



House of Commons
Liaison Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2012–13

Formal Minutes of the Liaison Committee, Session 2012–13

THURSDAY 17 MAY 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey
Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Clive Betts
Mr William Cash
Mr Stephen Dorrell
Dr Hywel Francis
Mr Bernard Jenkin
Miss Anne McIntosh

Mr Laurence Robertson
Mr Graham Stuart
John Thurso
Mr Andrew Tyrie
Keith Vaz
Joan Walley
Mr John Whittingdale

1. Culture, Media and Sports Committee: report on *News International and Phone-hacking*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee endorses the motion to be tabled by the Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee noting the conclusions set out in chapter eight of the report into *News International and phone-hacking* and proposing that the matter be referred to the Committee on Standards and Privileges.

2. Select Committees and Public Appointments: outstanding Government Response

The Committee considered a letter from the Minister for the Cabinet Office on the overdue Government response to the Committee's report on *Select Committees and Public Appointments*.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Minister for the Cabinet Office stating that it is unacceptable that the Government response is now six months late.

3. Proposals for Pre-Legislative Scrutiny: letter from the Leader of the House

The Committee considered a letter from the Leader of the House on pre-legislative scrutiny of draft measures in session 2012–13.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House stating its view that:

there should be a presumption in favour of draft bills going to existing committees for pre-legislative scrutiny, rather than to ad hoc committees chosen by the Whips;

the relevant departmental select committee should have first claim on draft legislation produced by its department; and

when it was agreed that a joint committee should be established, the Liaison Committee expected to be consulted on the proposed Commons membership before it was put to the House for approval.

4. Committees: paperless working

The Committee considered a paper by the Clerks on paperless working.

5. All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs)

The Committee considered a letter from the Chair of the Transport Committee to the Speaker on APPGs and their confusion with select committees by the media.

6. Pre-appointment hearing of the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission

The Committee considered a letter from the Minister for Equalities and a letter from the Chair of the Home Affairs Committee on the forthcoming pre-appointment scrutiny of the new Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

7. Strengthening scrutiny of European business

The Committee considered a letter from the Minister of Europe on scrutiny of European business.

8. Supplementary written evidence from the Prime Minister

Ordered, That written evidence relating to the Prime Minister's oral evidence of 6 March 2012 be reported to the House for printing, with the oral evidence.

9. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Reports be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

Operation of the Family Courts, Sixth Report from the Justice Committee, Session 2010-12, HC 518-I and the Government response, Cm 8189 (24 May 2012).

Piracy off the coast of Somalia, Tenth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee of Session 2010-12, HC 1318, and the Government Response, Cm 8324 (14 June 2012).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 June at 6.00pm]

Annex***Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:******The Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

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 £5,579. (*Revision of decision of 23 February 2012*).

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

Environmental Audit Committee to Brussels in June, to attend a conference held by the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources (EUFORES), at a cost not exceeding £237.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Brussels in June, to attend a conference on the reform of the Common Agriculture Policy, at a cost not exceeding £648.

European Scrutiny Committee to Limassol in July, to attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, at a cost not exceeding £1,620.

WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Sir Alan Haselhurst
Mr Kevin Barron	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Mr Clive Betts	Mr Greg Knight
Mr William Cash	Miss Anne McIntosh
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Graham Stuart
Mr Ian Davidson	Mr Andrew Tyrie
David T C Davies	Keith Vaz
Mrs Louise Ellman	

1. Evidence from the Prime Minister

The Committee considered topics for the next evidence session with the Prime Minister.

Resolved, That in questioning the Prime Minister on 3 July 2012 the Committee should focus on:

- (i) The impact of the Eurozone crisis on the UK economy and public policy; and

(ii) Civil service reform.

2. Select Committees and Public Appointments: Government response

The Committee considered the Government's response to its report on *Select Committees and Public Appointments*.

3. Committees: paperless working

The Committee considered a paper by the Clerks on paperless working.

4. Report by the Speakers' working group on All-Party Groups (APGs)

The Committee considered a report by the Speakers' working group on APGs.

5. Inquiry into Select Committee powers and effectiveness

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

Web and Intranet Service (SCP12)

Memorandum from Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP (SCP33)

Memorandum from Tim Yeo MP (SCP34)

Memoranda received from select committees (SCP13-32)

6. Estimates Day Debates

Ordered, That the Chair report to the House that the Liaison Committee recommends the following Estimates for debate on the first allotted day in the present session (Standing Order No. 145 (3)):

Foreign and Commonwealth Office, insofar as it relates to UK–Turkey relations and Turkey's regional role (*4 July 2012*)

Home Office, insofar as it relates to the work of the UK Border Agency (*4 July 2012*)

7. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Report be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

PIP Breast Implants and regulation of cosmetic interventions, Sixteenth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2010–12, HC 1816, and the Government Response, Cm 8351 (*5 July 2012*)

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 July at 3.45pm]

TUESDAY 3 JULY 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey
Mr William Cash
David T C Davies
Natascha Engel
Margaret Hodge
Mr Bernard Jenkin

Miss Anne McIntosh
Richard Ottaway
John Thurso
Mr Andrew Tyrie
Keith Vaz

1. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister

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

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

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 July at 9.15am]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visits:

Defence Committee to Afghanistan in November, in connection with its inquiry into military operations in Afghanistan, at a cost not exceeding £30,000.

Health Committee to Denmark and Sweden in November, in connection with its inquiry into Integrated care, at a cost not exceeding £20,700.

THURSDAY 12 JULY 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot
Mr Adrian Bailey
Sir Malcolm Bruce
Mr William Cash
David T C Davies
Mrs Louise Ellman
Sir Alan Haselhurst

Margaret Hodge
Mr Bernard Jenkin
Miss Anne McIntosh
Andrew Miller
Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mr John Whittingdale

1. Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards

The Committee considered the proposed Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards.

2. Select Committees and Public Appointments: Government Response

Draft Report (*Select Committees and Public Appointments: The Government Response*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published with the First Report of the Committee, Session 2012–13, HC394.

3. Committees: paperless working

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into select committee powers and effectiveness

The Committee considered the inquiry into select committee powers and effectiveness and a paper by the Clerk of the House on select committee powers.

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

Better Government Initiative (SCP35)

The Clerk of the House (SPC36)

5. Strengthening scrutiny of European business

The Committee considered a paper on European business and correspondence from the Minister of Europe.

6. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Reports be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

The UK's Energy Supply: Security or independence?, Eighth Report from the Energy and Climate Change Committee, Session 2010-12, HC 1065, and the Government response, HC 1813 (6 September 2012)

Building Regulations applying to electrical and gas installation and repairs in dwellings, Tenth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Session 2010-12, HC 1851, and the Government response, Cm 8369 (6 September 2012).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 September at 6.00pm]

Annex***Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:******The Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Foreign Affairs Committee to Berlin and Bern in October, in connection with its inquiry into ‘the Future of the European Union: UK Government Policy’, at a cost not exceeding £9,475.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Madrid and Oslo in October, in connection with its inquiry into ‘the Future of the European Union: UK Government Policy’, at a cost not exceeding £12,805.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Paris and Brussels in November, in connection with its inquiry into ‘the Future of the European Union: UK Government Policy’, at a cost not exceeding £9,872.

International Development Committee to Pakistan in November, in connection with its inquiry into Development assistance to Pakistan, at a cost not exceeding £43,000.

Transport Committee to Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland in October, in connection with its inquiry into ‘Future of the railway’, at a cost not exceeding £23,400.

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

Defence Committee to Brest, France, in September, to attend the annual summer defence conference, at a cost not exceeding £614.

Defence Committee to Nicosia in September, to attend the Conference of Foreign Affairs and Defence and Security Committee Chairmen, at a cost not exceeding £1,150

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Guangzhou, China, in October, to participate in the ‘Low Carbon Earth Summit 2012’, at a cost not exceeding £5,200.

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Colombo, Sri Lanka in November, to attend the Climate Parliament: Policy for Renewable Energy Revolution conference, at a cost not exceeding £2,807.

European Scrutiny Committee to Nicosia in September, to attend the Conference of Foreign Affairs and Defence and Security Committee Chairmen, at a cost not exceeding £2,300.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Nicosia in September, to attend the Conference of Foreign Affairs and Defence and Security Committee Chairmen, at a cost not exceeding £1,150.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Istanbul in October, to attend the British-Turkish Tatlidil, at a cost not exceeding £280.

International Development Committee to Nicosia in September, to attend the Conference of Foreign Affairs and Defence and Security Committee Chairmen, at a cost not exceeding £2,344.

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Margaret Hodge
Mr Adrian Bailey	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Dame Anne Begg	Miss Anne McIntosh
Sir Malcolm Bruce	Andrew Miller
Mr William Cash	Mr Graham Stuart
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Natascha Engel	Mr Keith Vaz

1. Select committee powers and effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

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:

Chair of the Committees on Arms Export Controls (SCP37)

2. BBC Parliament and parliamentary broadcasting

The Committee considered two papers: one from BBC Parliament, and one from the Director of Parliamentary Broadcasting.

3. IPSA's consultation on pay and pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Scrutiny of the draft Local Audit Bill

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House to ask that a motion to establish a new committee for scrutiny of the draft Local Audit Bill be tabled in the House before the Conference recess.

5. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Report be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

Government support towards the additional living costs of working-age disabled people, Seventh Report of the Work and Pensions Committee, Session 2010-12, HC 1493, and the Government response, Session 2012-13, HC 105 (25 October 2012).

[Adjourned till Thursday 25 October at 9.15am]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visits:

Home Affairs Committee to Dover and Calais in November, in connection with its inquiry into ‘UK Border Agency and Border Force’, at a cost not exceeding £1,318.

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee to Dublin in November, in connection with its inquiry into ‘Fuel laundering and smuggling’, at a cost not exceeding £7,816.

Transport Committee to Frankfurt airport in December, in connection with its inquiry into aviation strategy, at a cost not exceeding £2,635.

The Chair approved the following visit in a representative capacity:

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Nicosia in November, to attend the meeting of Chairpersons of EU agriculture committees, at a cost not exceeding £880.

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr Kevin Barron	Andrew Miller
Dame Anne Begg	Mr Laurence Robertson
Mr Clive Betts	Mr Graham Stuart
Mr William Cash	John Thurso
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mrs Louise Ellman	Mr Charles Walker
Natascha Engel	Joan Walley
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Mr Tim Yeo
Mr Bernard Jenkin	

1. Declarations of Interests

Mr Walker declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix to these Formal Minutes).

2. Select committee effectiveness, resources and powers

Draft Report (Select Committee Effectiveness, Resources and Powers), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published with the Second Report of the Committee, Session 2012–13, HC 697.

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House, for publication on the internet, the papers relating to the working group on select committee resources and support.

3. European scrutiny

The Committee considered a draft memorandum on European scrutiny in the House of Commons.

Resolved, That the Committee submit a memorandum to the European Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee considered a letter from the Foreign Secretary outlining the Government's 'Balance of Competences Review' between the United Kingdom and the European Union.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary to confirm that committees would like to be kept informed of the progress of the review.

4. House of Commons Savings Programme

The Committee considered the Savings Programme.

5. Diversity in the House Service

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The Scottish Government's evidence to select committees

The Committee considered this matter.

7. IPSA's consultation on pay

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

9. Supplementary oral evidence from the Prime Minister

Ordered, That written evidence relating to the Prime Minister's oral evidence of 3 July 2012 be reported to the House for printing, with the oral evidence.

10. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Reports be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

Greening the Common Agricultural Policy, First Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, HC 170, and the Government response, HC 654 (1 November 2012)

Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL) reform, Seventeenth Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2010-12, HC 1798, and the Government response, HC 557 (22 November 2012)

Flight time limitations, First Report from the Transport Committee, HC 164, and the Government response, HC 558 (22 November 2012).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 November at 6.00pm]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visit:

European Scrutiny Committee to Dublin in December, for a pre-EU Presidency visit, at a cost not exceeding £5,487.

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

Energy and Climate Change to Doha in November, to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 18), at a cost not exceeding £3,953.

Environmental Audit Committee to Doha in November, to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 18), at a cost not exceeding £1,955.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Moscow in December, to hold a bilateral meeting with International Affairs Committee of the Russian Duma, at a cost not exceeding £8,952.

International Development Committee to Paris in November, to attend a working dinner with French Parliamentarians and experts at the British Embassy to discuss the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals, at a cost not exceeding £2,132.

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

Justice Committee to Brussels in November, to attend the inter-parliamentary committee meeting on Common European Sales Law at the European Parliament, at a cost not exceeding £435.

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2012

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
Sir Malcolm Bruce	Mr Laurence Robertson
Mr William Cash	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Keith Vaz
Dr Hywel Francis	Mr Charles Walker
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Joan Walley
Margaret Hodge	Mr Tim Yeo

1. Committees online

The Committee was given a presentation on committee websites and broadcasting of committee oral evidence sessions.

2. Arrangements for the evidence session with the Prime Minister

The Committee considered topics for the next evidence session with the Prime Minister.

Resolved, That in questioning the Prime Minister on 11 December 2012 the Committee should focus on:

- (i) The future direction of policing and criminal justice;
- (ii) Green Government; and
- (iii) Post-2015 UN developments goals.

3. Evidence from the Deputy Prime Minister

Resolved, That the Committee invite the Deputy Prime Minister to give oral evidence.

4. Pre-legislative scrutiny: letter from the Leader of the House

The Committee considered a letter from the Leader of the House on pre-legislative scrutiny.

5. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Reports be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

Inward investment in Wales, Eighth Report of the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 2010-12, HC 854, and the Government Response, Session 2012-13, HC 125 (29 November 2012)

Scrutiny of Arms Exports (2012): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2010, First Joint Report of the Committees on Arms Export Controls, HC 419, and the Government Response, Cm 8441 (13 December 2012)

Competition in the local bus market, Third Report of the Transport Committee, HC 10, and the Government Response, HC 761 (10 January 2013)

Tax in Developing Countries: Increasing Resources for Development, Fourth Report of the International Development Committee, HC 130, and the Government Response, HC 708 (17 January 2013)

Afghanistan: Development progress and prospects after 2014, Sixth Report of the International Development Committee, HC 403, and the Government Response, HC 862 (17 January 2013).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 December at 3.45pm]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visits:

Communities and Local Government Committee to Sweden in January, in connection with its inquiry into the role of local authorities in health issues, at a cost not exceeding £12,480.

Culture, Media and Sport Committee to Los Angeles in March, in connection with its inquiry into creative industries, at a cost not exceeding £60,567.

Education Committee to Netherlands and Denmark in February, in connection with its inquiry into Sure Start Children's Centres, at a cost not exceeding £20,248.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, in connection with its inquiry into the UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, at a cost not exceeding £45,896.

International Development Committee to Ethiopia in February, in connection with its inquiries into Food, Violence against Women, and Governance, at a cost not exceeding £35,677.

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2012

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Andrew Miller
Mr Clive Betts	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Sir Malcolm Bruce	Keith Vaz
James Duddridge	Joan Walley
Dr Hywel Francis	Mr Yeo
Miss Anne McIntosh	

1. Declarations of Interests

James Duddridge declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix to these Formal Minutes).

2. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister

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

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

Mr Yeo declared pecuniary interests in relation to the questioning on Green Government (see Appendix to these Formal Minutes).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 January at 6.00pm]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visits:

Energy and Climate Change Committee to California in March, in connection with its inquiries into smart meter roll-out, low-carbon innovation, and local energy generation, at a cost not exceeding £46,022.

Home Affairs Committee to Doha and Abu Dhabi in March, in connection with its inquiries into UK Border Agency and Roots of Violent Radicalisation, at a cost not exceeding £29,447.

WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen	Mrs Louise Ellman
Mr James Arbuthnot	Natascha Engel
Mr Adrian Bailey	Sir Alan Haselhurst
Mr Kevin Barron	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Dame Anne Begg	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr Clive Betts	Andrew Miller
Sir Malcolm Bruce	John Thurso
Mr William Cash	Mr Charles Walker
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Joan Walley
David T C Davies	Mr John Whittingdale
James Duddridge	

1. Government response to the Liaison Committee's First Report: Select Committees and Public Appointments

Draft Special Report (*Select Committees and Public Appointments: Government response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2012–13*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the First Report from the Committee in Session 2012–13 was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Responses to the Committee's report on Select Committee effectiveness, resources and powers

The Committee considered the responses to the Committee's report on *Select committee effectiveness, resources and powers*, received from the Speaker and House of Commons Commission, House of Commons Management Board, Clerk Assistant of the DCCS, and the Government.

Draft report (*Select committee effectiveness, resources and powers: responses to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2012-13*), 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 Third Report of the Committee, Session 2012-13, HC 911.

Resolved, That the Committee seek a substantive debate on the Floor of the House, by applying through the Backbench Business Committee at its next meeting.

3. Draft Public Bodies (Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013: scrutiny arrangements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence with the Deputy Prime Minister on 5 February

The Committee considered topics for the evidence session with the Deputy Prime Minister.

Resolved, That in questioning the Deputy Prime Minister on 5 February the Committee should focus on:

(i) The Greenest Government Ever?: United Nations Rio+20 Summit and its follow-on agenda: and energy and environment policies

(ii) Constitutional reform and devolution in the United Kingdom.

5. Supplementary written evidence from the Prime Minister

Ordered, That written evidence relating to the Prime Minister's oral evidence of 11 December 2012 be reported to the House for printing with the oral evidence.

6. All-Party Parliamentary Groups: Correspondence between the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Speaker of the House.

The Committee considered correspondence between the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Speaker of the House of Commons, relating to the potential for confusion between All-Party Parliamentary Groups and elected select committees of the House.

7. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered letters between the Chair of the Liaison Committee and the Leader of the House on pre-legislative scrutiny.

8. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Reports be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, First Report of the Justice Committee, HC 96, and the Government Response, Cm 8505 (24 January 2013)

Protecting the Arctic, Second Report of the Environment Audit Committee, HC 171, and the Government Response, HC 858 (7 February 2013)

Future Maritime Surveillance, Fifth Report of the Defence Committee, HC 110, and the Government Response, HC 827 (7 February 2013)

European Regional Development Fund, Second Report of the Communities and Local Government Committee, HC 81, and the Government response, Cm 8389 (28 February 2013).

9. Political and Constitutional Reform Committee: inquiry into the impact of the Wright reforms

The Committee considered this matter.

10. IPSA's First Report on MPs' pay and pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 February at 3.45pm]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

European Scrutiny Committee to Dublin, Ireland in January, to attend the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) meeting, at a cost not exceeding £1,040.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Brussels, Belgium in February, to attend a meeting with the Foreign Affairs Committee at the European Parliament, at a cost not exceeding £517.

Treasury Committee to Dublin, Ireland in February, to attend a meeting of the Chairpersons of Finance Committees, at a cost not exceeding £608.

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

Justice Committee to the European Parliament, Brussels in January, to attend an inter-parliamentary committee meeting on Civil Law and Justice, at a cost not exceeding £514.

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen	James Duddridge
Mr Kevin Barron	Natascha Engel
Mr Clive Betts	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Sir Malcolm Bruce	Miss Anne McIntosh
Mr William Cash	Andrew Miller
Mr Ian Davidson	Joan Walley
David T C Davies	Mr Tim Yeo

1. Oral evidence from the Deputy Prime Minister

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

The Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, the Deputy Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 February at 6.00 p.m.]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visits:

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels and the Hague in March, in connection with its inquiry into European scrutiny in the House of Commons, at a cost not exceeding £11,180.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Vienna, Austria, in March, in connection with its inquiry into Iran's nuclear programme, at a cost not exceeding £10,618.

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Dublin in March, to attend a meeting of Chairpersons of EU Agriculture Committees, at a cost not exceeding £562.

European Scrutiny Committee to Copenhagen, Denmark in March, to attend a conference for members of European Committees across the European Union to discuss the role of national parliaments in a more integrated financial, budgetary and economic policy framework, at a cost not exceeding £1,258.

International Development Committee to Dublin, Ireland in March to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £837.

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Andrew Miller
Mr Adrian Bailey	Richard Ottaway
Mr Clive Betts	Mr Laurence Robertson
Mr William Cash	Mr Andrew Tyrie
David T C Davies	Mr Keith Vaz
Mrs Louise Ellman	Mr Charles Walker
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Joan Walley
Mr Bernard Jenkin	Mr John Whittingdale
Miss Anne McIntosh	

1. March evidence session with the Prime Minister

The Committee considered topics for the next evidence session with the Prime Minister.

Resolved, That in questioning the Prime Minister on 12 March 2013 the Committee should focus on:

- (i) Sahel and Syria; and
- (ii) Machinery of Government and Accountability.

2. Liaison Committee: paperless working

The Committee considered papers on paperless working.

Ordered, That the Committee move to electronic-only circulation of committee papers, after the Easter Recess.

3. Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy request for power to appoint a sub-committee

The Committee considered a letter from the Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP, Chair of the Joint Committee on National Security Strategy, which asked for the Liaison Committee's support for its request to have the power to appoint sub-committees.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chair of the JCNSS stating that that the Liaison Committee did not agree to support this request.

4. Committee Office contribution to the Savings Programme

The Committee considered a paper on steps being taken in the Committee Office as part of the Savings Programme.

5. Parliamentary Broadcasting Update

The Committee considered a paper from the Director of Parliamentary Broadcasting.

Resolved, That the Committee endorses the proposals outlined in the paper, for making more use of the automated recordings currently shown only on Parliament.live.

6. Delegated Legislation Committees and European Committees: letter from John Baron MP, Foreign Affairs Committee

The Committee considered a letter from John Baron MP, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, to the Chair highlighting problems caused when Members were required by the Whips to attend Delegated Legislation Committees and European Committees, at times which clashed with Select Committee meetings.

7. Estimates Day Debates

Ordered, That the Chair report to the House that the Liaison Committee recommends the following Supplementary Estimates for debate on the second and third allotted days in the present session (Standing Order No. 145(3)):

Ministry of Justice, in so far as it relates to its budget and structure (5 March 2013)

Department for Communities and Local Government, in so far as it relates to the financing of new housing supply (5 March 2013)

Department for Work and Pensions, in so far as it relates to Universal Credit (6 March 2013)

Department of Health, in so far as it relates to the regulation of medical implants in the EU and UK (6 March 2013).

8. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Reports be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: Terminating Trident-Days or Decades? Fourth Report of the Scottish Affairs Committee, HC 676, and the Government Response, HC 861 (7 March 2013)

The FCO's human rights work in 2011, Third Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, HC 116, and the Government response, Cm 8506 (14 March 2013)

The road to UNFCCC COP 18 and beyond, Second Report of the Energy and Climate Change Committee, HC 88, and the Government Response, HC 633 (18 April 2013)

Low-Carbon Growth Links with China, Third Report of the Energy and Climate Change Committee, HC 529, and the Government Response, HC 748 (18 April 2013)

Plug-in vehicles, plugged in policy?, Fourth Report of the Transport Committee, HC 239, and the Government response, HC 884 (25 April 2013)

Road Safety, Second Report of the Transport Committee, HC 506, and the Government response, HC 648 (25 April 2013).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 March 2013

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visits:

Communities and Local Government Committee to Germany in April, in connection with its inquiry into the private rented housing sector, at a cost not exceeding £10,315.

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

Defence Committee to Dublin, Ireland in March, to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £400.

European Scrutiny Committee to Dublin, Ireland in March to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £713.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Dublin, Ireland in March to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £1,180.

TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2013

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Dame Anne Begg
Sir Malcolm Bruce
James Duddridge
Mrs Louise Ellman
Margaret Hodge

Mr Bernard Jenkin
Miss Anne McIntosh
Andrew Miller
Richard Ottaway

1. Supplementary written evidence from the Deputy Prime Minister

Written evidence relating to oral evidence from the Deputy Prime Minister in February was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the oral evidence.

2. Oral evidence from the Prime Minister

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

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

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 April at 6.00pm]

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:

The Chair approved the following overseas visits:

Defence Committee to USA in May 2013, in connection with its inquiry into the purpose, future composition and use of the Armed Forces, at a cost not exceeding £49,456.

European Scrutiny Committee to Brussels and the Hague in May 2013, in connection with its inquiry into European Scrutiny, at a cost not exceeding £10,745.

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee to USA in June 2013, in connection with its inquiry into the implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland, and other inquiries, at a cost not exceeding £40,469.

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

Defence Committee to Paris, in April 2013, to attend a meeting with counter-parts in the French Senate and National Assembly to consider UK-French defence co-operation, at a cost not exceeding £2,023.

Defence Committee to Washington, USA in May 2013, to attend the Electric Infrastructure Security Summit IV (EISS), at a cost not exceeding £1,504.

European Scrutiny Committee to the European Parliament in Brussels in March, to attend a inter-parliamentary committee meeting with the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Committee of the European Parliament, at a cost not exceeding £398.

International Development Committee to the European Parliament in Brussels, in April, to attend the Conference on Policy Coherence for Development and Donor Co-ordination, at a cost not exceeding £1,284.

Public Accounts Committee to Sydney, Australia, in April, to attend the twelfth biennial conference of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees, at a cost not exceeding £12,816.

Science and Technology Committee to Washington, USA in May 2013, to attend the Electric Infrastructure Security Summit IV (EISS), at a cost not exceeding £2,845.

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2013

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
Sir Malcolm Bruce	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Mr William Cash	Mr Keith Vaz
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Charles Walker
Stephen Dorrell	Joan Walley
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Mr John Whittingdale

1. *Select committee effectiveness, resources and powers: follow-up and annual reports by committees*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee review in the Autumn the progress made towards the implementation of the Committee's recommendations in its report on *Select committee effectiveness resources and powers*, and that individual committees be invited to submit a memorandum to the Liaison Committee by October 2013.

2. Substantive motions in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered its proposal that debates on select committee reports on Thursdays in Westminster Hall might take place on substantive motions, rather than motions for the adjournment of the sitting as at present.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chair of the Procedure Committee to ask for its advice on the procedural obstacles to this proposal.

3. Select Committee Statements: proposed Standing Order

The Committee considered a draft Standing Order on Select Committee Statements, which the Leader of the House was expected to table for the agreement of the House.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House to confirm that the Liaison Committee is willing to support the proposed Standing Order on select committee statements.

4. Resignations from Select Committees

The Committee considered a proposal that, in the future, Members wishing to leave select committees should be automatically discharged after six sitting weeks, even if a replacement had not yet been found.

Resolved, That individual committees might decide whether or not regularly to publish attendance figures on the internet alongside the formal minutes, in advance of the publication of the Sessional Return.

5. Committee Office contribution to the Savings Programme: update

The Committee considered a paper on the Committee Office contribution to the Savings Programme.

6. Simplifying and streamlining statutory accounts

The Committee considered a paper by the Scrutiny Unit on a project from the Treasury to simplify and streamline statutory accounts.

7. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered forthcoming debates in Westminster Hall.

Ordered, That the following Reports be recommended for debate in Westminster Hall (Standing Order No. 145(1)(c)):

Careers guidance for young people: The impact of the new duty on schools, Seventh Report of the Education Committee, Session 2012-13, HC 632, and the Government response, Session 2012-13, HC 1078 (16 May 2013)

Educating tomorrow's engineers: The impact of Government reforms on 14–19 education, Seventh Report of the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2012-13, HC 665, and the Government response, HC 102 (16 May 2013)

Drugs: Breaking the Cycle, Ninth Report of the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2012-13, HC 184, and the Government response, Cm 8567 (6 June 2013).

Dog Control and Welfare, Seventh Report of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2012-13, HC 575, and the Government response, Session 2012-13, HC 1092 (13 June 2013)

Interpreting and translation services and the Applied Language Solutions contract, Sixth Report of the Justice Committee, Session 2012-13, HC 645, and the Government response, Cm 8600 (20 June 2013).

8. Supplementary written evidence from the Prime Minister

Written evidence relating to oral evidence from the Prime Minister in March was ordered to be reporting to the House for printing with the oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 June at 6.00pm]

Annex***Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 21 July 2010:******The Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Environmental Audit Committee to the Cayman Islands in June, in connection with its inquiry into sustainable development in the United Kingdom Overseas Territories, at a cost not exceeding £17,168.

European Scrutiny Committee to Vilnius, Lithuania in June, for a pre-EU Presidency visit, at a cost not exceeding £7,275.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Algeria and Mali in June, in connection with its inquiry into the rise of extremism and political instability in North and West Africa, at a cost not exceeding £26,510.

Home Affairs Committee to Bucharest, Romania, in May, in connection with its inquiry into the implications of lifting the transitional arrangements for Bulgarian and Romanian immigration, at a cost not exceeding £12,565.

Science and Technology Committee to Rome, Italy in June, in connection with its inquiry into the work of the European and UK Space Agencies, at a cost not exceeding £11,954.

The Chair approved the following visits in a representative capacity:

Environmental Audit Committee to Dublin, Ireland in May, to attend a meeting of Chairpersons of Environment and Energy Committees, at a cost not exceeding £390.

European Scrutiny Committee to Dublin, Ireland in June, to attend the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) meeting, at a cost not exceeding £2,881.

Transport Committee to Dublin, Ireland in June, to attend a meeting of Communications, Education and Transport Committee Chairs of the EU national parliaments, at a cost not exceeding £649.

Appendix: Declarations of Members' Interests

Declared at the meeting on 25 October 2012

Mr Charles Walker

4. Sponsorships

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

Name of donor: Bill Moores

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 March 2012)

I employ my wife, Fiona Walker, as Office Manager.

Declared at the meeting on 11 December 2012

James Duddridge

8. Land and Property

Two flats in London, from which rental income is received. I have a 20% shareholding in the management company for one of these properties.

Mr Tim Yeo

1. Remunerated directorships

AFC Energy; company developing alkaline fuel cell technology. Address: Unit 71.4 Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8TB. Undertake duties as Chair, run board meetings and keep in touch with senior management.

Received payment of £5,000, 14 November 2011. Hours: 10 hrs. *(Registered 13 December 2011)*

Received payment of £5,000, 13 December 2011. Hours: 12 hrs. (*Registered 2 February 2012*)

Received payment of £5,000, 10 January 2012. Hours: 9 hrs. (*Registered 9 February 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 8 February 2012. Hours: 8 hrs. (*Registered 13 March 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 29 February 2012. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 13 March 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 5 March 2012. Hours: 8 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 30 March 2012. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 10 April 2012. Hours: 9 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 30 April 2012. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 8 May 2012. Hours: 10 hrs. (*Registered 16 June 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 31 May 2012. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 16 June 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 18 June 2012. Hours: 10 hrs. (*Registered 11 July 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 29 June 2012. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 11 July 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 10 July 2012. Hours: 9 hrs. (*Registered 15 August 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 31 July 2012. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 15 August 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 24 September 2012. Hours: 9 hrs. (*Registered 8 October 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 28 September 2012. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 8 October 2012*)

Received payment of £3,350, 10 October 2012. Hours: 9 hrs. (*Registered 12 November 2012*)

Received payment of £990, 31 October 2012. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 12 November 2012*)

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. 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.

Received payment of £3,526.97, 21 November 2011. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 13 December 2011*)

Received payment of £6,885.38, 31 January 2012. Hours: 8 hrs. (*Registered 9 February 2012*)*I*

Received payment of £4,649.09, 9 February 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 13 March 2012*)

Received payment of £6,606.05, 10 May 2012. Hours: 9 hrs. (*Registered 16 June 2012*)

Received payment of £3,276.54, 16 May 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 16 June 2012*)

Received payment of £2,723.95, 4 July 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 15 August 2012*)

Received payment of £3,802.28, 26 July 2012. Hours: 6 hrs. (*Registered 15 August 2012*)

Received payment of £6,005.42, 11 September 2012. Hours: 9 hrs. (*Registered 8 October 2012*)

Received payment of £3,906.86, 10 October 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 12 November 2012*)

Eco City Vehicles plc, Hemming House, Hemming Street, London, E1 5BL; distributes and services London taxis. Duties include chairing board meetings and keeping in touch with senior management. (Resigned 6 September 2012)

(No payments made to me by Eco City Vehicles plc between October 2011 and October 2012.)

Received payment of £40,000, 2 October 2012. Payment covers 91 hours between 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012. (*Registered 8 October 2012*)

Chairman of TMO Renewables Limited, 40 Alan Turing Road, Surrey Research Park, Guilford, Surrey GU2 7YF. The company is developing and supplying technology for second generation biofuels. My duties involve chairing board meetings and keeping in touch with senior management.

Received payment of £4,166, 24 November 2011. Hours: 13 hrs. (*Registered 13 December 2011*)

Received payment of £1,666.73, 25 November 2011. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 13 December 2011*)

Received payment of £1,666.73, 12 December 2011. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 2 February 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 22 December 2011. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 2 February 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 24 January 2012. Hours: 12 hrs. (*Registered 9 February 2012*)

Received payment of £1,666.53, 25 January 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 9 February 2012*)

Received payment of £1,666.73, 24 February 2012. Hours: 5 hrs. (*Registered 13 March 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 24 February 2012. Hours: 15 hrs. (*Registered 13 March 2012*)

Received payment of £1,250.13, 23 March 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 29 March 2012. Hours: 11 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Received payment of £1,250.13, 25 April 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Received payment of £1,250.13, 25 May 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 16 June 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166, 26 May 2012. Hours: 13 hrs. (*Registered 16 June 2012*)

Received payment of £1,250.13, 25 June 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 11 July 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 26 June 2012. Hours: 13 hrs. (*Registered 11 July 2012*)

Received payment of £1,249.73, 25 July 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 15 August 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 26 July 2012. Hours: 13 hrs. (*Registered 15 August 2012*)

Received payment of £1,250.13, 25 September 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 8 October 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 26 September 2012. Hours: 14 hrs. (*Registered 8 October 2012*)

Received payment of £1,249.73, 25 October 2012. Hours: 4 hrs. (*Registered 12 November 2012*)

Received payment of £4,166.66, 26 October 2012. Hours: 14 hrs. (*Registered 12 November 2012*)

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Adviser to Edulink Consultants; providers of education services in Dubai and Uganda. Address: PO Box 500697, Dubai, UAE. I advise on the running of Victoria University,

Kampala, where I am Chair of the University Council, including advice on academic standards, marketing and the development of the curriculum.

Payment of £9,994 on 23 January 2012. Hours: 19 hrs. (*Registered 9 February 2012*)

Payment of £12,494 on 16 April 2012. Hours: 26 hrs. (*Registered 9 May 2012*)

Payment of £7,494 on 20 November 2012. Hours: 16 hrs. (*Registered 25 November 2012*)

9. Registrable shareholdings

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

(b) AFC Energy (shares and share option).

Eco City Vehicles plc.

Group Eurotunnel SA

11. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated director of ITI Energy Limited; suppliers of gasification equipment. I have not received any financial benefit from this directorship.