



House of Commons

Liaison Committee

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# **Formal Minutes**

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**Session 2010–12**

## **Liaison Committee**

The Liaison Committee is appointed to consider general matters relating to the work of select committees; to advise the House of Commons Commission on select committees; to choose select committee reports for debate in the House and to hear evidence from the Prime Minister on matters of public policy.

### **Current membership**

Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP (*Liberal Democrat, Berwick-upon-Tweed*) (Chair)

*The Chair of the following Select Committees are all members of the Liaison Committee:*

Administration – Rt Hon Sir Alan Haselhurst MP (*Conservative, Saffron Walden*)  
Backbench Business – Natascha Engel MP (*Labour, North East Derbyshire*)  
Business, Innovation and Skills – Mr Adrian Bailey MP (*Labour/Co-op, West Bromwich West*)  
Communities and Local Government – Mr Clive Betts MP (*Labour, Sheffield South East*)  
Culture, Media and Sport – Mr John Whittingdale MP (*Conservative, Maldon*)  
Defence – Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP (*Conservative, North East Hampshire*)  
Education – Mr Graham Stuart MP (*Conservative, Beverley and Holderness*)  
Energy and Climate Change – Mr Tim Yeo MP (*Conservative, South Suffolk*)  
Environmental Audit – Joan Walley MP (*Labour, Stoke-on-Trent North*)  
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Miss Anne McIntosh MP (*Conservative, Thirsk and Malton*)  
European Scrutiny – Mr William Cash MP (*Conservative, Stone*)  
Finance and Services – John Thurso MP (*Liberal Democrat, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross*)  
Foreign Affairs – Richard Ottaway MP (*Conservative, Croydon South*)  
Health – Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP (*Conservative, Charnwood*)  
Home Affairs – Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP (*Labour, Leicester East*)  
Human Rights (Joint Committee) – Dr Hywel Francis MP (*Labour, Aberavon*)  
International Development – Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP (*Liberal Democrat, Gordon*)  
Justice – Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP (*Liberal Democrat, Berwick-upon-Tweed*)  
Northern Ireland Affairs – Mr Laurence Robertson MP (*Conservative, Tewkesbury*)  
Political and Constitutional Reform – Mr Graham Allen MP (*Labour, Nottingham North*)  
Procedure – Rt Hon Greg Knight MP (*Conservative, East Yorkshire*)  
Public Accounts – Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP (*Labour, Barking*)  
Public Administration – Mr Bernard Jenkin MP (*Conservative, Harwich and North Essex*)  
Regulatory Reform – Mr Robert Syms MP (*Conservative, Poole*)  
Science and Technology – Andrew Miller MP (*Labour, Ellesmere Port and Neston*)  
Scottish Affairs – Mr Ian Davidson MP (*Labour/Co-op, Glasgow South West*)  
Selection – Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP (*Conservative, The Cotswolds*)  
Standards and Privileges – Rt Hon Kevin Barron MP (*Labour, Rother Valley*)  
Statutory Instruments – Mr George Mudie MP (*Labour, Leeds East*)  
Transport – Mrs Louise Ellman MP (*Labour/Co-op, Liverpool Riverside*)  
Treasury – Mr Andrew Tyrie MP (*Conservative, Chichester*)  
Welsh Affairs – David T C Davies MP (*Conservative, Monmouth*)  
Work and Pensions – Dame Anne Begg MP (*Labour, Aberdeen South*)

### **Powers**

The powers of the Committee are set out in House of Commons SO No 145. These are available on the Internet via [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

## Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee are on the Internet at: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/liaison-committee/>

## Committee staff

The staff of the Committee are listed below:

Jacqy Sharpe (up to 31 October 2011), Andrew Kennon (from 1 November 2011) (Clerk); Robert Wilson (up to 30 September 2010), Philippa Helme (from 1 October 2010) (Second Clerk); Paul Evans (up to 30 September 2011), Mark Hutton (from 1 October 2011) (Clerk to the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee); Kevin Candy (Senior Committee Assistant), and Lee Chiddicks (Committee Assistant).

## Contacts

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# Proceedings of the Committee

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WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2010

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr James Arbuthnot	Miss Anne McIntosh
Miss Anne Begg	Andrew Miller
Sir Alan Beith	Mr George Mudie
Mr Clive Betts	Richard Ottaway
Malcolm Bruce	Mr Laurence Robertson
Mr Ian Davidson	Mr Graham Stuart
David T C Davies	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mrs Louise Ellman	Keith Vaz
Natascha Engel	Joan Walley
Mrs Margaret Hodge	Mr John Whittingdale

### 1. Declarations of interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

### 2. Election of Chair

Sir Alan Beith was called to the Chair.

*Ordered*, That the Chair report his election to the House.

### **3. Estimate Day and Westminster Hall debates**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Prime Minister regarding future evidence sessions.

### **5. Funding of select committees**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Speaker as the Chair of the House of Commons Commission to:

- i. seek agreement that it will be consulted on any future budgetary decisions affecting select committees, including staffing and travel budgets; and
- ii. say it would wish to discuss the figures for 2010/11 and 2011/12 in the light of initial experience of operating the reduced travel budget.

### **6. Overseas travel**

*Resolved*, That the Committee:

- i. allocate funds for overseas travel in three tranches in a financial year, based on a decision by the full committee on each occasion as to the overall amount available; and
- ii. delegate decisions on individual bids to the Chair, subject to an appeal to a sub-committee.

*Resolved*, That the validity of travel bids should be tested on the basis of criteria agreed by the previous Liaison Committee in January 2008.

### **7. Transcription services**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **8. National Policy Statements Sub-Committee**

*Resolved*, That a National Policy Statements Sub-Committee be appointed under Standing Order No.145(6).

*Resolved*, That Sir Alan Beith and Joan Walley be members of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee in addition to those members of the Committee who are chairs of the Communities and Local Government, Energy and Climate Change, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Transport and Welsh Affairs Committees, and that Sir Alan Beith be Chair of this Sub-Committee.

### **9. Government Response to the Liaison Committee's Second Report of Session 2009–10**

Draft Special Report (The work of Committees in 2008-09: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2009–10), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee in Session 2009–10 was appended to the Report.

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

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

### **10. Future programme**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House to invite him to an informal meeting to discuss pre-legislative scrutiny and other scrutiny issues.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 9 September at 9.15 am*

### ***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Defence Committee to Marseille on 12-14 September, to attend the Eighth French Summer Defence University conference, at a cost not exceeding £890.

Education Committee to Mexico on 24-27 August, to attend the World Youth conference, at a cost not exceeding £2,436.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Brussels on 18-19 October, to attend the conference of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committee Chairs, at a cost not exceeded £1,783.

International Development Committee to Brussels on 18-19 October, to attend the conference of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committee Chairs, at a cost £877.

## **THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Sir Alan Haselhurst
Kevin Barron	Mrs Margaret Hodge
Miss Anne Begg	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr Clive Betts	Miss Anne McIntosh
Malcolm Bruce	Richard Ottaway
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Laurence Robertson
Mr Ian Davidson	Mr Graham Stuart
David T C Davies	Mr Robert Syms
Natascha Engel	Keith Vaz
Dr Hywel Francis	Joan Walley

### **1. Declarations of interests**

A Member joining the Committee declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

Sir Alan Haselhurst noted his membership of the UK Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

## **2. Backbench Business Committee: application for debates**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That Committees should approach the Backbench Business Committee directly for debates in the Chamber allotted under its provision.

## **3. Evidence from the Prime Minister.**

The Committee considered a note by the Clerks on future arrangements for its meetings with the Prime Minister.

## **4. Meeting with the Leader of the House**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. Resources for scrutiny of Government**

The Committee considered this matter.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 13 September at 9.15 am*

### ***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Cancun for five nights (between 29 November and 12 December), to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Summit (CO16), at a cost not exceeding £4,692.

Environmental Audit Committee to Brussels on 4 October, to attend the Flemish Parliament conference on sustainable materials management, at a cost not exceeding £505.

Environmental Audit Committee to Cancun for five nights between (29 November and 12 December), to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Summit (CO16), at a cost not exceeding £4,692.

Justice Committee to Jersey on 17 September, to attend the “Dependency or Sovereignty? Time to take stock” conference, at a cost not exceeding £373.

## THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Mrs Margaret Hodge
Mr Kevin Barron	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Miss Anne Begg	Mr Greg Knight
Mr Clive Betts	Miss Anne McIntosh
Malcolm Bruce	Richard Ottaway
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Laurence Robertson
Mrs Louise Ellman	Keith Vaz
Natascha Engel	Joan Walley
Dr Hywel Francis	

### 1. Declarations of interests

Members joining the Committee declared their interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

### 2. Select Committee Formal Minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Meeting with the Leader of the House

The Committee considered this matter.

*The Committee held a private informal meeting with Rt Hon Sir George Young Bt MP, Leader of the House.*

*[Adjourned till Thursday 28 October at 9.15 am]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Defence Committee to Afghanistan and Pakistan, for its scrutiny of UK Armed Forces deployments overseas and its inquiries into Operations in Afghanistan, and Ensuring Success in Afghanistan: the role of the UK Armed Forces, at a cost not exceeding £50,000.

European Scrutiny Committee to Budapest in November, for a pre-Presidency visit to Hungary, at a cost not exceeding £15,000.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Afghanistan and Pakistan in October, for its inquiry into UK's foreign policy towards Afghanistan and Pakistan, at a cost not exceeding £50,000.

International Development Committee to New York and Washington DC in November, for its inquiry into the effectiveness of DFID's expenditure through multinational institutions, at a cost not exceeding £50,000.

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee to Dublin in November, for its inquiry into Corporation Tax, at a cost not exceeding £8,000.

Science and Technology Committee to Berlin and Stuttgart in December, for its inquiry into Fraunhofer Institutes, at a cost not exceeding £25,000.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Treasury Committee to Italy on 21-24 September, to attend a conference on "Exits from Financial Markets Crisis", at a cost not exceeding £250.

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels on 24-26 October, to attend the Conference of European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union, at a cost not exceeding £3,201.

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels on 8-9 November, to attend a joint parliamentary meeting on "Beyond the crisis: How should Europe respond to the challenges ahead?", at a cost not exceeding £1,421.

**THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2010**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey

Mr Kevin Barron

Miss Anne Begg

Mr Clive Betts

Malcolm Bruce

Mr William Cash

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mrs Louise Ellman

Natascha Engel

Dr Hywel Francis

Sir Alan Haselhurst

Mrs Margaret Hodge

Miss Anne McIntosh

Andrew Miller

Mr Laurence Robertson

Keith Vaz

Joan Walley

**1. Declarations of Interests**

A Member joining the Committee declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

**2. National Policy Statements**

The Committee considered a report from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145(10).



The Chair reported from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee the following resolutions:

That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Energy and Climate Change Committee be designated to consider the proposals for National Policy Statements on (a) energy; (b) fossil fuel electricity generating infrastructure; (c) renewable energy infrastructure; (d) gas supply infrastructure and gas and oil pipelines; (e) electricity networks infrastructure; and (f) nuclear power generation; which were laid before the House on 18 October.

*Resolved*, That the Committee agrees with the recommendations of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee reported to it this day.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the following report to the House:

That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 152H:

The Committee had designated the Energy and Climate Change Committee to consider the proposals under the Planning Act 2008 for national policy statements on (a) energy, (b) fossil fuel electricity generating infrastructure, (c) renewable energy infrastructure, (d) gas supply infrastructure and gas and oil pipelines, (e) electricity networks infrastructure and (f) nuclear power generation; laid before the House on 18 October.

### **3. Evidence from the Prime Minister.**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the themes for the evidence session on 18 November would be:

- i. The Spending Review
- ii. “Greenest government ever”
- iii. Strategic Defence and Security Review
- iv. Afghanistan and Pakistan

### **4. Financial scrutiny of Government expenditure and Estimate days**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Resources for scrutiny**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Further Government Response to the Liaison Committee’s Second Report of Session 2008–09**

Draft Special Report (*Pre-Appointment Hearing: Further Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2009–10*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s further response to the Second Report from the Committee in Session 2009-10 was appended to the Report.

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

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

#### **7. Whipping arrangements for committee visits**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Chief Whips concerning the whipping arrangements for Committee visits.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 18 November at 1.45 pm]*

#### ***The Chair approved the following visit in a representative capacity:***

Transport Committee to Brussels on 28-29 November, to attend a conference of the chairpersons of the European Transport and Infrastructure Committees, at a cost not exceeding £1,173.

### **THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2010**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Mrs Margaret Hodge
Mr Adrian Bailey	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Miss Anne Begg	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr Clive Betts	Andrew Miller
Malcolm Bruce	Richard Ottaway
Mr William Cash	Mr Laurence Robertson
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Andrew Tyrie
David T C Davies	Keith Vaz
Mrs Louise Ellman	Joan Walley
Natascha Engel	Mr Tim Yeo
Sir Alan Haselhurst	

#### **1. Declarations of Interests**

A Member joining the Committee declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

#### **2. National Policy Statements**

The Committee considered a Report from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145(10).

The Chair reported from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee the following resolutions:

That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be designated to consider the proposal for a National Policy Statements on waste water which was laid before the House on 16 November.

*Resolved*, That the Committee agrees with the recommendations of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee reported to it this day.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the following report to the House:

That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 152H:

The Committee had designated the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to consider the Proposal under the Planning Act 2008 for a National Policy Statement on waste water laid before the House on 16 November.

### **3. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister.**

The Committee considered the questioning and briefing for the evidence session.

Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, the Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 2 December at 9.15 am*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Business, Innovation and Skills Committee to China in February, for its inquiry into rebalancing the economy, at a cost not exceeding £39,472.

Culture, Media and Sport Committee to Germany in February, for its inquiry into football governance, at a cost not exceeding £14,445.

Education Committee to Finland and Germany in January/February, for its inquiries into the role and performance of Ofsted and into services for younger people, at a cost not exceeding £19,944.

Energy and Climate Change Committee to the Washington DC and Pennsylvania in March, for its inquiries into the prospects for exploration for shale gas in the UK and the UK's role in global climate change negotiations, at a cost not exceeding £33,655.

Foreign Affairs Committee to New York and Washington DC in February, for its inquiries into Recent developments in UK foreign policy; Human Rights and The UK's foreign policy towards Afghanistan and Pakistan, at a cost not exceeding £46,019.

Home Affairs Committee to Turkey in February/March, for its inquiry into the impact of Turkish EU accession, at a cost not exceeding £15,782.

International Development Committee to India and Pakistan in January/February, for its inquiries into the Future of DFID's Programme in India and the Humanitarian Response to the Pakistan Floods, at a cost not exceeding £51,275.

Joint Committee on Human Rights to Strasbourg in January, to visit the European institutions in Strasbourg, at a cost not exceeding £2,503.

Science and Technology Committee to Geneva in January, for its inquiry on the Spending Review, at a cost not exceeding £9,252.

Treasury Committee to New York and Washington DC in February, for its continuing inquiry into the banking crisis and its consequences, at a cost not exceeding £46,019.

Welsh Affairs Committee to Germany in February, for its inquiry into inward investment in Wales, at a cost not exceeding £12,413.

Work and Pensions Committee to Wisconsin and New York in February/March, for its inquiry into the contracting arrangements for the Government's proposed unified welfare to work scheme, at a cost not exceeding £41,244.

***The Chair approved the following visit in a representative capacity:***

Defence Committee to Paris on 7-8 December, to attend a meeting at the French Senate to consider UK-French defence co-operation, at a cost not exceeding £1,509.

Environmental Audit Committee to Germany in January, for its inquiry into the Green Investment Bank, at a cost not exceeding £11,517.

**THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2010**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey

Mr Kevin Barron

Miss Anne Begg

Mr Clive Betts

Malcolm Bruce

Mr William Cash

David T C Davies

Sir Alan Haselhurst

Mrs Margaret Hodge

Mr Bernard Jenkin

Mr Greg Knight

Andrew Miller

Richard Ottaway

John Thurso

Mr Andrew Tyrie

Keith Vaz

Joan Walley

Mr John Whittingdale

**1. Declarations of Interests**

Members joining the Committee declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix at end).

**2. Resources for scrutiny**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Financial scrutiny of Government expenditure**

*Ordered,* That the Chair write to the Chief Secretary of the Treasury on the new arrangements for reporting Government and departmental annual expenditure to Parliament.

### **4. Pre-appointment hearings**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Westminster Hall and Estimate Day debates**

The Committee considered forthcoming opportunities for debates on committee reports.

### **6. Select Committee amendment to Bills and Motions**

*Ordered,* That the Chair write to the Chair of the Procedure Committee to request that his Committee pursue its predecessor's proposal to introduce a procedure to allow committees to table amendments to bills and motions in their own name.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 20 January at 9.15am]*

## **THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Dame Anne Begg	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr Clive Betts	Andrew Miller
Malcolm Bruce	Richard Ottaway
Mr William Cash	Mr Laurence Robertson
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Graham Stuart
Mrs Louise Ellman	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Natascha Engel	Keith Vaz
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Joan Walley
Mrs Margaret Hodge	Mr John Whittingdale

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

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Select committee expenses and IPSA's consultation**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Expert support for select committees**

*Resolved,* That select committees may use pro bono advisers from the private sector provided that:

- i. such advisers should be appointed formally as specialist advisers (with their assistance, and its unpaid basis, noted in the Committee's report);
- ii. such appointments should be sourced where possible through umbrella bodies in preference to direct offers from individual companies.

#### **4. Evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered its future arrangements for sessions with the Prime Minister.

#### **5. Members' attendance records at select committee meetings**

The Committee considered this matter.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 3 March at 9.15am]*

***Pursuant to the Chair's previous decision on committee visits, the following were reconsidered and the funding confirmed as follows:***

Business, Innovation and Skills Committee to China in February, for its inquiry into rebalancing the economy, at a cost not exceeding £45,200.

Culture, Media and Sport Committee to Germany in February, for its inquiry into football governance, at a cost not exceeding £17,655.

Energy and Climate Change Committee to the Washington DC and Pennsylvania in March, for its inquiries into the prospects for exploration for shale gas in the UK and the UK's role in global climate change negotiations, at a cost not exceeding £40,000.

Home Affairs Committee to Turkey in February/March, for its inquiry into the impact of Turkish EU accession, at a cost not exceeding £22,521.

International Development Committee to India in March, for its inquiries into the Future of DFID's Programme in India and the Humanitarian Response to the Pakistan Floods, at a cost not exceeding £56,000.

Treasury Committee to New York and Washington in February, for its continuing inquiry into the banking crisis and its consequences, at a cost not exceeding £40,000.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

European Scrutiny Committee to Budapest on 10-11 February, to attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, at a cost not exceeding £1,377.

**THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot

Malcolm Bruce

Mr William Cash

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

David T C Davies

Mr Stephen Dorrell

Sir Alan Haselhurst

Miss Anne McIntosh

Andrew Miller

Richard Ottaway

Mr Laurence Robertson

Mr Andrew Tyrie

**1. Declarations of Interests**

A Member joining the Committee declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

**2. Select committee staffing**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Overseas travel**

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. Evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter.

**5. Pre-appointment hearings**

The Committee considered this matter.

**6. Financial scrutiny: Government departmental spending information**

The Committee considered this matter.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 31 March at 9.15am]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visit:***

Defence Committee to Washington DC and Tampa in April, for its inquiries: Operations in Afghanistan; the outcomes of the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) within the wider context of the National Security Strategy (NSS); and the Military Covenant in action, at a cost not exceeding £65,483.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Committees on Arms Export Controls to Geneva on 30 March to 1 April, to the Partnership for Peace workshop, at a cost not exceeding £1,263.

Defence Committee to Washington DC on 11 April, to attend the Electric Infrastructure Security Summit, at a cost not exceeding £1,718.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Budapest on 31 March to 1 April, to attend the meeting of Chairpersons of EU Agriculture Committees, at a cost not exceeding £764.

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels on 24 March, to attend the tripartite meeting of United Kingdom MEPs, MPs and Lords, at a cost not exceeding £2,195.

Science and Technology Committee to Budapest in May, to attend the meeting of Chairpersons of Education, Science and Research, and Employment Committees, at a cost not exceeding £743.

**THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot  
Mr Adrian Bailey  
Dame Anne Begg  
Mr Clive Betts  
David T C Davies  
Mrs Louise Ellman

Mrs Margaret Hodge  
Andrew Miller  
Richard Ottaway  
Mr Laurence Robertson  
Mr Andrew Tyrie  
Keith Vaz

**1. Media and Communications support for select committees**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Pre-appointment hearings**

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from Rt Hon Francis Maude MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office, and the Institute for Government, on pre-appointment hearings.

**3. Pre-legislative scrutiny**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House to express concern that the Liaison Committee had not been consulted on the scrutiny arrangements before the decision was taken to establish joint committees on certain draft bills, and to indicate its view that the relevant select committee ought to be consulted on the membership of a joint committee on a draft bill in its area.



#### **4. Post-legislative scrutiny**

*Resolved*, That as a matter of good practice, any post-legislative memorandum published should be placed on the agenda of the relevant committee, inviting it to consider whether to take further action; similarly, the committee should specifically consider any proposal that a memorandum is not required or should be significantly delayed beyond the 3-5 year period.

#### **5. Membership of the working group on committee resources and support**

*Resolved*, That the Chair, Sir Alan Haselhurst, Mr Jenkin, Mr Miller, Mr Tyrie, Mr Vaz be members of the working group.

#### **6. Overseas travel**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **7. Evidence from the Prime Minister**

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, Prime Minister, on 17 May, and to hold two further evidence sessions with him in 2011.

#### **8. Westminster Hall debates**

The Committee considered forthcoming opportunities for debates on committee reports.

#### **9. Select committee amendments and Use of electronic devices in committees**

The Committee considered these matters.

#### **10. Better Government Institute**

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold an informal meeting with representatives of the Better Government Initiative.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 28 April at 9.15am]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

European Scrutiny Committee to Warsaw in June, to continue the discussions it routinely holds with the institutions of each EU Member State before it takes over the Presidency, at a cost not exceeding £14,187.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Brazil in June, for its inquiry into UK-Brazil relations, at a cost not exceeding £67,790.

Home Affairs Committee to Greece in June, for its inquiry into the impact of Turkey's accession to the EU, at a cost not exceeding £15,040.

International Development Committee to Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi in June, for its inquiry into fragile and conflict affected states in Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi, at a cost not exceeding £53,632.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Brussels on 19-20 April, to attend the European Parliament Inter-parliamentary Committee meeting ENVI Committee, at a cost not exceeding £667.

Environmental Audit Committee to Brussels on 24-26 May, to attend a 'LIFE for our environment' conference and the Joint European Parliament/National Parliaments Committee meeting on energy supply systems and energy infrastructure, at a cost not exceeding £701.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Budapest in May, to attend the Conference of the Chairpersons of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committees, at a cost not exceeding £1,392.

International Development Committee to Budapest in May, to attend the Conference of the Chairpersons of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committees, at a cost not exceeding £1,784.

Treasury Committee to Geneva in June, to attend an expert roundtable on the subject 'After the Crisis: where do we stand?', at a cost not exceeding £842.

***Pursuant to the Chair's previous decision on committee visit, the following was reconsidered and the funding confirmed as follows:***

Joint Committee on Human Rights to Strasbourg in June, to visit the European institutions in Strasbourg, at a cost not exceeding £3,547.

**THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr Adrian Bailey	Miss Anne McIntosh
Dame Anne Begg	Andrew Miller
Mr Clive Betts,	Richard Ottaway
Malcolm Bruce	Mr Laurence Robertson
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mr Stephen Dorrell	Keith Vaz
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Joan Walley

**1. Arrangements for the evidence session with the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Overseas travel**

The Committee revised its Guidelines for Overseas Travel by Select Committees and agreed that they be made available on the Liaison Committee's website.

**3. All-Party Parliamentary Groups: confusion with select committees**

*Ordered,* That the Chair write to the Speaker requesting that he write to all officers of All-Party Parliamentary Groups asking that they take care not to misrepresent themselves as select committees of the House and to recommend that a single point of contact be provided to them for advice on such matters.

*[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 May at 3.45pm]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Transport Committee to France and Germany in July, for its inquiry into high speed rail, at a cost not exceeding £18,905.

**TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot  
Mr Adrian Bailey  
Dame Anne Begg  
Malcolm Bruce  
Sir Alan Haselhurst  
Mrs Margaret Hodge  
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Miss Anne McIntosh  
Richard Ottaway  
Mr Laurence Robertson  
Graham Stuart  
Mr Andrew Tyrie  
Keith Vaz  
Joan Walley

**1. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered the questioning and briefing for the evidence session.

Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, the Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 16 June at 9.15am]*

***Pursuant to the Chair's previous decision on committee visit, the following was reconsidered and the funding confirmed as follows:***

International Development Committee to Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi in June, for its inquiry into fragile and conflict affected states: Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi, at a cost not exceeding £57,695.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

European Scrutiny Committee to Budapest in May, to attend the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union, at a cost not exceeding £4,407.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Brussels in July, to attend the European Parliament AGRI Committee event for National Parliaments, at a cost not exceeding £866.

Defence Committee to Rennes, France in September, to attend the annual Summer Defence Conference, at a cost not exceeding £598.

## THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Miss Anne McIntosh
Dame Anne Begg	Andrew Miller
Mr Clive Betts	Mr Robert Syms
Mr William Cash	John Thurso
David TC Davis	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mrs Louise Ellman	Keith Vaz
Mr Bernard Jenkin	Mr John Whittingdale

### **1. Debate opportunities in the Chamber and Westminster Hall**

The Committee considered forthcoming opportunities for debates in the Chamber and Westminster Hall.

### **2. Better Government Initiative**

The Committee considered the Better Government Initiative's proposals for improving the quality of legislation.

*Ordered*, That the Chair and a member of staff have leave to visit the Joint Seminar of the Better Government Initiative, Institute for Government, and Constitution Unit in a representative capacity at Ditchley Park on 17 June.

### **3. Scrutiny of public appointments by select committees**

The Committee considered the questioning and briefing for the evidence session on pre-appointment hearings.

*Resolved*, That Sir David Normington, Public Appointments and First Civil Service Commissioner, be authorised to publish his written evidence on scrutiny of public appointments by select committees, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

Lord Adonis and Akash Paun, Institute for Government, and Professor Robert Hazell CBE and Peter Waller, Constitution Unit; and Rt Hon Francis Maude MP, Minister of the Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 14 July at 9.15am]*

*The Chair and a member of staff attended the Joint Seminar of the Better Government Initiative, Institute for Government and Constitution Unit at Ditchley Park in a representative capacity on 17 June.*

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

European Scrutiny Committee to Warsaw on 10-11 July, to attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, at a cost not exceeding £1,497.

Defence Committee to Warsaw on 3-5 July 2011, to attend the Conference of Defence Affairs Committee Chairs, at a cost not exceeding £1,612.

**THURSDAY 14 JULY 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Mrs Margaret Hodge
Dame Anne Begg	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr Clive Betts	Andrew Miller
Malcolm Bruce	Richard Ottaway
Mr William Cash	Mr Laurence Robertson
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Graham Stuart
Mrs Louise Ellman	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Natascha Engel	Keith Vaz
Dr Hywel Francis	Joan Walley
Sir Alan Haselhurst	

**1. National Policy Statements**

The Committee considered a report from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145(10).

The Chair reported from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee the following resolutions:

That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be designated to consider the proposals for national policy statement on hazardous waste, which was laid before the House that day.

*Resolved*, That the Committee agrees with the recommendations of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee reported to it this day.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the following report to the House:

That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 152H:

The Committee had designated the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to consider the proposals under the Planning Act 2008 for national policy statement on hazardous waste laid before the House on 14 July.

## **2. Select Committees and Public Appointments**

Draft Report (Select Committees and Public Appointments), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report published with the First Report of the Committee, Session 2010-12, HC1230.*

## **3. September evidence session with the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That questions to the Prime Minister on 6 September would concentrate on two themes: (i) Developments in Europe: impact on the UK; and (ii) Government, Politics and the Media.

## **4. Report of the Speaker's Advisory Council on Public Engagement**

The Committee considered a report by the Speaker's Advisory Council on Public Engagement.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Speaker to welcome the report and to outline initiatives that select committees were already undertaking in engaging with the public.

## **5. Reviewing select committee effectiveness**

The Committee considered two recent external reports on assessing select committee effectiveness.

## **6. Estimate Day Debates**

The Committee considered correspondence between the Chair and the Leader of the House regarding securing additional time for a debate on the Prevent strategy.

## **7. Launching select committee reports on the floor of the House**

The Committee considered a letter from the Leader of the House and a draft Standing Order on launching select committee reports on the floor of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House supporting the proposal for a Standing Order governing the presentation of reports.

## **8. Arrangements for broadcasting select committees**

The Committee consider this matter.

## **9. Pre-legislative scrutiny**

The Committee considered a letter from the Leader of the House on pre-legislative scrutiny of draft bills in which the Leader undertook to consult the Committee in future before any decisions were taken by the Government to establish joint committees.

*[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 September at 3.45pm]*

**TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr Kevin Barron	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr William Cash	John Thurso
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mrs Louise Ellman	Keith Vaz
Dr Hywel Francis	Mr John Whittingdale

**1. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered the questioning and briefing for the evidence session.

Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 24 October at 9.15am]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Culture, Media and Sport Committee to Australia and Macau in December, for its inquiry into implementation and operation of the Gambling Act 2005, at a cost not exceeding £68,300.

European Scrutiny Committee to Copenhagen in November, to continue the discussions it routinely holds with the institutions of each EU Member State before it takes over the Presidency, at a cost not exceeding £11,912.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Turkey in November, for its inquiry into UK-Turkey relations and Turkey's regional role, at a cost not exceeding £23,154.

Northern Ireland Committee to Dublin in November, to inquire into policing and criminal justice issues, at a cost not exceeding £9,222.

Political and Constitutional Reform Committee to Dublin in October, for its inquiry into possible codification of the UK Constitution, at cost not exceeding £7,110.

Treasury Committee to China and Singapore in December, for its inquiries into financial regulation and banking reform and global imbalances, at a cost not exceeding £80,180.



***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

European Scrutiny Committee to Warsaw in October, to attend the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union, at a cost not exceeding £3,642.

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels in October, to attend the Joint Parliamentary meeting on “Democratic Accountability” of the Internal Security Strategy and the role of Europol, Eurojust and Frontex, at a cost not exceeding £540.

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels in October, to attend the Conference on the Multinational Financial Framework, at a cost not exceeding £1,070.

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Stockholm in September, to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary meeting on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, at a cost not exceeding £1,325.

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Durban in December, to attend the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Durban Summit (COP 17), at a cost not exceeding £5,232.

Environmental Audit Committee to Durban in December, to attend the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Durban Summit (COP 17), at a cost not exceeding £5,232.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Brussels in October, to attend the European Commission Conference on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, at a cost not exceeding £980.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Warsaw in September, to attend the Conference of the Chairpersons of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committees, at a cost not exceeding £1,267.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Paris in October, to attend the English Speaking Union, at the National Assembly, at a cost not exceeding £536.

Home Affairs Committee to Brussels in October, to attend the Joint Parliamentary meeting on “Democratic Accountability” of the Internal Security Strategy and the role of Europol, Eurojust and Frontex, at a cost not exceeding £880.

International Development Committee to Warsaw in September, to attend the Conference of the Chairpersons of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committees, at a cost not exceeding £1,267.

## THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2011

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Sir Alan Haselhurst
Mr Adrian Bailey	Mr Greg Knight
Mr Clive Betts	Miss Anne McIntosh
Malcolm Bruce	Richard Ottaway
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Laurence Robertson
David T C Davies	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mrs Louise Ellman	Keith Vaz
Natascha Engel	Mr John Whittingdale

### **1. Evidence from the Prime Minister on 8 November**

*Resolved*, That questions to the Prime Minister on 8 November would be on a theme entitled 'Big Society or Broken Society'.

### **2. Leak of Culture, Media and Sport Committee's report on Football Governance**

The Committee considered a letter from the Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee regarding a leak of a draft report.

*Resolved*, That the leak seemed to constitute a substantial interference with the work of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee and that a special report would be appropriate.

### **3. Guidelines on use of electronic devices in select committees**

The Committee considered draft guidelines on the use of electronic devices in select committee meetings.

*Resolved*, That the guidelines be sent to the Speaker to seek his approval prior to its publication on the Committee's website.

### **4. Scrutiny of European business by select committees**

The Committee considered scrutiny of European business by select committees and correspondence from the Minister of Europe and the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Minister for Europe on ways in which select committees might enhance their scrutiny of European business and on the procedures of the House and its committees for considering European matters.

### **5. Committee powers and effectiveness**

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold an inquiry into select committee powers and effectiveness.

*Resolved*, That individual select committees be asked to review their effectiveness during the current session and their objectives for the remainder of the Parliament and report their conclusions to the Liaison Committee in the new year.

#### **6. Launching reports in the Chamber**

The Committee *considered* a letter from the Leader of the House and a draft Standing Order on launching reports in the Chamber.

*Ordered*, That the Chair and the Chair of the Backbench Business Committee write to the Leader of the House on his proposal for a Standing Order for launching reports in the Chamber.

#### **7. Estimate Day debates**

The Committee considered a letter from the Leader of the House on Estimates Day debates.

#### **8. Equality and Human Rights Commission's role in advising committees**

The Committee considered correspondence sent to the Health Committee regarding the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHCR).

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Chair of the Health Committee to indicate that the Liaison Committee did not see a need for the EHCR to have a formal role in advising select committees on equality and human rights issues.

#### **9. House of Common: savings programme**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Speaker in his capacity as Chair of the House of Commons Commission about the House of Commons' savings programme.

*[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 November at 3.45pm]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Education Committee to Singapore in January/February, in connection with its inquiries into 'Attracting, training and retaining the best teachers' and 'The administration of examinations for 15-19 year-olds in England', at a cost not exceeding £60,700.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Copenhagen in November, in connection with its inquiry into reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, at a cost not exceeding £7,019.

International Development Committee to South Sudan and Sudan in December, in connection with its inquiry into 'South Sudan: the birth of a nation and the prospects for peace and development', at a cost not exceeding £57,396.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

International Development Committee to Bellagio in November, to attend the Bellagio Initiative Conference on the Future of Philanthropy and Development, at a cost not exceeding £600.

Committee on Standards and Privileges to Santiago in January to attend the International Conference on Probity and Transparency in Congress and in the Party System, at a cost not exceeding £3,809.

**TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen  
Mr Adrian Bailey  
Dame Anne Begg  
Mr Clive Betts  
David T C Davies

Mr Stephen Dorrell  
Mr Bernard Jenkin  
Miss Anne McIntosh  
Mr Graham Stuart  
Keith Vaz

**1. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered the questioning and briefing for the evidence session.

Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, the Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 24 November at 9.15am]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Communities and Local Government Committee to Netherlands in January, in connection with its inquiry into financing of new housing supply, at a cost not exceeding £10,484.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Defence Committee to Paris in December, to attend a meeting of the French and UK Defence Committees, at a cost not exceeding £1,853.

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels in December, to attend the Joint Parliamentary meeting on "Social Cohesion and Demographic Development in a Sustainable Europe", at a cost not exceeding £1,268.

Committee on Standards and Privileges to Belgrade in November, to attend the Conference on Codes of Conduct/Ethics for Members of Parliaments being arranged by the OSCE Mission to Serbia with support of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, at a cost not exceeding £1,800.

Welsh Affairs Committee to Brussels in December, to attend the conference on Colloquium on federalism in German, Belgium and the United Kingdom, at a cost not exceeding £912.

#### **THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Dame Anne Begg	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr William Cash	Andrew Miller
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Richard Ottaway
Mrs Louise Ellman	Mr Laurence Robertson
Natascha Engel	John Thurso
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Mr John Whittingdale
Mrs Margaret Hodge	

#### **1. Inquiry on select committee powers and effectiveness**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. House of Commons: savings programme**

The Chair of the Finance and Services Committee gave an oral update on the House of Commons savings programme.

#### **3. Scrutiny of EU business**

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold an informal meeting with the Minister for Europe.

#### **4. Working Group on select committee resources and support**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **5. Consultations by the Procedure Committee and IPSA**

The Committee considered these matters.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Procedure Committee in response to its consultation on sittings in the Chamber and the Parliamentary Calendar.

#### **6. Appointment of the Head of the Civil Service**

The Committee considered this matter.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 8 December at 9.15am]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Business, Innovations and Skills Committee to Brazil in March, for its inquiry into trade with Brazil, at a cost not exceeding £63,872.

Energy and Climate Change Committee to China in February, for its continuing work on emissions trading and its inquiry into low-carbon cooperation, at a cost not exceeding £64,846.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Egypt, Tunisia and Libya in February, for its inquiry into British foreign policy and 'the Arab Spring': the transition to democracy, at a cost not exceeding £23,154.

International Development Committee to Zambia and Malawi in March in connection with its inquiry into Tax in developing countries: increasing resources for development, at a cost not exceeding £61,081.

Public Administration Select Committee to Washington DC and Ottawa in February or March, in connection with its inquiry into 'Strategic thinking in Whitehall' and to look at the US and Canadian regimes for national statistics, at a cost not exceeding £48,853.

***The Chair of the Defence Committee approved the following overseas visit on behalf of the Liaison Committee:***

Justice Committee to Denmark and Norway in March, for its inquiries into youth justice and the structure and budget of the Ministry of Justice, at a cost not exceeding £18,101.

**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

David TC Davis

Andrew Miller

Richard Ottaway

Mr Laurence Robertson

Mr Andrew Tyrie

Keith Vaz

**1. Scrutiny of EU business.**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Scrutiny of draft Orders under the Public Bodies Act**

The Committee considered a letter from the Deputy Leader of the House of Commons.

**3. National Policy Statements: Standing Order amendment**

The Committee considered this matter.

*[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January at 6pm]*

***Pursuant to the Chair's previous decision on committee visits, the following was reconsidered and the funding confirmed as follows:***

Foreign Affairs Committee to Egypt, Tunisia and Libya in February, for its inquiry into British foreign policy and 'the Arab Spring': the transition to democracy, at a cost not exceeding £32,428.

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Costa Rica in February, for its inquiry into the Natural Environment White Paper, at a cost not exceeding £27,853.

Home Affairs Committee to Miami and Bogotá in March, for its inquiry into drugs, at a cost not exceeding £51,213.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Brussels in February, to attend a conference on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, at a cost not exceeding £472.

European Scrutiny Committee to Copenhagen in January, to attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, at a cost not exceeding £1,402.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Brussels in January, to attend the European Parliament debate on “The Arab Revolutions: one year on”, at a cost not exceeding £667.

### WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen	Rt Hon Sir Alan Haselhurst
Rt Hon James Arbuthnot	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr Adrian Bailey	Rt Hon Greg Knight
Rt Hon Kevin Barron	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr Clive Betts	Andrew Miller
Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce	Richard Ottaway
Mr William Cash	Mr Laurence Robertson
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Graham Stuart
Mrs Louise Ellman	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Natascha Engel	Mr John Whittingdale

#### **1. Scrutiny of draft orders under the Localism act**

The Committee considered a note by the Clerks and a draft response to the Deputy leader of the House on the proposed arrangements for scrutiny of draft orders under the Localism Act.

*Ordered,* That the Chair write to the Deputy Leader of the House expressing concern about the potential scope of draft orders under the Localism Act but agreeing that the Regulatory Reform Committee should consider them.

#### **2. Overdue Government Response to the Committee’s report on Select Committees and Public Appointments**

The Committee considered a letter from the Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General which apologised to the Committee for the delay in the Government Response to the report on *Select Committees and Public Appointments*.

#### **3. Evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter

#### **4. 60% attendance at select committee meetings**

The Committee considered a paper by the Clerks proposing how the 60 per cent rule—providing for Members attending fewer than 60 per cent of committee meetings during a session to be discharged—might be implemented.



*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Procedure Committee asking it to consider practice relating to discharge of Members from committees.

#### **5. Virtual meetings of select committees**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee ask the Procedure Committee to consider how select committees might use video and telephone conference facilities to allow the participation at meetings of Members, who could not travel to Westminster, and to allow formal decisions to be taken through the means of virtual meetings.

#### **6. Inquiry into Select Committee powers and effectiveness**

The Committee considered a paper by the Clerks on the inquiry into Select Committee powers and effectiveness.

*Resolved*, That Mr Jenkin act as a rapporteur on bringing proposals to the Committee in due course on select committee powers and parliamentary privilege for reflection in its report.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 23 February at 9.15am]*

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Defence Committee to the Falkland Islands in the Spring for its inquiry into the Strategic Defence and Security Review, at a cost not exceeding £23,548.

Science and Technology Committee to Berlin and Munich in March, for its inquiry into Risk perception and energy infrastructure, at a cost not exceeding £11,701.

Transport Committee to Cologne in March, for its inquiry into flight time limitations, at a cost not exceeding £7,250.

**WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2012**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Mrs Margaret Hodge
Mr Adrian Bailey	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr Clive Betts	Miss Anne McIntosh
Malcolm Bruce	Andrew Miller
Mr William Cash	Richard Ottaway
David T C Davies	Mr Laurence Robertson
Mrs Louise Ellman	John Thurso
Natascha Engel	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Joan Walley

**1. Evidence from the Prime Minister on 6 March**

*Resolved*, That questions to the Prime Minister on 6 March would be on: (i) UK policy in relation to Syria and Iran; and (ii) Accountability of public services: impact of the reform agenda.

**2. Pre-legislative scrutiny**

The Committee considered a letter from the Leader of the House on the Government's approach to pre-legislative scrutiny in the new session.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House stating that there should be a presumption in favour of draft bills going to existing committees for pre-legislative scrutiny rather than a committee chosen by the Whips. Also, stating that the Government needed to bear in mind that, when joint committees on draft bills were set up, they diverted both Members' time and staff resources away from other committees' work.

**3. Scrutiny of draft orders under the Localism Act**

The Committee considered a letter from the Deputy Leader of the House on scrutiny of draft orders under the Localism Act.

**4. Inquiry on select committee powers and effectiveness**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to inquiry on select committee powers and effectiveness be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Charles Miller, Regulatory Policy Institute, Oxford (SCP1)

Amy Street, The Constitution Unit (SCP2)

Dr Ruth Levitt and William Solesbury, Visiting Senior Research Fellows, King's College London (SCP3)

Parliamentary Outreach (SCP4)

Dr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky (SCP5)

Dame Julie Mellor, Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman (SCP6)

Dr Cristina Leston-Bandeira (SCP7)

Louise Ellman MP (SCP8)

Jack Simson Caird (SCP8)

Professor Matthew Flinders (SCP10)

Dr Ruth Fox, Hansard Society; Rt Hon Peter Riddell, Institute for Government; Dr Meg Russell and Professor Robert Hazell, The Constitution Unit (UCL) (SCP11)

The Committee considered the questioning and briefing for the evidence session.

The Rt Hon Peter Riddell, Institute for Government, Professor Robert Hazell and Dr Meg Russell, Constitution Unit, UCL, Professor Matthew Flinders, Department of Politics, The University of Sheffield, and Dr Ruth Fox, Hansard Society, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 March 2012]*

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Environmental Audit Committee to Brussels in March, to attend a meeting of the European Parliament's Environment Public Health and Food Safety Committee, at a cost not exceeding £237.

Environmental Audit Committee to Rio de Janeiro in June, to attend the GLOBE World Legislators Convention and the first day of the Rio+20 summit, at a cost not exceeding £4,568.

**TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2012**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen	Mrs Margaret Hodge
Mr Clive Betts	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Malcolm Bruce	Miss Anne McIntosh
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Richard Ottaway
David T C Davies	Mr Graham Stuart
Mr Stephen Dorrell	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mrs Louise Ellman	

**1. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered the questioning and briefing for the evidence session.

Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, the Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 19 April at 9.15am*

***Pursuant to the Chair's previous decision on committee visits, the following was reconsidered and the funding confirmed as follows:***

Business, Innovations and Skills Committee to Brazil in March, for its inquiry into trade with Brazil, at a cost not exceeding £68,741.

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Foreign Affairs Committee to Commonwealth countries in May, for its inquiry into the role and future of the Commonwealth, at a cost not exceeding £65,583.

Public Accounts Committee to Washington DC and Boston in June, for its inquiries into project management and methods of scrutiny, at a cost not exceeding £50,154.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Copenhagen in March, to attend a meeting of Chairs of Climate, Energy, Building and Transport Committees, at a cost not exceeding £1,331.

Energy and Climate Change to Baku in June, to attend the 23rd Crans Montana Forum, at a cost not exceeding £2,789.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Copenhagen in June, to attend the meeting of Chairs of EU Agricultural Committees, at a cost not to exceed £672.

European Scrutiny Committee to Copenhagen in April, to attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, at a cost not exceeding £3,415.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Copenhagen in March, to attend the Conference of Foreign Affairs Committee Chairs, at a cost not exceeding £711.

Transport Committee to Copenhagen in March, to attend a meeting of Chairs of Climate, Energy, Building and Transport Committees, at a cost not exceeding £491.

***The Chair of the Defence Committee approved the following visit in a representative capacity on behalf of the Liaison Committee:***

Justice Committee to Guernsey in March, for meetings with the Chief Minister and members of the Policy Council, at a cost not exceeding £610.

#### THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey

Mr Clive Betts

Malcolm Bruce

Mr William Cash

Mr Ian Davidson

Natascha Engel

Mrs Margaret Hodge

Mr Bernard Jenkin

Miss Anne McIntosh

Andrew Miller

Richard Ottaway

Mr Laurence Robertson

John Thurso

Mr Andrew Tyrie

Joan Walley

Mr John Whittingdale

#### **1. Inquiries into consequences of Scottish independence: overlap issues**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. Printing and publication of select committee evidence**

The Committee *considered* printing and publication arrangements of select committee evidence.

#### **3. *Select Committees and Public Appointments*: late Government Response**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. Pre-legislative scrutiny**

The Committee *considered* a letter from Lord Chairman of Committees on pre-legislative scrutiny.

#### **5. Lords Constitution Committee inquiry into status of civil servants**

The Committee *considered* a letter from the Chairman of the Lords Constitution Committee on the constitutional status of civil servants.

## **6. Westminster Hall debates**

The Committee *considered* a list of reports which were awaiting debate in Westminster Hall.

*[Adjourned till Thursday 17 May at 9.15am*

***Pursuant to the Chair's previous decision on committee visits, the following was reconsidered and the funding confirmed as follows:***

Foreign Affairs Committee to Commonwealth countries in May, for its inquiry into the role and future of the Commonwealth, at a cost not exceeding £71,500.

***In accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July 2010, the Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

European Scrutiny Committee to Cyprus in June, to continue the discussions it routinely holds with the institutions of each EU Member State before it takes over the Presidency, at a cost not exceeding £13,914.

Science and Technology Committee to Uganda and Tanzania in May, in connection with an inquiry into science and international development, at a cost not exceeding £42,894.

***The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:***

Environmental Audit Committee to Copenhagen in May, to attend a meeting of Chairs of EU Foreign Affairs and Environmental Committees, at a cost not exceeding £468.

International Development Committee to Copenhagen in May, to attend a meeting of Chairs of EU Foreign Affairs and Environmental Committees, at a cost not exceeding £996.

Treasury Committee to Santiago de Compostela in April, to attend a European Roundtable on "Re-Adjusting the Relation between Europe and the Nation States, Lessons from the Crisis" organised by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, at a cost not exceeding £430.

# Proceedings of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts  
Mrs Louise Ellman  
Dr Hywel Francis

Miss Anne McIntosh  
Joan Walley

## National Policy Statements

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Energy and Climate Change Committee be designated to consider the Proposals for national policy statements for (a) energy; (b) fossil fuel electricity generating infrastructure; (c) renewable energy infrastructure; (d) gas supply infrastructure and gas and oil pipelines; (e) electricity networks infrastructure; and (f) nuclear power generation; which were laid before the House on 18 October.

*Ordered*, That the Chair report these resolutions to the main Committee forthwith.

*[Adjourned to a place and time to be fixed by the Chair.]*

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2010

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts  
David T C Davies  
Mrs Louise Ellman

Miss Anne McIntosh  
Joan Walley

## National Policy Statements

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be designated to consider the Proposal for a national policy statement for waste water, which was laid before the House on 16 November.

*Ordered*, That the Chair report this resolution to the main Committee forthwith.

*[Adjourned to a place and time to be fixed by the Chair.]*

**THURSDAY 14 JULY 2011**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mrs Louise Ellman

Joan Walley

**National Policy Statements**

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be designated to consider the Proposal for a national policy statement for hazardous waste, which was laid before the that day.

*Ordered*, That the Chair report this resolution to the main Committee forthwith.

*[Adjourned to a place and time to be fixed by the Chair.]*



## **Appendix: Declarations of Members' Interests**

### ***Declared at the meeting on 21 July 2010:***

#### **Graham Allen**

##### *Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.:*

Received £630 for preparing and giving two lectures to American students in the UK. Address of payer: Loyola Marymount University, 1 LMU Drive, Los Angeles, USA. Hours: 32 hrs. (Registered 24 November 2009)

#### **Mr James Arbuthnot**

##### *Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.:*

Non-practising barrister.

Member of Lloyd's (resigned as from 31 December 2002).

*Categories of business underwritten until resignation - CBS Private Capital Ltd.: All categories.*

Received flowers (value £40) for giving an after-dinner speech on 21 October 2009. Hours: 2.25 hrs. Address of payer: ICAP Securities Limited, 2 Broadgate, London EC2M 7UR. (Registered 2 November 2009)

Received a tie (value £5) for giving a speech on 22 March 2010. Hours: 2.5 hrs. Address of payer: The Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ. (Registered 6 April 2010)

##### *Overseas visits:*

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel

Address of donor: 45B Westbourne Terrace, London W2 3UR

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £900

Destination of visit: Israel

Date of visit: 31 August to 3 September 2009

Purpose of visit: As Chairman of Conservative Friends of Israel, I went to Israel to meet politicians, industrialists and academics.

(Registered 7 October 2009)

##### *Land and Property:*

Two flats in London, both providing rental income.

##### *Declared Non-registerable interests:*

##### *Miscellaneous:*

Chairman of the Conservative Friends of Israel (unremunerated).

**Miss Anne Begg**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Fee of £75 received from Ipsos MORI for completion of survey.

*Sponsorships:*

Donations to constituency association from National Administration Unit, Paisley, and GMB union.

*Overseas visits:*

16-17 July 2009 to visit Total's Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) demonstration plant in Lacq, SW France as a member of the British Offshore Oil and Gas Industry All Party Parliamentary Group. I was accompanied by a member of my staff. Total E&P UK met the costs of the visit.

*Miscellaneous:*

In receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

Member of GMB and EIS trade unions.

President of the Blue Badge Network and the Shop Mobility National Federation.

**Sir Alan Beith**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Received £250 for a seminar with students of Wroxton College. Address: Wroxton College, Wroxton, nr. Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 6PX. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 10 February 2010*)

Occasional writing for John Wiley and Sons Ltd, The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester, PO19 8SQ. Received £50 for writing an article. Hours: 1 hr. (*Registered 3 June 2010*)

*Sponsorship or financial or material support:*

*(a) Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:*

Name of donor: Lord Alliance

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: individual (*Registered 3 June 2010*)

Name of donor: Mr and Mrs R. Parker

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: individual (*Registered 3 June 2010*)

*(b) Support in the capacity as an MP:*

Name of donor: Christian Action Research and Education

Address of donor: CARE, 53 Romney Street, London SW1P 3RF.

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of an intern for two days a week, estimated value £2,500. The intern started work on 7 October 2009, and finished on 30 July 2010.

Date of receipt: 7 October 2009

Date of acceptance: 7 October 2009

Donor status: unincorporated association (*Registered 21 January 2010*)

*Miscellaneous:*

Chairman of the Historic Chapels Trust.

**Mr Clive Betts**

*Land and Property:*

One residential property, for which rental income is received.

*Miscellaneous:*

Constituency office provided at a concessionary rent by Sheffield City Council, including business rates and utility bills.

Employment of family members: James Thomas, Parliamentary Assistant.

Member of Unite (trade union).

**Malcolm Bruce**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Donation made direct to a charity on my behalf by Ipsos MORI for completing a survey (Registered 24 November 2009).

*Sponsorships:*

Mackie's of Scotland; Deveron Homes, Huntly, Aberdeen; and William Alexander Dean.

**Mr Ian Davidson**

*Sponsorships:*

£1,500; RMT £2,359; FBU £1,750; UCATT £1,000; GMB; CWU; UNISON

*Miscellaneous:*

Employment of Family Members: Wife, Office Manager

Shareholder Glasgow Rangers Football Club.

Member Glasgow Rangers Supporters Trust.

**David T C Davies**

*Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)*

As a serving Special Constable with the British Transport Police, 25 Camden Road, London NW1 9LN, I may travel for free on London transport in return for intervening if I see a crime or if someone needs first aid.

*Sponsorships*

Donation of £3,000 from Ronald Hear, The Old Manor, Forge Road, Osbaston, Monmouth, NP25 3AZ which has been reported to the Electoral Commission.

**Mrs Louise Ellman**

*Miscellaneous:*

Member of Unite

**Natascha Engel**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Payment of £500 from *The Times*, 1 Virginia St, London E98 1XY, for article in February 2010.  
Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 20 July 2010*)

*Land and Property:*

Commercial property in London.

**Margaret Hodge**

*Registerable shareholdings:*

(b) Stemcor Holdings Ltd.: international trading.

**Bernard Jenkin**

*Sponsorships:*

Name of donor: Henry J Jenkins

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000. This money was given to the constituency association, which has reported this to the Electoral Commission, or will do so in its next quarterly report.

Donor status: individual (*Registered 9 April 2010*)

Name of donor: Britt Shaw

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,700. This money was given to the constituency association, which has reported this to the Electoral Commission, or will do so in its next quarterly report.

Donor status: individual (*Registered 9 April 2010*)

Name of donor: Peter Hall

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000. This money was given to the constituency association, which has reported this to the Electoral Commission, or will do so in its next quarterly report.

Donor status: individual (*Registered 9 April 2010*)

Name of donor: George Braithwaite

Address of donor: Main Road, Wormingford, Essex, CO6 3AX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000. This money was given to the constituency association, which has reported this to the Electoral Commission, or will do so in its next quarterly report.

Donor status: individual

Name of donor: Clive Harrison

Address of donor: Fishers, Malting Green Road, Layer-de-la-Haye, Essex, CO2 0JJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,525. This money was given to the constituency association, which has reported this to the Electoral Commission, or will do so in its next quarterly report.

Donor status: individual

Name of donor: John Moynihan

Address of donor: 41 Chelsea Square, London, SW3 6LH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,500. This money was given to the constituency association, which has reported this to the Electoral Commission, or will do so in its next quarterly report.

Donor status: individual

*Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK):*

Name of donor: Lord Jenkin of Roding

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: I received £45,000 from my father for the repayment of money to the Department of Resources following the inquiry by Sir Thomas Legg, and to cover associated legal expenses.

Date of receipt of donation: 1 February 2010

Date of acceptance of donation: 1 February 2010

Donor status: individual (*Registered 6 April 2010*)

*Land and Property:*

Rental income from lodgers at my main home in London.

*Miscellaneous:*

I arranged and hosted an event at St Paul's Cathedral in aid of charity on 19 March 2009, for which I obtained sponsorship of more than £1,000 from the following:

Finmeccanica UK Ltd

Saladin Security

Tesco plc

As a result of the event, identifiable donations of more than £1,000 were made to charity by:

Mr and Mrs N Hawkins of Cobham, Surrey

The Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin Trust

The CHEAR Foundation

Mr C Vandrevalla of London

In addition, St Paul's Cathedral charged a concessionary rate, to reflect their support for the charity. (I am a member of the Council of St Paul's Cathedral.) (*Registered 7 April 2009*)

Trustee of the Parliament Choir

Vice President of Combat Stress

**Miss Anne McIntosh**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Member of the Faculty of Advocates (non-practising and unremunerated)

*Gifts, benefits and hospitality :*

Complimentary first class travel pass for use on Grand Central Trains

*Land and property:*

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

*Other:*

Vice-chair of the Association of Drainage Authorities

**Andrew Miller**

*Overseas visits:*

Egypt to attend the Internet Governance Forum in November 2009 on behalf of Nominet.

**Mr George Mudie**

Nil

**Richard Ottaway**

*Sponsorship:*

I indirectly benefit from a Patrons' Club which makes donations to the Croydon South and Central Conservative Association.

*Sponsorship – Donations to constituency association:*

Since 1 May 2009, the following donations amounting to more than £1,500 have been received by Croydon Central and South Conservative Federation which were expressly linked to my candidacy and membership of the House (and to the candidacy and membership to the House of Gavin Barwell MP and the candidacy of our candidates for election to Croydon Borough Council):

Name of donor: Croydon Council Conservative Group  
Address of donor: c/o Cllr Dudley Mead, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX  
Amount of donation: £40,344  
Donor status: Council group

Name of donor: Christopher Cleanthi  
Address of donor: Private  
Amount of donation: £6,000  
Donor status: Individual

Name of donor: Matthew Taylor  
Address of donor: Private  
Amount of donation: £4,000  
Donor status: Individual

Name of donor: Badsha Quadir  
Address of donor: Private  
Amount of donation: £2,655  
Donor status: Individual

Name of donor: Geoffrey Dove  
Address of donor: Private  
Amount of donation: £4,000  
Donor status: Individual

Name of donor: The Terrace Club  
Address of donor: 2 Kingsmere, 43 Chislehurst Road, Chislehurst BR7 5LE  
Amount of donation: £2,500  
Donor status: Unincorporated association

Name of donor: Sunil Tandon  
Address of donor: Private  
Amount of donation: £2,351  
Donor status: Individual

*Land and property:*

Flat in London owned jointly with my wife from which rental income is received

*Employment of family members:*

Wife, Nicky Ottaway, employed as a Parliamentary Assistant.

*Miscellaneous:*

Chairman—London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Group  
Vice- Chair— All-Party UK-Singapore Parliamentary Group  
Vice-Chair—All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population Development and Reproductive Health  
Member—All-Party Parliamentary Britain-Nepal Group

**Mr Laurence Robertson**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Consultant to Westminster Parliamentary Research LLP, 34 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HL.  
(£5,001-£10,000) (Consultancy ended June 2010):

Received payment of £833.33. Hours: 8hrs. (*Registered 17 August 2009*)

Received payment of £833.33. Hours: 8 hrs. (*Registered 28 August 2009*)

Received payment of £833.33 on 23 September 2009. Hours: 8hrs. (*Registered 22 October 2009*)

Received payment of £833.33 on 30 October 2009. Hours: 8 hrs. (*Registered 24 November 2009*)

Received payment of £833.33 on 2 December 2009. Hours: 8hrs. (*Registered 4 December 2009*)

Received payment of £833.33 on 4 January 2010. Hours: 8hrs. (*Registered 15 January 2010*)

Received payment of £1,666.67 on 16 March 2010 for consultancy services provided in January and February 2010. Hours: 16hrs. (*Registered 25 March 2010*)

Received payment of £833.33 on 10 May 2010. (*Registered 30 June 2010*)

ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA:

Received £75 received for taking part in a panel survey. Hours: 20 Minutes. (*Registered 24 August 2009*)

Received £75 for completing a survey, 2 December 2009. Hours: 20 minutes. (*Registered 4 December 2009*)

Received £75 for completing a survey, 12 January 2010. Hours: 20 minutes. (*Registered 15 January 2010*)

Received £75 for completing a survey, 15 March 2010. Hours: 20 minutes. (*Registered 25 March 2010*)

Received £75 for taking part in a survey. Hours: 20 minutes. (*Registered 30 June 2010*)

BPRI, 24-28 Bloomsbury Way, London, WC1A 2PX:

Received £75 for taking part in a survey. Hours: 20 minutes. (*Registered 27 August 2008*)

Received £75 for taking part in a survey, 24 November 2009. Hours: 20 minutes. (*Registered 24 November 2009*)

Received £75 for completing a survey, 30 March 2010. Hours: 20 minutes. (*Registered 30 March 2010*)

Received £150 for face-to-face survey, 3 March 2010. Address: Market Opinion Research, 79-81 Borough Road, London, SE1 1FY. Hours: 1 hr. (*Registered 5 March 2010*)

*Overseas visits:*

Name of donor: Conservative Africa Business Group (funded for this purpose by Eagle Scientific Ltd).

Address of donor: Eagle Scientific Ltd, Regent House, Lenton Street, Sandiacre, Nottingham, NG10 5DJ

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1,572.95 (hotel and flights for myself and my partner).

Destination of visit: Ghana

Date of visit: 16–19 November 2009

Purpose of visit: to hold meetings to help promote British business in Ghana (*Registered 3 December 2009*)

*Employment of family members:*

I employ my wife, Susan Robertson (from whom I am separated) as Senior Secretary.

I employ my partner, Anne Marie Adams, as Senior Secretary.



**Mr Graham Stuart**

Nil.

**Andrew Tyrie**

*Remunerated directorships:*

Independent director of Rugby Estates, a publicly quoted property company. Payment of £4,429.76 for three days work in May, June and July 2009. (Registered 12 October 2009)

Payment of £4,429.76 for three days work in August, September and October 2009. (Registered 21 October 2009)

Payment of £4,429.76 for three days' work in November and December 2009 and January 2010. (Registered 28 January 2010)

Payment of £4,429.76 for three days' work in February, March and April 2010. (Registered 25 May 2010)

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Payment of £585 for two articles in *The Guardian*. Hours: 7 hours. (Registered 21 October 2009)

Payment of £121.23 from the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society in royalties from a publication in 2000. No hours worked. (Registered 17 March 2010)

Payment of £300 for an article in *The Guardian*. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 8 April 2010)

Payment of £200 for an article in *The Independent* on Sunday. Address: 2 Derry Street, London, W8 5HF. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 25 May 2010)

*Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK):*

Honorary membership of Goodwood Country Club.

*Registrable shareholdings:*

Veritas Asian Fund.

*Miscellaneous:*

Support for staff costs, travel, including a visit to the US in May 2009, value £1,188, and other expenses incurred as Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition, from registered donations made to the All-Party Parliamentary Group.

**Keith Vaz**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc:*

Consultant to FoxMandal Little (from 12 November 2009 to March 2010). I act as consultant to the firm on legal matters and especially on the Asian diaspora in the UK and abroad. I will be paid £2,500 a month and will be required to do 4 hours work a week; Payment of £10,000 received on 12 November 2009, in expectation of 4 hours a week work for 4 months. (Registered 19 November 2009)

*Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK):*

I am invited from time to time into the directors' box at Leicester City Football Club to watch matches.

*Overseas visits:*

25-27 July 2009, I visited Sana'a, Yemen as Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary British-Yemini Group to engage in bi-lateral discussions with the Yemini Government and MPs and others; local hospitality for two nights in Sana'a including food, accommodation and transport paid for by Government of Yemen. I paid for my own flights. (*Registered 10 August 2009*)

*Overseas benefits and gifts:*

On 19 October, 23 October and 1 November 2009, my wife and children and I received upgrades from economy class to business class from Jet Airways on two flights from London Heathrow to International Airport Mumbai and one upgrade on return flight Mumbai to London. (*Registered 9 November 2009*)

*Land and Property:*

I own a property at 144 Uppingham Road, Leicester, which is used as my constituency office.

*Miscellaneous:*

Barrister (not practising).

**Joan Walley**

*Sponsorship:*

Donations to constituency party from Unity trade union (Hanley), Unison trade union (Birmingham) and Hugh Edwards.

Other sponsorships: assistance from the Lighting Industry Federation (who pay part of the salary of a researcher in my office, who provides support to the All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group of which I am Joint Chair).

Honorary Vice-president of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

Member of Globe. Joint Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Lighting Group, where Lighting Industry Federation provides the secretariat.

**Mr John Whittingdale**

*Remunerated directorships:*

Audio Network plc (non-executive); an online music catalogue. Address: School Farm Studios, Little Maplestead, Halstead, Essex CO9 2SN. As a non-executive director I review monthly board papers and attend quarterly board meetings as well as occasional ad hoc meetings with the managers of the company. This consists of an estimated 8 hours work over the quarter.

25 September 2009, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as non-executive director. Hours: 8 hours. (*Registered 20 October 2009*)

18 December 2009, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as non-executive director. Hours: 8hours. (*Registered 28 January 2010*)

29 March 2010, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as non-executive director. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 1 April 2010)

29 June 2010, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as nonexecutive director. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 3 July 2010)

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Payments from ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for participation in surveys:

17 August 2009, payment of £75 for participation in the June MP Panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 20 October 2009)

5 January 2010, payment of £75 for participation in MP Panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 28 January 2010)

15 March 2010, payment of £75 for participation in parliamentary panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 1 April 2010)

24 June 2010, payment of £75 for participation in parliamentary panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 3 July 2010)

Payments from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY.

18 September 2009, payment of £150 from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY, for participating in an opinion research interview. Hours: 2 hours. (Registered 20 October 2009)

*Relevant interests:*

Regular contributor to Saint FM community radio (unpaid), Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Writers Group (unpaid), Chair of the All-Party Intellectual Property Group (unpaid), Co-Chair of the All-Party Electronic Games Group (unpaid).

***Declared at the meeting on 9 September 2010***

**Adrian Bailey**

*Land and Property:*

A cottage in Cornwall from which rental income is received.

*Miscellaneous:*

I am a member of the GMB Union. I am a member of the Co-operative Party

*Employment of family members*

I employ my wife, Jill Bailey, as part-time Junior/Diary Secretary.

**Kevin Barron**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Occasional speaking engagements for the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, 14 Great College Street, London SW1P 3RX, of which I am an unremunerated Board member. (Up to £5,000)

*Land and Property:*

Constituency office in Dinnington.

**Geoffrey Clifton-Brown**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:*

Arable farming in the UK.

Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

*Sponsorships:*

*(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:*

Name of donor: Hon Phillip Smith

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 10 June 2010)

*Land and Property:*

Agricultural holdings in Norfolk, from which I receive rental income.

Various let properties in London, from which I receive rental income.

*Miscellaneous:*

Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (unremunerated).

**Hywel Francis**

*Registered financial interests:*

Nil.

*Miscellaneous:*

I employ my wife, Mair Francis, as Senior Parliamentary Assistant.

*Declared interests:*

Member of Community. (Trade Union)

Trustee, Bevan Foundation [Independent Think Tank] (Unpaid)

Trustee, Paul Robeson Wales Trust (Unpaid)

Emeritus Professor, Swansea University (Unpaid)

Vice-President, Carers UK (Unpaid)

Honorary Parliamentary Patron, NIACE (adult learners' body) (Unpaid)

**Sir Alan Haselhurst**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc*

Earnings from publication of novels.

Payment of £77.94 (£107.94 less £30 postage, packing and handling), from publisher Professional and Higher, for the sale of six novels. (Registered 6 October 2009)

Direct sale of one novel, which yielded £17.99. (*Registered 6 October 2009*)  
Payment of £89.95 (less £25 postage, packing and handling) from the Professional and Higher Partnership, 4 The Links, Cambridge Road, Newmarket, CB8 OTG, from book sales. Hours: nil. (*Registered 14 December 2009*)  
Payment of £89.94 (less £30 donation) for book sales by Saffron Walden Teenage Cancer Trust Appeal Group, 11 Emson Close, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1HL. Hours: nil. (*Registered 14 December 2009*)  
Direct sale of six copies to constituents, yielding £107.94. Hours: nil. (*Registered 14 December 2009*)  
Payment of £1,521.79 net for book sales. Hours: nil. (*Registered 4 June 2010*)  
Payment of £46.97 for direct sale of books. Hours: nil. (*Registered 4 June 2010*)  
Payment of £126.90 for book sales. Hours: nil. (*Registered 9 July 2010*)

Carried out the prize-giving at the Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College, Forest Hall Road, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex CM24 8TZ. I was presented with a bottle of malt whisky. Approximate value: £20. Hours: 4 hrs 10 mins. (*Registered 9 July 2010*)

Participated in an IPSOS MORI opinion survey, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY and the company paid £150 to a local charity. Hours: 75 mins (*Registered 12 August 2010*)

### **Robert Syms**

*Remunerated directorships:*

Marden Holdings Ltd and C Syms and Sons Ltd.

*Sponsorships:*

Donations to constituency party or association from Mr G R Nicholas and Mr J Douglas.

*Shareholdings:*

Marden Holdings Ltd and C Syms and Sons Ltd.

### ***Declared at the meeting on 13 September 2010***

### **Mr Greg Knight**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.*

Articles for The Club Journal, 253 - 254 Upper Street, London N1 1RY.

Received £200 for an article. Hours: 2.25 hrs. (*Registered 14 December 2009*)

Received £200 for an article. Hours: 2.25 hrs. (*Registered 23 August 2010*)

Received £250 for writing an article for Octane magazine. Address: 1 Tower Court, Irchester Road, Wollaston, Northants NN29 7P3. Hours: 2.5 hrs. (*Registered 26 February 2010*)

*Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK):*

Name of donor: Onifas Ltd, trading as The Bedford Arms

Address of donor: 77 Bedford Hill London London SW12 9HD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: sponsorship for the group for a music album by parliamentary rock group MP4 towards the costs of rehearsals, equipment and launch reception value £1,500

Date of receipt of donation: 29 June 2010

Date of acceptance of donation: 29 June 2010  
Donor status: company No 5175241 (*Registered 24 July 2010*)

Name of donor: Research in Motion UK  
Address of donor: 36 Station Road Egham Surrey TW20  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: sponsorship for the group for a music album by parliamentary rock group MP4 towards the costs of rehearsals, equipment and launch reception value £1,500  
Date of receipt of donation: 12 July 2010  
Date of acceptance of donation: 12 July 2010  
Donor status: company No 4022422.

*Employment of family members:*

I employ my wife, Janet Ormond, as Parliamentary Assistant.

***Declared at the meeting on 28 October 2010***

**Mr William Cash**

*Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc:*

Solicitor - William Cash & Co.

*Overseas visits:*

Name of donor: Results UK

Address of donor: 25 Clemens Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 2DP.

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1199.69 (flights and accommodation)

Destination of visit: India (Mumbai and Delhi)

Date of visit: 6 – 10 September 2009

Purpose of visit: visit to Delhi and Mumbai with Results UK, a charity, to investigate problems of TB, HIV/AIDS, sanitation and water, with rag-pickers and slum-dwellers. (*Registered 29 October 2009*)

***Declared at the meeting on 18 November 2010***

**Tim Yeo**

*Remunerated directorships:*

Name and address of company: Groupe Eurotunnel SA (non-executive) (of which Eurotunnel plc is a wholly owned subsidiary); company managing the Channel Tunnel. Address: Cheriton Parc, Cheriton High Street, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4QS.

Nature of business: Company manages the Channel Tunnel and operates freight trains in Britain and France.

My duties as a non-executive director include attendance at meetings of the Board and of the Environment and Safety Committee and advising senior management on a range of issues.

Name and address of company: Eco City Vehicles plc, Hemming House, Hemming Street, London E1 5BL

Nature of business: Distributes and services London taxis

The nature of the work: Duties include chairing board meetings and keeping in touch with senior management.

Name and address of company: AFC Energy plc, Unit 71.4, Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8TB

Nature of business: Developers of alkaline fuel cell technology

The nature of the work: Undertake duties as Chair, run board meetings and keep in touch with senior management.

*Remunerated Employment, Office, Profession, etc:*

Name and address: Regensis Ltd, Coptoak House, 216 Blackbury Lane, Limply, Stoke, Bath, BA2 7FE

Nature of the business: The company develops, manufactures and markets advanced technologies for the restoration and remediation of natural resources.

Occasional articles for Country Life magazine.

Member of Advisory Board of Oxinia (August 2008-September 2009); a group of recruitment consultants and head-hunters.

*Overseas visits:*

Name of donor: Forum Invest, a Romanian company which organises international conferences.

Address of donor: 18 Mircea Eliade Blvd, 4th floor, Bucharest 012015, Romania

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1500

Destination of visit: Monte Carlo

Date of visit: 3-6 July 2009

Purpose of visit: to discuss climate change and the environment (*Registered 6 July 2009*)

Name of donor : National Institute of Technology

Address of donor: Kurukshetra - 136119, Haryana, India

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): estimated value £1500

Destination of visit: Taj Chandigarh, Chandigarh, India

Date of visit: 19-21 March 2009

Purpose of visit: to speak at the EnviroEnergy Conference 2009 (international conference on energy and environment) (*Registered 17 September 2009*)

Name of donor: Forum Invest, a Romanian company which organises international conferences.

Address of donor : 18 Mircea Eliade Blvd, 4th floor, Bucharest 012015, Romania

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1,200

Destination of visit: Bucharest

Date of visit: 2 - 6 October 2009

Purpose of visit: to discuss Romania's attitude to climate change and related environmental issues (*Registered 20 October 2009*)

*Shareholdings:*

Anacol Holdings Ltd.; a family investment company (9a)

Name of company: Eco City Vehicles plc (9b)

Nature of company's business: Distributes and services London taxis

Name of company: AFC Energy (share option) (9b)

Nature of company's business: Develops alkaline fuel cell technology

Name of company: Groupe Eurotunnel SA (9b)

Nature of the company's business: operates the Channel Tunnel and freight trains in Britain and France.

***Declared at the meeting on 2 December 2010***

**John Thurso**

*Remunerated directorships*

Director of International Wine and Spirit Competition Ltd, Building 17, Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8TB; organisers annual wine and spirit competition.

Fee of £2,203.12 received on 29 June 2010. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 1 July 2010*)

Fee of £2,203.12 received on 29 September 2010. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 25 October 2010*)

*Sponsorships*

(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Barnaby Lewis

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: individual

(*Registered 10 June 2010*)

*Land and Property*

Moorland Estate and Hill Farm in Altnabraec, Caithness.

*Registrable shareholdings*

(a) Ulbster Holdings Ltd, which manages family properties and holds shares in family companies.

(b) Walker Greenbank PLC, manufacturers of wallpaper and fabric; (2% of share capital is owned by Ulbster Holdings Ltd).



***Declared at the meeting on 3 March 2011***

**Mr Stephen Dorrell**

*Remunerated directorships:*

Faithful Group Ltd., 1-3 College Yard, Worcester. Provider of management services.  
29 March 2010, received a payment of £10,000 in respect of the period 1 July 2009 to 31  
March 2010. Hours: approx. 20 hrs per week during the relevant period.  
(Registered 7 June 2010)

*Clients:*

Logistik Unicorp Inc. (uniform supplier).

*Registrable shareholdings:*

Faithful Group Ltd.