Formal Minutes of the Committee

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Nigel Mills
Lady Hermon  Andrew Percy
Naomi Long  David Simpson

1. Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Mr Stephen Hepburn have leave to visit Belfast to attend the ‘NI in Westminster’ workshop on 30 May in a representative capacity.

3. Fuel laundering and smuggling in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Major Alan McDade, Chairman, Lt Col (Retd) Howard Brooker, Vice President, and Capt (Retd) Raymond Corbett, Secretary, Regimental Association of the Royal Irish Regiment; Brigadier Rob Thomson, Commander, 38 (Irish) Brigade.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 June at 2.15 pm

THURSDAY 30 MAY
Mr Stephen Hepburn visited Belfast to attend the 'NI in Westminster' workshop, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 May 2013.

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Kate Hoey
Mr Joe Benton       Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile      Nigel Mills
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Andrew Percy
Lady Hermon         David Simpson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Londonderry, the Giant’s Causeway area and Bushmills in October.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin in November, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

2. NIO 2013-14 Main Estimate Memorandum

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Fuel laundering and smuggling in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. An air transport strategy for Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair write to Flybe’s Chief Executive and the Chief Executive of easyJet regarding Flybe’s decision to sell off its landing slots at London Gatwick.

5. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Brian Gormally, Director and Daniel Holder, Deputy Director, Committee on the Administration of Justice and from Evelyn Collins CBE, Chief Executive and Jacqueline McKee, Director of Advice and Compliance, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.
[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 June at 2.15 pm]

**SUNDAY 9 TO WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE**

The Chair, Mr David Anderson, Mr Joe Benton, Oliver Colvile, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Jack Lopresti, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Nigel Mills, Ian Paisley and Andrew Percy visited Washington DC in connection with its inquiry into the implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland and various other issues, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 5 December 2012.

**WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2013**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  
Mr Joe Benton  
Oliver Colvile  
Lady Hermon  
Kate Hoey  
Naomi Long  
Dr Alasdair McDonnell  
Nigel Mills  
Ian Paisley  
Andrew Percy  
David Simpson

1. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquires into *The banking structure in NI*.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquires into progress made in NI since the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, including matters such as dealing with the past, community cohesion and threats to NI’s peace and prosperity.

2. **NIO 2013-14 Main Estimate Memorandum**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Explanatory Memorandum from the Northern Ireland office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
3. An air transport strategy for Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

4. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

5. Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 June at 1.15 pm]

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2013

Members present:
Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
Mr David Anderson Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile Nigel Mills
Lady Hermon Ian Paisley
Kate Hoey Andrew Percy
Naomi Long David Simpson

1. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

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

Northern Ireland Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee (AFC 1b)
Brigadier Rob Thomson, 38 (Irish) Brigade (AFC 15)
Bureau Insurance (AFC 16)
Edwin Poots MLA, DHSSPSNI (AFC 17)
Northern Ireland Office (AFC 18)

The Committee took public evidence from Mike Penning MP, Minister of State for NI.

The public withdrew.
3. Fuel laundering and smuggling in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 27 June at 10.15 am]
THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Kate Hoey
Naomi Long

1. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland

The Committee took public evidence from Christopher Jordan, Managing Director, Bureau Insurance.

The witness and public withdrew.

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the supplementary evidence from the Ministry of Defence be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. NI Grand Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State regarding the matter referred to the NI Grand Committee.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 July at 2.15 pm

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey

Naomi Long
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
David Simpson

1. The banking structure in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 51.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, along with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 27 February, 20 March and 17 April 2013, in the last Session of Parliament, and 26 and 27 June.

[Adjourned till a day and time to be fixed by the Chair]

Thursday 11 July – Friday 12 July

The Chair, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Jack Lopresti and Nigel Mills visited Belfast to observe PSNI operations, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 17 April 2013.

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile  Nigel Mills
Lady Hermon  Ian Paisley
Naomi Long

1. Political situation in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Fuel laundering and smuggling
The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Potential closure of DVA offices in Northern Ireland**

*Ordered*, That the Chair of the Committee write to the Secretary of State for Transport concerning this matter.

4. **Banking structure in Northern Ireland**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- NI Independent Retail Trade Association
- University of Ulster
- Bank of Ireland
- Alan Ritchie
- Farmers for Action UK NI
- First Trust Bank
- Danske Bank
- Council of Mortgage Lenders
- Simon Hamilton MLA, Minister of Finance and Personnel
- IBOA The Finance Union
- Post Office Ltd
- Ulster Bank
- Santander

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 September at 2.15 pm]

**WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Members present:

- Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
- Mr Joe Benton
- Oliver Colvile
- Mr Stephen Hepburn
- Lady Hermon
- Kate Hoey
- Dr Alasdair McDonnell
- Nigel Mills
- Ian Paisley
- David Simpson

1. **Northern Ireland Office Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13**

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the Chair of the Committee write to the Northern Ireland Office.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Consumer Council for Northern Ireland
Barclays Bank
British Bankers’ Association

The Committee took public evidence from Mr Aodhan O’Donnell, Director of Policy (Interim Chief Executive), and Julie McCurley, Head of Policy, Money Affairs, the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till a day and time to be fixed by the Chair]

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Naomi Long
Mr Joe Benton  Jack Lopresti
Oliver Colvile  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Nigel Mills
Lady Hermon  Ian Paisley
Kate Hoey  David Simpson

1. Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland

Draft Special Report (Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Northern Ireland: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2013-14), 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 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. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the proposed visit to Dublin be postponed, due to the scheduled dates conflicting with important Business in the House.

3. Minister of State for Northern Ireland

Ordered, That the Chair of the Committee write to Mike Penning MP, outgoing Minister of State for Northern Ireland.

4. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

Ian Paisley MP referred the Committee to his declaration set out in the Register of Members’ Financial Interests.

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Ivan Preston
The Charity Bank
CBI Northern Ireland

The Committee took public evidence from Anthony Browne, Chief Executive, and Irene Graham, Managing Director, Business Finance and Strategy, British Bankers’ Association.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 October at 2.15 pm

MONDAY 14 TO TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER

The Chair, Mr David Anderson, Mr Joe Benton, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Jack Lopresti, Nigel Mills, Ian Paisley and Andrew Percy visited Londonderry and North Antrim, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 5 June 2013.
WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
David Simpson

1. DVA Coleraine

Resolved, That the Committee meet with the delegation from NIPSA and DVA employees when they visit the House in November.

2. Air passenger duty

Ordered, That the Chair of the Committee write to HM Treasury concerning this matter.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

Resolved, That the Committee postpone the oral evidence session planned for Wednesday 23 October due to a conflict with the DUP Opposition Day debate.

The Committee took public evidence from Mr Wilfred Mitchell OBE, Northern Ireland Policy Chairman, and Roger Pollen, Head of External Affairs NI, Federation of Small Businesses.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 October at 10.00 am

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2013

MORNING SITTING

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
1. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Inter-party talks on flags, parades and the past**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 2.15 pm]

**TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2013**

**AFTERNOON SITTING**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Naomi Long
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Andrew Percy
David Simpson

1. **Review of the organisation of the NI Assembly’s Business Week**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Banking structure in Northern Ireland**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Consumer Council – supplementary evidence
The Charity Bank – revised evidence

3. **Future programme**
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Current issues facing the PSNI**

The Committee took public evidence from Chief Constable Matt Baggott, Deputy Chief Constable Judith Gillespie and Assistant Chief Constable Drew Harris, Police Service of Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 November at 2.15 pm]

**WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2013**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson       Kate Hoey
Mr Joe Benton          Nigel Mills
Oliver Colvile        Ian Paisley
Mr Stephen Hepburn    Andrew Percy
Lady Hermon

1. **NIO Annual report and Accounts 2012-13**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Fuel laundering and smuggling**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Inter-party talks on flags, parades and the past**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland**

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Julian King, Director General and Mark Larmour, Deputy Director, Security and Protection Group, Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November at 1.45 pm]
WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Naomi Long
Mr Joe Benton       Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile      Nigel Mills
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Ian Paisley
Lady Hermon         David Simpson
Kate Hoey

1. Future of the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland submitted by HM Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland, in connection with its inquiry into the Banking structure in Northern Ireland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin, in connection with its inquiry into the Banking structure in Northern Ireland, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

The Committee took public evidence from Glyn Roberts, Chief Executive, NI Independent Retail Trade Association; and Ian Coulter, Chairman, and Nigel Smyth, Director, CBI NI.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 November at 2.15 pm

Wednesday 27 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
1. Fuel laundering and smuggling
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Current issues facing the Police Service of Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair arrange a private meeting with the Chief Constable at PSNI Headquarters.

4. Banking structure in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 December at 2.15 pm

Wednesday 4 December 2013

Members present:
Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile Nigel Mills
Lady Hermon Andrew Percy
Kate Hoey David Simpson

1. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Committee members and staff
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Banking structure in Northern Ireland
The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Simon Hamilton MLA, Minister of Finance and Personnel.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 December at 10.15 am

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

The Chair, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Naomi Long, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, and Ian Paisley visited the Headquarters of the Police Service in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 27 November 2013.

Wednesday 11 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson  Kate Hoey
Mr Joe Benton  Nigel Mills
Oliver Colvile  Ian Paisley
Lady Hermon

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Current issues facing the PSNI

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Committee should contact potential advisers to establish whether they would be interested in taking up the post of Specialist Adviser.
The Committee took public evidence from Kate Barker, Chair, Gerry Mallon and Patricia O’Hagan, Economic Advisory Group.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 December at 9.00 am]

MONDAY 16 TO TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER

The Chair, Mr Joe Benton, Oliver Colvile, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Kate Hoey, Jack Lopresti, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Nigel Mills, Ian Paisley and David Simpson visited Belfast, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 20 November 2013.

Wednesday 17 December 2013

The Committee met at Parliament Buildings, Belfast

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile  Nigel Mills
Mr Stephen Hepburn  David Simpson
Kate Hoey

1. Current issues facing the PSNI

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee took public evidence from Daithí McKay MLA, Chairperson, Finance and Personnel Committee, Patsy McGlone MLA, Chairperson, Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee, and Dr Robert Barry, Research and Library Services, Northern Ireland Assembly, and from Harry Sinclair, President and Clarke Black, Chief Executive, Ulster Farmers’ Union.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 3.45pm]
Wednesday 8 January 2014

Members present:
Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Oliver Colvile  Nigel Mills
Mr Stephen Hepburn  Ian Paisley
Lady Hermon  David Simpson
Kate Hoey

1. Paul Goggins MP

Ordered, That the Committee write to Mrs Wyn Goggins to express the Committee’s condolences on the death of Paul Goggins.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Current issues facing the PSNI

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That, on behalf of the Committee, the Chair write to DCC Gillespie thanking her for her long service to the RUC and the PSNI.

4. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

Resolved, That Mr Tom Reid be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee for an informal interview as a potential specialist adviser.

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

Consumer Council for NI, supplementary evidence
NI Assembly, briefing note

The Committee took public evidence from Sam Woods, Director, UK Banks, and Martin Stewart, Head, UK Banks and Mutuals, Prudential Regulation Authority.
Wednesday 15 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
Mr David Anderson
Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Lady Hermon
Naomi Long
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
David Simpson

1. Current issues facing the PSNI

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Banking structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Mr Tom Reid be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters related to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland.

The Committee took public evidence from Des Crowley, CEO, Bank of Ireland UK, Ian Sheppard, Head of Corporate and Business Banking NI, and Sean Sheehan, Regional Manager NI, Bank of Ireland; and from Gerry Mallon, CEO, and Kevin Kingston, Deputy CEO and MD of Business and Corporate Banking, Danske Bank.

Wednesday 22 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair
Mr Joe Benton
Dr Alasdair McDonnell
1. **Current issues facing the PSNI**

*Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chief Constable of the PSNI on the matter of his retirement and to thank him for his service.*

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Banking structure in Northern Ireland**

4. The Committee took public evidence from Larry Broderick, General Secretary, and Séamus Sheils, Communications Manager, IBOA The Finance Union and from Paul Terrington, Chairman and Dr Joanne Stuart, past Chairman, Institute of Directors NI.

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**Adjourned till Wednesday 29 January at 2.15pm**

**Wednesday 29 January 2014**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Lady Hermon  
Kate Hoey  
Naomi Long  
Dr Alasdair McDonnell

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1. **Visit to Dublin, 30-31 January**

The Committee discussed this issue.

*Resolved, That, due to the Business of the House on 30 January, the Committee would reschedule its visit to Dublin.*

2. **Consumer Council for Northern Ireland**

The Committee discussed this issue.
3. **Banking Structure in Northern Ireland**

The Committee discussed this issue.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by Gabriel Keown relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee took public evidence from Jim Brown, Chief Executive, Ulster Bank, Ellvena Graham, Head of Ulster Bank NI, Des Moore, Director of Personal and Business Banking, and Brian Gillan, Head of Business Banking, First Trust Bank.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 February at 2.15pm]

**Wednesday 12 February 2014**

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Oliver Colvile                  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Lady Hermon                    Nigel Mills
Kate Hoey                      Ian Paisley

1. **Meetings in Northern Ireland**

The Committee discussed this issue.

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold meetings in Belfast and in Portadown on 27 and 28 February.

2. **Visit to Dublin**

The Committee discussed this issue.

3. **Address by the President of Ireland**

The Committee discussed this issue.

4. **Banking Structure in Northern Ireland**

The Committee discussed this issue.
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Prudential Regulation Authority relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee took public evidence from Sajid Javid MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Alison Cottrell, Director of Financial Services, HM Treasury.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 February at 2.15pm]

Wednesday 26 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Stephen Hepburn         Nigel Mills
Lady Hermon             Ian Paisley
Kate Hoey               David Simpson
Naomi Long

1. Judgment in the case of R v Downey

The Committee discussed this issue.

2. Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee discussed this issue.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Irish League of Credit Unions
   Ulster Federation of Credit Unions
   HM Treasury

3. Future Programme

The Committee discussed this issue.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March at 10.00am]
Thursday 27 February – Friday 28 February

The Chair, Mr Joe Benton, Oliver Colvile, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Nigel Mills, Ian Paisley, and David Simpson visited Belfast and Portadown, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 12 February 2014.

Wednesday 5 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  Jack Lopresti
Lady Hermon  Nigel Mills
Kate Hoey  David Simpson

1. Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee discussed this issue.

2. Judgment in the case of R v Downey

The Committee discussed this issue.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an inquiry into the administrative scheme for “on-the-runs”.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 March at 10.00am

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton  Naomi Long
1. **Banking Structure in Northern Ireland**

The Committee discussed this issue.

2. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee discussed this issue.

*Resolved*, That Dr Austen Morgan and Mr Andrew Trollope QC be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee for informal interviews for positions as Specialist Advisers to the Committee’s inquiry into this issue.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by Terri Jackson relating to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Chair’s Meetings in Belfast**

The Committee discussed this issue.

*Ordered*, That the Chair, and any other members able to attend, have leave to travel to Belfast on Monday 24 March in a representative capacity for meetings with the Policing Board and the First Minister.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 March at 2.15pm]

**Monday 24 March**

The Chair and Nigel Mills visited Belfast in a representative capacity for meetings in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 19 March.

**Wednesday 26 March 2014**

Members present:
1. **Meetings in Belfast, 24 March**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the NIO should provide a post-legislative scrutiny Memorandum on the NI Act 2009, giving its assessment of the operation of the Act.

3. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Dr Austen Morgan and Mr Andrew Trollope be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters related to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April at 2.00pm]
1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee noted that neither Dr Austen Morgan nor Mr Andrew Trolley QC had any declarable interests relevant to the inquiry.

The Committee took public evidence from Norman Baxter QPM, former Detective Chief Superintendent, Royal Ulster Constabulary GC/Police Service Northern Ireland, and Peter Sheridan OBE, former Assistant Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary GC/Police Service Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 April at 2.00pm]

Wednesday 9 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Oliver Colvile  Jack Lopresti
Lady Hermon  Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Kate Hoey  Nigel Mills
Naomi Long  Ian Paisley

1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Norman Baxter QPM relating to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Belfast, Northern Ireland, in connection with its inquiry into the Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’.

The Committee took public evidence from Sir Hugh Orde OBE QPM, President, Association of Chief Police Officers, and former Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland, and Rt Hon Shaun Woodward MP, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.
Wednesday 30 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colvile
Mr Stephen Hepburn
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Jack Lopresti
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
Andrew Percy
David Simpson

1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Kevin McGinty
  Committee on the Administration of Justice
  Police Federation for Northern Ireland

The Committee took public evidence from Sir Ronnie Flanagan GBE QPM, former Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary GC/Police Service Northern Ireland, and Kevin McGinty CBE, Director of Criminal Law and Deputy Head of the Attorney General’s Office.

2. Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee discussed this issue.

Wednesday 7 May 2014

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 April at 2.00pm]
Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Mr Joe Benton
Oliver Colville
Lady Hermon
Kate Hoey
Jack Lopresti

Dr Alasdair McDonnell
Nigel Mills
Ian Paisley
David Simpson

1. The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Dr Cillian McGrattan and Dr Aaron Edwards relating to the administrative scheme for ‘on-the-runs’ be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee took public evidence from Matt Baggott CBE QPM, Chief Constable, and Drew Harris OBE, Assistant Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland.

2. Banking Structure in Northern Ireland

The Committee discussed this issue.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Chartered Accountants Ireland Ulster Society relating to the banking structure in Northern Ireland be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 May at 1.30pm]

Wednesday 7 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Laurence Robertson, in the Chair

Oliver Colville
Mr Stephen Hepburn
Lady Hermon
Jack Lopresti
Ian Paisley
Andrew Percy
1. **Banking Structure in Northern Ireland**

The Committee discussed this issue.

2. **The Administrative Scheme for ‘On-the-Runs’**

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon the Lord Trimble, former First Minister of Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4th June at 3.00pm]