniel Kawczynski

Hugh Bayley Ann McKechin

Richard Burden Mr Marsha Singh

Mr Stephen Crabb Sir Robert Smith

1. Future Inquiries

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the DFID Annual Report 2008 and into Sustainable Development.

2. Overseas visits

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Tanzania, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo in early 2009 in connection with its inquiry into Sustainable Development; and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visits.

3. Inquiry into DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border: Follow-up

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Inquiry into Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

Shahid Malik MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Bella Bird, Head, DFID Nepal, Mike Hammond, Head, DFID Ghana, and Sarah Cooke, Head of Aid Effectiveness and Accountability, Department for International Development gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 June at 10.45 am.

Thursday 5 June 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Daniel Kawczynski
Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
John Bercow	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Tony Blair, Middle East Quartet Representative gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 June at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 17 June 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
John Bercow	Mr Marsha Singh
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border: Follow-up

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Overseas visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into the World Food Programme and global food security

Gareth Thomas MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development; Jim Harvey, Permanent Representative to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome; and Jonathan Lingham, Deputy Team Leader, Renewable Natural Resources and Agriculture Team, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 June at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 18 June 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Daniel Kawczynski
Hugh Bayley	Ann McKechin
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh

1. Inquiry into Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into the World Food Programme and global food security

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Overseas visits (China)

Resolved, That the Committee now visit China in December 2008 in connection with its inquiry into DFID and China.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 July at 2.00 pm.]

Wednesday 25 June – Thursday 26 June 2008

The Chairman and the Clerk visited Brussels to attend the Joint Committee Meeting on Development between the European Parliament and National Parliaments, in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 29 April 2008.

Thursday 3 July 2008

The Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee *Defence Committee* *Foreign Affairs Committee* *International Development Committee*

Mr Adrian Bailey Roger Berry Peter Luff	Mr James Arbuthnot Mr David S. Borrow Linda Gilroy Mr Bernard Jenkin Robert Key	Mike Gapes Mr Paul Keetch Mr Ken Purchase Sir John Stanley	John Battle Malcolm Bruce Richard Burden
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1. Roger Berry was called to the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).
2. The Committees deliberated, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).
3. Draft Report: Scrutiny of Arms Export Controls (2008): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2006, Quarterly Reports for 2007, licensing policy and review of export control legislation

Draft Report: Scrutiny of Arms Export Controls (2008): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2006, Quarterly Reports for 2007, licensing policy and review of export control legislation, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be considered concurrently, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A (1)(c).

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph. Paragraphs 1 to 153 read and agreed to.

The following Annexes to the Report read and agreed:

- (1) Letter from the Chair of the Committees to the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
- (2) Note on the visit to the Port of Southampton
- (3) Glossary of acronyms and initials.

The Defence, Foreign Affairs and Business and Enterprise Committees withdrew.

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle

Richard Burden

Resolved, That the draft Report (*Scrutiny of Arms Export Controls (2008): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2006, Quarterly Reports for 2007, licensing policy and review of export control legislation*), prepared by the Business and Enterprise, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees, be the Eighth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A(2) be applied to the Report.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.134 (Select committees (reports)).

Ordered, The following written evidence be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 17 January, 20 March and 19 May: Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (May 2008), Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (May 2008), Foreign and Commonwealth Office (June 2008), National Archives (June 2008), HM Revenue and Customs (June 2008) and Foreign and Commonwealth Office (July 2008).

Ordered, That Roger Berry make the Joint Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 July at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 8 July 2008

Members present:

John Battle	Ann McKechin
Hugh Bayley	Mr Marsha Singh
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith
Mr Stephen Crabb	

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, John Battle was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into HIV/AIDS.

2. Inquiry into the DFID Annual Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the DFID Annual Report 2008 be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DAR 01	Prospect
DAR 02	Joint submission from Coalition of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, the Malawi Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and One World Action
DAR 03	One World Action
DAR 04	Bond Disability and Development working group
DAR 05	Yara International
DAR 06	Save the Children
DAR 07	Concern Worldwide
DAR 08	Medecins du Monde UK
DAR 09	World Vision UK
DAR 10	Results UK
DAR 11	ActionAid
DAR 12	Saferworld
DAR 13	Department for International Development

3. Inquiry into DFID and the World Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into Working Together to Make Aid More Effective

Draft Report, [*Working Together to Make Aid More Effective*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 520-I, p.57]

5. Inquiry into the Humanitarian and Development Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 July at 10.00 am.]

Wednesday 9 July 2008

MORNING SITTING

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Richard Burden

Jim Sheridan

Mr Stephen Crabb

Sir Robert Smith

Daniel Kawczynski

1. Inquiry into the DFID Annual Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr David Peretz, Chairman, Mr Anthony Killick, Committee Member, and Mr Robert Picciotto, Committee Member, Independent Advisory Committee on Development Impact, and Ms Alison Girdwood, Evaluation Department, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 1.30 pm.]

Wednesday 9 July 2008

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley	Daniel Kawczynski
John Bercow	Jim Sheridan
Richard Burden	Mr Marsha Singh
Mr Stephen Crabb	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into Burma: follow-up

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Secretary of State for International Development, Mr Mark Canning, HM Ambassador to Burma, and Ms Sue Wardell, Director, Europe, Middle East, Americas, Central and East Asia Division, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 July at 9.30 am.]

Tuesday 15 July 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle

Sir Robert Smith

Richard Burden

1. Inquiry into The World Food Programme and global food security

Draft Report, [*The World Food Programme and global food security*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 493-I, p.53]

2. Inquiry into DFID and the African Development Bank

Draft Special Report [*Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2007-08: DFID and the African Development Bank*] proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

3. Autumn Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into the DFID Annual Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

Nemat (Minouche) Shafik, Permanent Secretary; Mark Lowcock, Director General, Country Programmes; and Sue Owen, Director General, Corporate Performance, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 July at 2.00 pm.]

Thursday 17 July 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle	Daniel Kawczynski
Hugh Bayley	Jim Sheridan
John Bercow	Mr Marsha Singh
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith
Mr Stephen Crabb	

1. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, [*The humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[*The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 522-I, p.38*]

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 October at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 7 October 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce in the Chair

John Battle	Mr Stephen Crabb
Hugh Bayley	Mr Marsha Singh
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into Working Together to Make Aid More Effective

Draft Special Report [*Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2007-08: Working Together to Make Aid More Effective*] proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

2. Inquiry into The World Food Programme and global food security

Draft Special Report [*Government Response to the Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2007-08: The World Food Programme and global food security*] proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

3. Inquiry into the humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Draft Special Report [*Government Response to the Committee's Eleventh Report of Session 2007-08: The humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*] proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, be appended to the Report.

4. Inquiry into Sustainable Development

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Overseas visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's New Strategy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's New Strategy be reported to the House for publication on the internet

HIV 1	Stop the Traffik
HIV 2	Department for International Development
HIV 3	UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development
HIV 4	Results UK
HIV 5	Interact Worldwide
HIV 6	ActionAid
HIV 7	National AIDS Trust
HIV 8	Tearfund
HIV 9	All Party Parliamentary Group on AIDS
HIV 10	Consortium for Street Children
HIV 11	World Vision
HIV 12	Malaria Consortium
HIV 13	Business Action for Africa
HIV 14	Médecins sans Frontières

7. Travel in a representative capacity

Resolved, That the Chairman and a member of staff have leave to visit the Philippines on 22-25 October 2008 to attend the World Tourism Conference, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for the expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 October 2008 at 9.00 am.]

Wednesday 15 October 2008

The Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee *Defence Committee* *Foreign Affairs Committee* *International Development Committee*

Roger Berry Mr Mark Oaten	Mr David Crausby Linda Gilroy	Mike Gapes Sir John Stanley	John Battle Malcolm Bruce
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1. Chairman

Roger Berry was called to the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

2. Strategic export controls and review of export control legislation

The Committees considered the course of their inquiry and deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

[Business and Enterprise Committee adjourned till Tuesday 21 October at 10.15 am.
Defence Committee adjourned till Tuesday 21 October at 10.00 am.
Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Wednesday 15 October at 2.00 pm.
International Development Committee adjourned till Tuesday 28 October at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 21 October – Saturday 25 October 2008

The Chairman and the Committee Specialist visited the Philippines to attend the Sixth International Tourism Forum for Parliamentarians and Local Authorities, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7 October 2008.

Tuesday 28 October 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce in the Chair

John Battle	Daniel Kawczynski
Hugh Bayley	Mr Marsha Singh
Richard Burden	Sir Robert Smith
Mr Stephen Crabb	

1. Overseas visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into DFID and China

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Travel in a representative capacity

Resolved, That the Chairman and a member of staff have leave to attend a meeting of the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank in Paris from 20-22 November, and that the Chairman seek approval from the Liaison Committee for the expenditure connected with the visit.

4. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's New Strategy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's New Strategy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HIV 15	Lucy Chesire, ACTION Project Kenya
HIV 16	International HIV/AIDS Alliance

Lucy Chesire, Kenyan HIV-TB Advocate, ACTION Project Kenya, Dr. Kent Buse, Health Policy Analyst, Alvara Bermejo, Executive Director of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, Fionnuala Murphy, Campaigns and Policy Officer, ActionAid, Carol Bradford, Chair of the Indicators Working Group, and Stuart Kean, Chair of the Working Group on Children Affected by AIDS, UK Consortium on AIDS gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 30 October 2008 at 9.45 am.]

Thursday 30 October 2008

MORNING SITTING

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce in the Chair

John Battle Mr Stephen Crabb

John Bercow Sir Robert Smith

Richard Burden

1. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's New Strategy

Mr Ivan Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Malcolm McNeil, Team Leader, AIDS and Reproductive Health Team and, Alastair Robb, Senior Health Adviser, DFID Uganda, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 1.45 pm.]

Thursday 30 October 2008

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce in the Chair

John Battle Mr Stephen Crabb

Hugh Bayley Sir Robert Smith

John Bercow

1. Inquiry into the DFID Annual Report 2008

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Secretary of State for International Development, Martin Dinham, Director General International and Andrew Steer, Director General Policy and Research, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 November at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 4 November 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

Hugh Bayley

Richard Burden

John Bercow

Sir Robert Smith

1. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's new Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into DFID Annual Report 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Overseas Visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Oral evidence

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from DFID Ministers on the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 November 2008 at 2.00 pm.]

Wednesday 12 November 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle Mr Marsha Singh
Hugh Bayley Sir Robert Smith
Mr Stephen Crabb

1. Inquiry into the Annual Autumn Meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund

Jesse Griffiths, Coordinator, Bretton Woods Project; Sam Bickersteth, Head of Programme Policy Department, Oxfam GB; Toby Quantrill, Head of International Governance, WWF; Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Secretary of State for International Development, Martin Dinham, Director General International, and Susanna Moorehead, Executive Director (United Kingdom), World Bank, Department for International Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 November 2008 at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 18 November 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle Sir Robert Smith
Mr Marsha Singh

1. Overseas Visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's new Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Travel in a representative capacity

Resolved, That the Committee Specialist has leave to visit the Hague to attend a conference on Adaptation to Climate Change in Developing Countries in a representative capacity, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Inquiry into DFID and China

Professor Stephen Chan, School of Oriental and African Studies and Dr Jing Gu, Institute of Development Studies gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 November at 10.00 am.]

Thursday 20 November – Saturday 22 November 2008

The Chairman and the Assistant Clerk visited Paris to attend the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 28 October 2008.

Monday 24 November – Tuesday 25 November 2008

The Committee Specialist visited the Hague to attend a conference on adaptation to climate change in developing countries, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 18 November 2008.

Tuesday 25 November 2008

Members present:

Malcolm Bruce, in the Chair

John Battle

Richard Burden

Hugh Bayley

Mr Marsha Singh

John Bercow

1. Overseas Visits (China)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Oral Evidence Session on the Financing for Development Conference

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into HIV/AIDS: DFID's New Strategy

Draft Report [*HIV/AIDS: DFID's New Strategy*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read the first time.

[The draft Report was agreed to: the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Twelfth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 1068, p.49]

4. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 10.00 am.]