



House of Commons  
Liaison Committee

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# **Formal Minutes of the Committee**

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**Session 2014–15**



# Formal Minutes of the Liaison Committee, Session 2014–15

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**WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2014**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey  
Dame Anne Begg  
Sir William Cash  
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown  
James Duddridge  
Mrs Louise Ellman  
Sir Alan Haselhurst  
Mr Bernard Jenkin  
Miss Anne McIntosh  
Andrew Miller

Sir Richard Ottaway  
Rory Stewart  
Mr Graham Stuart  
Mr Andrew Tyrie  
Mr Keith Vaz  
Mr Charles Walker  
Joan Walley  
Mr John Whittingdale  
Dr Sarah Wollaston

## **1. Declarations of Interests**

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

Dr Sarah Wollaston declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix to these Formal Minutes).

## **2. Estimates Day Debate**

*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)):

Department for Work and Pensions, in so far as it relates to the implementation of Universal Credit (*7 July 2014*)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in so far as it relates to the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy in England (*7 July 2014*)

## **3. 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)):

*Parliament's role in conflict decisions: a way forward*, Twelfth Report of the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, Session 2013–14, HC 892 (19 June 2014)

*Do we need a constitutional convention for the UK?*, Fourth Report of the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, Session 2012–13, and the Government Response, Cm 8749 (19 June 2014)

*Migration Statistics*, Seventh Report of the Public Administration Committee, Session 2013–14, HC 523, and the Government Response, HC 1228 (26 June 2014)

*Local government procurement*, Sixth Report of the Communities and Local Government Committee, HC 172, Session 2013–14, and the Government Response, Cm 8888 (3 July 2014)

*The UK's response to extremism and instability in North and West Africa*, Seventh Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2013–14, HC 86, and the Government Response, HC Cm 8861 (3 July 2014)

*The role of Jobcentre Plus in the reformed welfare system*, Second Report of the Work and Pensions Committee, Session 2013–14, HC 479, and the Government Response, HC 1210 (10 July 2014)

#### **4. Supplementary written evidence from the Prime Minister**

Written evidence relating to oral evidence from the Prime Minister in May was ordered to be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

#### **5. Scrutiny of the appointment of the new UK EU Commissioner**

The Committee considered correspondence relating to the UK nomination for an EU Commissioner.

#### **6. Liaison Committee: time of meetings**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee continue with its current meeting pattern.

#### **7. Select committee resources**

The Committee considered priorities for the next Parliament.

**8. Pre-legislative scrutiny**

The Committee considered the Government's plans to publish three draft Bills in the new Session and arrangements for their scrutiny.

**9. Main Estimates**

The Committee considered this matter.

**10. Reporting on levy-funded schemes**

The Committee considered a response from the Government on the accounting for levies imposed by Government on energy bills for energy saving and other related policies.

**11. Hearing loops in select committee rooms**

The Committee considered new arrangements for individual hearing loop systems in committee rooms.

**12. All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs)**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Speaker of the House of Commons and to the Chair of the Committee on Standards, stating its continuing concern about the rules governing APPGs, in particular the confusion caused by APPG names which were similar to a select committee name.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 July at 6.00pm]

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

Administration Committee to the Irish Parliament, Republic of Ireland, in July, to discuss developments in Broadcasting, Catering, IT Services and Visitor Services, at a cost not exceeding £727.

Home Affairs to Washington DC and Baltimore, USA, in October, in connection with its inquiry into Gangs and Youth Crime, at a cost not exceeding £35,552.

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

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Paris, France, in October, to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop of the International Energy Association and Electric Power Research Institute, at a cost not exceeding £358.

European Scrutiny Committee to Rome, Italy, in July, to attend the COSAC Chairpersons' meeting, at a cost not exceeding £2,203.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Bucharest, Romania, in August, to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and human Rights, at a cost not exceeding £676.

## WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Graham Allen	Mr Bernard Jenkin
Kevin Barron	Miss Anne McIntosh
Clive Betts	Mr Laurence Robertson
Sir Malcolm Bruce	Sir Richard Ottaway
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Mr Graham Stuart
Mrs Louise Ellman	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Dr Hywel Francis	Mr Charles Walker
Margaret Hodge	Dr Sarah Wollaston

### 1. 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)):

*Communicating climate science*, Eighth Report of the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2013–14, HC 254, and the Government Response, HC 376 (23 October 2014)

### 2. Procedure Committee: review of debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered the Procedure Committee's review of proceedings in Westminster Hall, and the merits of Westminster Hall sitting times.

### 3. Guidance for departmental select committees on EU scrutiny

The Committee considered draft guidance for departmental select committees on EU scrutiny.

*Resolved*, That the Committee endorse the guidance.

### 4. Parliamentary Commissions

The Committee considered lessons learned from the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards.

### 5. Role of the Whips in relation to conduct of Members

The Committee considered this matter.

## **6. Future evidence sessions with the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **7. Pre-appointment hearings**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **8. POST research project: Evaluation of research evidence in Parliament**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September at 6.00pm

### ***Annex***

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

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

Culture, Media and Sport Committee to Croatia, in September, to attend a European Parliamentary Conference on The Challenges of Sustainable Tourism: Promoting Cultural Heritage and Environment Protection, at a cost not exceeding £637.

Defence Committee to Bordeaux, France, in September, to attend the Annual Summer Defence Conference, at a cost not exceeding £590.

Defence Committee to Washington DC, USA, in September, to attend discussions with the US House of Representatives on counter-terrorism and the intelligence objectives of the USA, at a cost not exceeding £3,668.

Environmental Audit Committee to Lisbon, Portugal, in October, to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary meeting on renewable energy sources and energy efficiency, at a cost not exceeding £836.

European Scrutiny Committee to Rome, Italy, in September, to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference under Article 13 of the Fiscal Compact, at a cost not exceeding £1,696.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Washington DC, USA, in September, to attend discussions with the US House of Representatives on counter-terrorism and the intelligence objectives of the USA, at a cost not exceeding £7,336.

International Development Committee to Rome, Italy, in November, to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £2,126.



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

Justice Committee to Paris, France, in September, to attend an Inter-Parliamentary meeting on the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the EU data protection legislative package, at a cost not exceeding £1,251.

## WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Andrew Miller
Sir William Cash	Sir Richard Ottaway
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Rory Stewart
Natascha Engel	Mr Andrew Tyrie
Sir Alan Haselhurst	Keith Vaz
Mr Bernard Jenkin	Joan Walley
Miss Anne McIntosh	Dr Sarah Wollaston

### 1. 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)):

*Caught red-handed: Why we can't count on Police Recorded Crime statistics*, Thirteenth Report of the Public Administration Committee, Session 2013–14, HC 760, and Responses, Cm 8910 and HC 645 (16 October 2014)

*Scrutiny of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014)*, First Joint Report of the Committees on Arms Export Controls, Session 2014–15, and the Government Response (30 October 2014)

### 2. October 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 14 October 2014 the Committee should focus on *Governance of the UK in the light of the Scottish Referendum*.

### 3. Select committees and public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That research be commissioned into select committees' effectiveness in using inquiries to further public understanding of political issues.

### 4. Recruitment of the Clerk of the House and House of Commons Governance

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Select committee resources: priorities for the next Parliament

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Simplifying annual reports and accounts

The Committee considered the Government's proposals for changes to Departmental Annual Reports and Accounts set out in its consultation paper *Simplifying and streamlining statutory Annual Reports and Accounts*.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on these matters.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 October at 6.00 p.m.]

### *Annex*

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

#### *The Chair approved the following overseas visits:*

Defence Committee to Washington DC, USA, in December, in connection with its inquiries into Future Force 2020 and Towards the next Strategic Defence and Security Review, at a cost not exceeding £51,520. [Visit subsequently cancelled.]

Foreign Affairs Committee to Hong Kong, in December, in connection with its inquiry into Hong Kong, at a cost not exceeding £69,406. [Visit subsequently cancelled.]

Health Committee to Boston, USA and Quebec and Ontario, Canada, in November, in connection with the issue of integrated care, at a cost not exceeding £46,599. [Visit subsequently cancelled.]

International Development Committee to Tanzania, in December, in connection with its inquiry into Jobs and Livelihoods, at a cost not exceeding £40,091.

Public Administration Committee to Washington DC, USA, and Ottawa, Canada, in November, in connection with its inquiry into civil service preparedness for the challenges of the future, at a cost not exceeding £53,000.

#### *The Chair of the Science and Technology Committee approved the following overseas visit on behalf of the Liaison Committee:*

Justice Committee to Denmark and Germany, in November, in connection with its inquiry into Prisons: planning and policies, at a cost not exceeding £12,930.

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

Defence Committee to Rome, Italy, in November, to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £1,070.

Energy and Climate Change Committee to New York, USA, in September, to attend the International Emissions Trading Association symposium on Carbon Pricing and the 2015 Climate Agreement, UN Climate Summit, at a cost not exceeding £2,489.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to Rome, Italy in October, to attend the Meeting of Chairpersons of EU Agriculture Committees, at a cost not exceeding £921.

European Scrutiny Committee to Rome, Italy in November, to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £1,064.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Rome, Italy in November, to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £1,798.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Rome, Italy in October, to attend the Eighth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership meeting, at a cost not exceeding £1,674.

Joint Committee on National Security Strategy to Washington DC, USA, in September, to attend discussions with the US House of Representatives on counter-terrorism and the intelligence objectives of the USA (*on behalf of the House of Commons*), at a cost not exceeding £3,494.

International Development Committee to Rome, Italy, in October, to attend the Eighth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership meeting, at a cost not exceeding £2,126.

**WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2014**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Dame Anne Begg

Mr Clive Betts

Sir Malcolm Bruce

Sir William Cash

Mrs Louise Ellman

Margaret Hodge

Miss Anne McIntosh

Andrew Miller

Mr Lee Scott

Rory Stewart

Mr Graham Stuart

Mr Andrew Tyrie

**1. Declarations of Interests**

Mr Lee Scott was invited to declare his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, and declared them to be nil.

**2. 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)):

*Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report: Review of Working Group 1 Contribution*, First Report of the Energy and Climate Change Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 587, and the Government Response, HC 732 (20 November 2014)

*Carbon capture and storage*, Ninth Report of the Energy and Climate Change Committee, Session 2013-14, HC 742, and the Government Response, HC 638 (20 November 2014)

*Food Security*, Second Report of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 243, and the Government Response, HC 241 (27 November 2014)

*Strengthening Health Systems in Developing Countries*, Fifth Report of the International Development Committee, HC 246, Session 2014-15 (11 December 2014)

*Recovery and Development in Sierra Leone and Liberia*, Six Report of the International Development Committee, Session 2014–15, HC 247 (11 December 2014)

*Disability and Development*, Eleventh Report of the International Development Committee, Session 2013–14, HC 947, and the Government Response, HC 336 (11 December 2014)

### **3. Evidence sessions with the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the postponed meeting with the Prime Minister on *Governance of the UK in the light of the Scottish Referendum* take place on 20 November.

### **4. Committee legacy reports and select committee effectiveness, resources and powers: follow-up**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Parliamentary scrutiny of levies on energy bills**

The Committee considered correspondence with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

### **6. Procedure Committee Report *Business in Westminster Hall***

The Committee noted a letter from the Chair of the Procedure Committee.

### **7. Revised Osmotherly Rules**

The Committee noted the Cabinet Office's publication of revised guidance to Departments on giving evidence to Select Committees.

### **8. Institute of Government research on Commons select committees**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 November at 10.00 a.m.]

***Annex***

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

***The Chair approved the following overseas visits:***

Defence Committee to the Kurdistan region of Iraq and Baghdad, in December, in connection with its inquiry into UK relations with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, at a cost not exceeding £27,727.

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

European Scrutiny Committee to Rome, Italy, in December, to attend the COSAC Plenary meeting, at a cost not exceeding £3,852.

Environmental Audit Committee to Rome, Italy, in November, to attend the GLOBE 2030 Energy Framework conference, at a cost not exceeding £506.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Nairobi, Kenya in November, to meet the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committees of the Kenyan Parliament, at a cost not exceeding £2,428.

## THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2014

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen  
Dame Anne Begg  
Mr Clive Betts  
Mr Ian Davidson  
David T C Davies  
Mrs Louise Ellman

Margaret Hodge  
Andrew Miller  
Mr Laurence Robertson  
Mr Andrew Tyrie  
Mr Charles Walker  
Dr Sarah Wollaston

### 1. 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)):

*Plastic Bags*, Eleventh Report of the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2013-14, HC 861, and the Government Response, HC 239 (27 November 2014)

### 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 10 December at 6.00pm]

### *Annex*

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

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

Culture, Media and Sport Committee to Paris in December, in connection with a parliamentary assembly conference on Media Freedom and the Security of Journalists, at a cost not exceeding £480.50.



**WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2014**

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Adrian Bailey	Andrew Miller
Mr Clive Betts	Keith Vaz
Sir Malcolm Bruce	Joan Walley
Sir William Cash	Mr Tim Yeo
Mr Bernard Jenkin	

**1. 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)):

*Winter floods 2013-14*, First Report from the Environment, food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 240, and the Government Response, HC 701 (8 January 2015)

*Crime reduction policies: a co-ordinated approach?*, First Report from the Justice Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 307, and the Government Response, Cm 8918 (22 January 2015)

*Female genital mutilation: the case for a national action plan*, Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 201, and the Government Response, Cm 8979 (29 January 2015)

*After the Storm? UK Blood safety and the risk of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease*, Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 327 (29 January 2015)

*Voter Engagement in the UK*, Fourth Report from the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, Session 2014–15, HC 232, and the Government Response, HC 1037, and *Voter Engagement in the UK: follow up*, Sixth Report from the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 938 (5 February 2015)

*Employment and Support Allowance and Work Capability Assessments*, First Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, Session 2014–15, HC 302, and the Government Response, Cm 8967 (5 February 2015)

## **2. Evidence session with the Prime Minister, 16 December – proposed themes**

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

*Resolved*, That in questioning the Prime Minister on 16 December 2014 the Committee should focus on:

(i) Climate Change

(ii) Radicalisation.

## **3. Committee legacy reports and select committee effectiveness, resources and powers: follow-up**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 December at 3.45 p.m.]

### ***Annex***

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

***The Chair approved the following overseas visit:***

European Scrutiny Committee to Latvia, in February 2015, in connection with the EU Presidency meeting, at a cost not exceeding £9,689.

## TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Adrian Bailey  
Sir Malcolm Bruce  
David T C Davies  
Anne McIntosh  
Andrew Miller

Rory Stewart  
Joan walley  
Keith Vaz  
Tim Yeo

### **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 Wednesday 14 January at 6.00pm

### ***Annex***

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

#### ***The Chair approved the following overseas visit:***

International Development Committee to Nepal, in February 2015, in connection with its inquiry into DFID's work in Nepal, at a cost not exceeding £29,773.

## WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2015

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Sir Malcolm Bruce  
Sir Alan Haselhurst  
Margaret Hodge  
Mr Bernard Jenkin

Miss Anne McIntosh  
Sir Richard Ottaway  
Mr Keith Vaz  
Dr Sarah Wollaston

### 1. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered the forthcoming debate in Westminster Hall.

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

*The Green Deal: watching brief (part 2)*, Third Report from the Energy and Climate Change Committee, Session 2014-15, HC 348, and the Government Response, HC 882 (22 January 2015)

### 2. Select committee effectiveness, resources and powers: follow-up

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

Environmental Audit Committee  
Justice Committee  
Public Administration Committee  
Scottish Affairs Committee  
Welsh Affairs Committee  
Work and Pensions Committee.

### 3. Written Evidence: Prime Minister

*Ordered*, That written evidence from Renewable UK relating to the oral evidence session with the Prime Minister on 16 December 2014, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### 4. Select Committee Resources

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. 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 24 February 2015 the Committee should focus on:

- (i) Current Foreign Affairs issues
- (ii) Capacity and flexibility of the Civil Service and the machinery of government

## **6. Liaison Committee Legacy Report**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **7. Procedure Committee Report: *Business in Westminster Hall***

The Committee noted a letter from the Leader of the House to the Chair of the Procedure Committee.

## **8. Balance of Competencies Review**

The Committee noted a letter from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office regarding publication of the final set of reports.

## **9. Treatment of War Pensions Expenditure from 2015-16**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury noting the planned changes to the treatment of war pensions, with no further comments from the Liaison Committee.

## **10. Commission Work Programme 2015**

The Committee noted a letter from the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee to Chairs of Committees.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 February at 6.00 p.m.]

*Annex*

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

***The Chair approved the following overseas visit:***

Foreign Affairs Committee to Egypt and Tunisia, in connection with its inquiry into British foreign policy and the ‘Arab Spring’, at a cost not exceeding £30,948.

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

European Scrutiny Committee to Riga, Latvia, in February to attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting, at a cost not exceeding £1,576.46.

Defence Committee to Cyprus, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into *towards the next Defence and Security review: part III*, at a cost not exceeding £8,332.

International Development Committee to Riga, Latvia, in March, to attend the Inter-parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £1,560.

## WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2015

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Dame Anne Begg

Mr Clive Betts

Sir William Cash

Mrs Louise Ellman

Miss Anne McIntosh

Mr Richard Ottaway

Andrew Miller

Mr graham Stuart

Mr Andrew Tyrie

Mr Keith Vaz

Mr John Whittingdale

### 1. Debates in Westminster Hall

The Committee considered this matter. There were no reports to nominate on this occasion.

### 2. Select Committee effectiveness, resources and powers: follow-up

*Ordered*, That written evidence from the Scrutiny Unit relating to the follow-up inquiry on select committee effectiveness, resources and powers, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### 3. Written evidence: Prime Minister

*Ordered*, That written evidence relating to oral evidence from the Prime Minister on 16 December 2014, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### 4. Update on provision of training for Select Committee Members 2015-20

The Committee considered this matter.

### 5. Northern Ireland Affairs: *On the Runs* inquiry

The Committee noted a letter from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to the Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.

### 6. Simplifying and Streamlining Statutory Annual Report & Accounts in Central Government

The Committee noted a letter from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

## **7. European Scrutiny Committee and the BBC**

The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee to Lord Hall, Director-General of the BBC requesting his attendance before the Select Committee, which Lord Hall had since agreed to do so on Wednesday 11 March.

## **8. Evidence session with the Prime Minister**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February at 3.45 p.m.]

## *Annex*

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

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

Energy and Climate Change Committee to Vienna, in March, to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary meeting on renewable energy sources and energy efficiency, at a cost not exceeding £656.

Defence Committee to Riga, Latvia, in March, to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £1,634. [Visit subsequently cancelled.]

Foreign Affairs Committee to Riga, Latvia, in March, to attend the Inter-parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, at a cost not exceeding £1,562.



## TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2015

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Graham Allen  
Sir Malcolm Bruce  
Sir William Cash  
Margaret Hodge

Bernard Jenkin  
Graham Stuart  
Keith Vaz  
John Whittingdale

### 1. Estimates Day Debate

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

Department for Communities and Local Government, insofar as it relates to devolution in England (*2 March 2015*)

Ministry of Defence, insofar as it relates to the next defence and Security Review and NATO (*2 March 2015*)

Department for Work and Pensions, insofar as it relates to support for housing costs in the reformed welfare system (*3 March 2015*)

Department for Health, insofar as it relates to child and adolescent mental health services (*3 March 2015*).

### 2. Select committee effectiveness, resources and powers: follow-up

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

Political and Constitutional Reform Committee  
Transport Committee.

### 3. 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 11 March 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 Brussels, in March, to attend the Tripartite Conference, at a cost not exceeding £2,217.

## WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015

Members present:

Sir Alan Beith, in the Chair

Mr Andrew Bailey  
Dame Anne Begg  
Mr Clive Betts  
Sir Malcolm Bruce  
Sir William Cash  
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Sir Alan Haselhurst  
Miss Anne McIntosh  
Andrew Miller  
Sir Richard Ottaway  
Mr Andrew Tyrie

### **1. Liaison Committee Legacy Report (previously Select Committee effectiveness, resources and powers: follow-up)**

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

Foreign Affairs Committee.

Draft Report (*Liaison Committee Legacy Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 954.*

### **2. Written evidence: Prime Minister**

*Ordered*, That written evidence relating to oral evidence from the Prime Minister on 24 February 2015, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **3. EU Scrutiny in the new Parliament**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Proposal for an Equalities Committee in the new Parliament**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

*Declared at the meeting on 25 June 2014*

### **Rory Stewart (Penrith and The Border)**

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

Payments from Aitken Alexander Associates; literary agent, 18-21 Cavaye Place, London SW10 9PT

14 October 2013, £727.25 for royalty payments. Books written before the election. Hours worked: zero. (*Registered 31 October 2013*)

15 November 2013, £330.92 for royalty payment. Books written before the election. Hours worked: zero. (*Registered 22 November 2013*)

21 February 2014, £615 for writing a preface for the Folio Society, 44 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4FS. Hours worked: 2 hrs. (*Registered 24 March 2014*)

11 March 2014, £13,120 for research and writing for Jonathan Cape Limited, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2SA. Hours worked: 120 hrs over two and a half years. (*Registered 24 March 2014*)

25 April 2014, £104.24 for royalty payments. Books written before the election. Hours worked: zero. (*Registered 7 May 2014*)

14 October 2013, £510 for article written for Daily Telegraph, 111 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0DT. Hours worked: 2 hrs. (*Registered 31 October 2013*)

Payments from BBC for documentary. Address: BBC, PO Box 480, Manchester M14 0EL

25 October 2013, £4,100. Hours worked: 20 hrs total. (*Registered 31 October 2013*)

15 November 2013, £4,100. Hours worked: 15 hrs total. (*Registered 22 November 2013*)

10 January 2014, £4,100. Hours worked: 7 hrs. (*Registered 17 January 2014*)

21 January 2014, £4,100. Hours worked: 6 hrs. (*Registered 24 January 2014*)

Payment from Guardian News and Media Ltd, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1P 2AP:

24 December 2013, £400 for one article. Hours: 1 hr. (*Registered 3 January 2014*)

Payments from Sterling Lord Literistic, Inc., 65 Bleecker Street, New York, NY 10012:

15 May 2013, payment of £1,366.27 for American royalties. Books written before the election (2002 and 2005). Hours worked: zero. *(Registered 2 July 2013)*

14 November 2013, payment of £1,303.16 for American royalties. Books written before the election (2002 and 2005). Hours worked: zero. *(Registered 3 January 2014)*

Member of Advisory Board for Brenthurst Foundation, E Oppenheimer & Son, St Andrew's House, 6 St Andrew's Road, Parktown, Johannesburg, South Africa; meeting once a year. Payment of £3,335.55 received to fund conference attendance, travel, and research assistance on foreign policy. Hours: 2 hrs. *(Registered 27 March 2013)*

17 June, payment of £1,000 from The London Chapter of the Larry Bernstein Book Club, 45 Phillimore Gardens, London W87QG for giving a speech at dinner on 11 June 2013. Hours: 1 hr. *(Registered 2 July 2013)*

Payment from the Economist Group, 20 Cabot Square, London E14 4QW:

17 October 2013, £266 for article written for Intelligent Life Magazine, Nov/Dec 2013 issue. Hours worked: 30 mins. *(Registered 31 October 2013)*

Payment from Associated Newspapers Limited, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5TT:

20 November 2013, £600 for article written for Daily Mail. Hours worked: 1 hr. *(Registered 13 December 2013)*

Payments from American Talent Group, 13601 Preston Road, Ste 412W, Dallas, Texas 75240, USA:

11 December 2013, £8,197 for two lectures, one given at University of Arizona and one at UC Berkley. Hours worked: 3 hrs. *(Registered 13 December 2013)*

Payments of from Telegraph Media Group Ltd, 111 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0DT:

£1,200 received for article written for Saturday travel magazine. Hours: 2 hrs. *(Registered 11 February 2014)*

24 April 2014, £280 received for article. Hours: 1 hr. *(Registered 28 May 2014)*

Payments from News UK & Ireland Limited, 3 Thomas More Square, London E98 1XY:

25 April 2014, £492 for article written. Hours: 1 hr. *(Registered 7 May 2014)*

Payments from Red Bee Media, Ealing Cross, 85 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London W5 5TH:

25 April 2014, £264 for recording of voiceover. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 7 May 2014)*

## **8. Land and Property**

House in London from which rental income is received. The rental income is paid to other family members.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

Unremunerated directorship of the Cumbria Broadband Rural & Community Projects Limited.

### **Other relevant interests declared at time of election of Defence Committee Chair, 14 May 2014**

Army: Short Service Limited Commission with Regular Army 1991 (Black Watch);

HMG: UK Embassy Indonesia, 1997;

British Representative Montenegro, 1999 (following Kosovo campaign);

Deputy Governor Maysan & Dhi Qar (Iraq), 2003;

CEO Turquoise Mountain, resident in Kabul, Afghanistan, 2005–08;

Professor and Director of Carr Centre for Human Rights, Harvard Kennedy School, 2008;

Visiting Professor, War Studies, King's College London (from Sep 14)<sup>1</sup>;

Chair of UK Commission on Military Veterans in the Criminal Justice System

### **Dr Sarah Wollaston (Totnes)<sup>2</sup>**

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

Payments from the Guardian media group. Address: Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU:

Payment of £90 received on 13 June 2013 for an article which appeared on 5 June 2013. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 20 June 2013*)

Payment of £100 received on 20 June 2013 for an article which appeared on 11 June 2013. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 20 June 2013*)

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<sup>1</sup> Rory Stewart informed the Liaison Committee that he had stepped down from this commitment.

<sup>2</sup> Dr Wollaston also informed the Liaison Committee that her husband was Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Westminster Parliamentary Liaison Committee.

Payment of £90 received on 25 July 2013 for an article which appeared on 15 July 2013. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 6 August 2013*)

Payment of £90 received on 29 August 2013 for an article which appeared on 14 August 2013. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 10 September 2013*)

Payment of £270 received on 24 October 2013 for three separate articles which appeared on 28 January 2013, 30 August 2013 and 2 October 2013. Hours: 2 hrs each; 6 hrs in total. (*Registered 6 November 2013*)

Payment of £285 received on 7 November 2013, for an article which appeared on 27 October 2013. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 18 November 2013*)

Payment of £180 received on 5 December 2013 for two articles online which appeared on 25 and 28 November 2013. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 9 December 2013*)

Payment of £285 received on 6 March 2014 for an article which appeared on 24 February 2014. Hours: 3 hrs. (*Registered 9 April 2014*)

Payment of £90 received on 1 May 2014 for an article which appeared online in Comment is Free, on 24 April 2014. Hours: approx. 2 hrs. (*Registered 2 May 2014*)

Payment of £150 received on 2 December 2013 from BBC, BBC Contributor Payments, PO Box 480, Manchester M14 0EL, for appearing on 'Any Questions' on 22 November 2013. Hours: 1 hr. (*Registered 2 December 2013*)

Payment of £3,007 received on 28 November 2013 from Chagford Health Centre, Chagford, Devon TQ13 8BW. These are overdue payments for my work as a partner in the practice before the 2010 General Election. I have not worked for the practice since the General Election. No relevant hourly rate. (*Registered 9 December 2013*)

Payment of £100 received on 20 December 2013 from BBC Contributor Payments, PO Box 480, Manchester M14 0EL for contribution to BBC Radio 5 Live on 3 December 2013. Hours: approx 1hr, including preparation. (*Registered 27 December 2013*)

Payment of £150 received on 6 January 2014 from Trinity Mirror SHA, 1 Canada Square, London E14 5AP for an article which appeared in the Mirror Newspaper on 17 November 2013. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (*Registered 21 January 2014*)

***Declared at the meeting on 22 October 2014***

**Lee Scott (Ilford North)**

Nil return