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Innovation, Universities,
Science and Skills Committee

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Science and Technology
Committee (from 1 October 2009)

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The Science and Technology Committee

The Science and Technology Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Government Office for Science.

Current membership

Mr Phil Willis (*Liberal Democrat, Harrogate and Knaresborough*)(Chairman)

Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods (*Labour, City of Durham*)

Mr Tim Boswell (*Conservative, Daventry*)

Mr Ian Cawsey (*Labour, Brigg & Goole*)

Mrs Nadine Dorries (*Conservative, Mid Bedfordshire*)

Dr Evan Harris (*Liberal Democrat, Oxford West & Abingdon*)

Dr Brian Iddon (*Labour, Bolton South East*)

Mr Gordon Marsden (*Labour, Blackpool South*)

Dr Bob Spink (*Independent, Castle Point*)

Ian Stewart (*Labour, Eccles*)

Graham Stringer (*Labour, Manchester, Blackley*)

Dr Desmond Turner (*Labour, Brighton Kemptown*)

Mr Rob Wilson (*Conservative, Reading East*)

Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental Select Committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No.152. These are available on the Internet via www.parliament.uk

Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at <http://www.parliament.uk/science>

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are: Glenn McKee (Clerk); Richard Ward (Second Clerk); Dr Christopher Tyler (Committee Specialist); Xameerah Malik (Committee Specialist); Andy Boyd (Senior Committee Assistant); Camilla Brace (Committee Assistant); Dilys Tonge (Committee Assistant); Jim Hudson (Committee Support Assistant); and Becky Jones (Media Officer).

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Proceedings of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee

Wednesday 10 December 2008

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Tim Boswell

Mr Gordon Marsden

Dr Evan Harris

Ian Stewart

Dr Brian Iddon

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 December at 4.00pm]

Monday 15 December 2008

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Tim Boswell

Mr Gordon Marsden

Ian Cawsey

Ian Stewart

Dr Ian Gibson

Dr Desmond Turner

Dr Evan Harris

Rob Wilson

Dr Brian Iddon

1. After Leitch, implementing Skills and training policies

Draft Report (*Re-skilling for recovery: After Leitch, implementing Skills and Training Policies*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 219 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Papers were appended to the Report as Appendix 1.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 14 May 2008.

2. *The work of the Committee in 2007–08*

Draft Report (*The work of the Committee in 2007–08*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 52 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report.

3. *DIUS's Departmental Report 2008*

Draft Report (*DIUS's Departmental Report 2008*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 138 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 January at 9.00am

Wednesday 14 January 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Tim Boswell	Dr Brian Iddon
Ian Cawsey	Ian Stewart
Dr Ian Gibson	Rob Wilson
Dr Evan Harris	

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Engineering*

Mr Tim Boswell disclosed his interests, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix)

Peter Fielder, Managing Director, Performance Excellence, BAE, Bob Dover, Former Chairman and CEO of Jaguar Land Rover, Nick Worrall, UK HR Director, National Grid, Richard Pamerter, Vice-President and Head of Engineering, GlaxoSmithKline, Ian Midgley, Outgoing Chief Supply Chain Officer, Unilever, Richard Archer, Founder of the Technology Partnership and former CEO of the Automation Partnership Group plc gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 19 January at 4.00pm]

Appendix

Name	Interests
Mr Tim Boswell	Registrable shareholdings

I am a shareholder in GSK and my wife is a shareholder in Unilever

Monday 19 January 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell	Ian Stewart
Mr Gordon Marsden	

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

Ordered, That Professor Ronald Barnett, Bahram Bekhradnia and Professor Sue Law be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Students and Universities. (See appendix for declaration of interests)

Resolved, That the Committee visit the United States of America in connection with its inquiries into *putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy* and *students and universities*, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with these visits.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 January at 9.00am

Appendix

Name	Interests
Professor Ronald Barnett	Teacher in higher education Fellow of the Higher Education Academy Researcher into higher education
Professor Sue Law	Coventry University institutional representative for Heads of Educational Development Group Spouse is pro vice-chancellor, Edge Hill University
Bahram Bekhradnia	<i>Nil return</i>

Wednesday 21 January 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell	Dr Evan Harris
Mr Ian Cawsey	Ian Stewart
Dr Ian Gibson	

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy*

Ordered, That Professor Sir Brian Heap be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into *putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy*. (See appendix for declaration of interests.)

3. Engineering

Rt Hon John Denham MP, Secretary of State, Department for Innovation, Universities, and Skills, Professor John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Mark Beatson, Head of Analysis, Department for Innovation, Universities, and Skills gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 January at 4.00pm]

Appendix

Professor Sir Brian Heap declared that he was: Chair of the Public Health Genomics Foundation; a Trustee of the Sino-British Fellowship Trust; Vice-President of the European Academies Science Advisory Council; Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board, School of Biological Sciences, Cambridge; Chair of Trustees, Academia Europaea; Chair of the Cambridge Theological Federation; Chair of the Advisory Board, Faraday Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge; on the Board of the European Advanced Translational Research Infrastructure in Medicine (EATRIS); on the Advisory Board of the Templeton Foundation; on the Board of the African Technology Policy Studies Network; on the Board of the China Executive Leadership Programme, Cambridge; on the Board of Sense about Science; and Co-Director of the Templeton-Cambridge Journalist Fellowship Programme.

Monday 26 January 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Ian Gibson

Ian Stewart

Dr Evan Harris

Graham Stringer

Mr Gordon Marsden

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy*

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to *putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills; Unite the Union; Prospect; The

Natural History Museum; Royal Aeronautical Society; UKCRC; Met Office; Energy and Utility Skills; AstraZeneca; Geological Society of London; British Science Association; CBI; BRE Global; Institute of Physics; Concatenation Science Communication; UK Deans of Science; Royal Statistical Society; British Academy; Council for Mathematical Sciences; Academy of Social Sciences; Science and Technology Facilities Council; Genewatch UK; Research Strategy Office, Imperial College London; Council for Science and Technology; Arts and Humanities Research Council; John Innes Centre; The Royal Society; SSC Science Cluster; Semta; Research Councils UK; Dr Paul Marchant, Leeds Metropolitan University; British Aerospace Companies; Association of Medical Research Companies (AMRC); Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE); Regional Studies Association; Biosciences Federation; UK Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology; Academy of Medical Sciences; The Science Council; Royal Academy of Engineering; BAE Systems; Royal Society of Edinburgh; Universities UK; Royal Society of Chemistry; and the Wellcome Trust.

Rt Hon Lord Drayson, Minister of State for Science and Innovation, Graeme Reid, Head of Economic Impact, Science & Research Group and Jeremy Clayton, Deputy Head of the Government Office for Science, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills gave oral evidence.

3. *Science Question Time*

Rt Hon Lord Drayson, Minister of State for Science and Innovation, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 January at 9.00am

Wednesday 28 January 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Ian Gibson

Mr Gordon Marsden

Dr Evan Harris

Ian Stewart

Dr Brian Iddon

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

Members disclosed their interests pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix.)

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to *Students and Universities* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, Professor S. Gorard, Dr Peter Dorey, James Boyle, Alan Ryan, Richard Royle, Disability Forward Ltd, the British Computer Society (BCS), ASKe (Centre for Excellence in Teaching & Learning), R & T Group (Research and Teaching Group), Professor Mantz Yorke, Professor G R Evans, Dr Stuart WG Derbyshire, Professor Geoffrey Alderman, Birkbecks Students' Union, SACWG, University of Worcester (Student Assessment and Classification Working Group), Professor Charles Engel & Mr C B Tomkinson, Professor Bernard Longden & Professor Mantz Yorke, the Wellcome Trust, the Institute of Physics, the Royal Academy of Engineering, Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning (IFLL), Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), Centre for Higher Education Research and Information (CHERI), ALDinHE (Association for Learning Development in Higher Education), Medical Schools Council, Roehampton University, Learning and Teaching Enhancement Unit (LTEU), University Alliance, SPA (Supporting Professionalism in Universities), Dr Rob Penhallurick, Catholic Education Service for England and Wales (CFS), NUS (National Union of Students), University of Buckingham, Susan Evans, SEDA (Staff and Educational Development Association), Open University Students Association (OUSA), British Medical Association, Anand Raja, University of Plymouth, SEMTA, The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), York St John University, University of Leicester, Heads of Educational Development Group (HEDG), University of Hertfordshire, CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals), Learning and Skills Council (LSC), Loughborough University, Flying Start Project (Liverpool Hope University and University of Derby), Higher Education Academy (HEA), Million+, University of Portsmouth, Quality Strategy Network (QSN), 157 Group, the Council for the Mathematical Sciences, University of the Creative Arts (UCA), Institute of Directors (IoD), the Open University, Edge Foundation, Mr Nigel Dyer, 1994 Group, Imperial College London, RCUK (Research Councils UK), Oxford Brookes University, the Institute of Education, University of London, Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), Engineering Council UK (ECUK), Biosciences Federation, University of Leicester, (HEAR Implementation Group), Staffordshire University, UKADIA (uk arts & design institutions association), British Dental Association (BDA), Chartered Management Institute (CMI), Dr Janet Collett, GuildHE, the Russell Group of Universities, University of Edinburgh, the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3), Birmingham City University, Universities UK, The Royal Society, University of Oxford, UCAS, Professor Stephen Martin, HEFCE (Higher Education Funding Council for England), Professor Roger Brown, Liverpool Hope University, the Council for Industry and Higher Education, Dr Frdk G Page, Walter Cairns, Professor Barrie Jervis, and Professor Mary Stuart.

Professor Rick Trainor, President, Universities UK, Professor Malcolm Grant, Chairman of the Russell Group of Universities, Professor Les Ebdon CBE, Chair of Million+, Professor Geoffrey Crossick, Warden, Goldsmiths, University of London, representing the 1994 Group, Professor David Baker, Chair of GuildHE, Ms Pat Bacon,

Principal and CEO, St Helen's College, representing the 157 Group, and Professor John Craven, Vice-Chancellor, University of Portsmouth, representing University Alliance gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 February at 9.00am

Appendix

Name	Interests
Dr Ian Gibson	Professor at the UEA
Dr Brian Iddon	Parliamentary adviser to the Royal Society of Chemistry Member of the University and College Union Member of the External Advisory Board in the School of Chemistry at Manchester University Visiting Professor at the University of Liverpool in the chemistry department
Ian Stewart	Member of Unite, the union Member of the Council at Salford University
Mr Phil Willis	Member at the Court of Birmingham University

Wednesday 4 February 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Ian Cawsey
Dr Ian Gibson

Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Science and Technology Facilities Council*

Professor Keith Mason, Chief Executive, Science and Technology Facilities Council gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 February at 4.00pm

Monday 9 February 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Ian Gibson
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

Members disclosed their interests pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix.)

Wes Streeting, President, National Union of Students (NUS), Alex Bols, Head of Education and Quality, NUS, Rob Park, Caring Responsibilities Officer and Acting Secretary to Council, Birkbeck Students' Union, Lisa Carson, President of the Open University Students Association, Carrie Donaghy, Northumbria University Student, Ricky Chotai, University of Salford Student, Lucy Hopkins Student, University of Loughborough Student, Arnold Sarfo-Kantanka, Brunel University Student, James Williamson, University of Sheffield Student, Lucy Davidson, Anglia Ruskin Student, Ken Harris, University of Wolverhampton Student, Gemma Jerome, University of Liverpool Student, Luke Pollard, Manchester Metropolitan University Student, Anand Raja, University of Birmingham Student, and Steve Topazio, University of Portsmouth Student gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 February at 9.00am

Appendix

Name	Interests
Dr Ian Gibson	Honorary Professor at the UEA
Mr Tim Boswell	Member of the Board of Governors of UIG in Cardiff
Dr Brian Iddon	Member of the University and College Union Member of the External Advisory Board in the School of Chemistry at Manchester University Visiting Professor at the University of Liverpool in the chemistry department

Ian Stewart Member of Unite, the union
Honorary fellow and Member of the Council at Salford University

Thursday 12 February 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell Graham Stringer
Ian Stewart

1. *Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Draft Apprenticeships Bill*

Draft Special Report (*Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Draft Apprenticeships Bill: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Committee in Session 2007-08 was appended to the Report.

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

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

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 February at 9.00am

Wednesday 25 February 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Ian Cawsey Dr Brian Iddon
Dr Ian Gibson Graham Stringer
Dr Evan Harris

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee would communicate evidence received in connection with its inquiry into *biosecurity in UK research laboratories* with the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Standing order No 137A.

2. *Putting science and engineering at the heart of Government policy*

Professor David Fisk, Imperial College London, Professor Lord Krebs, University of Oxford, Professor Julia King, Aston University, Professor Lord Rees, President, Royal Society, Dr Tim Bradshaw, Confederation of British Industry, Professor Dame Janet Finch, Council for Science and Technology, Baroness Onora O'Neill, British Academy, and Judy Britton, GO-Science, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 March at 4.00pm.

Monday 2 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Gordon Marsden
Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 March at 9.00am.

Wednesday 4 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 March at 4.00pm.

Monday 9 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Evan Harris

Mr Gordon Marsden

Dr Brian Iddon

Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

Professor Rob Burgess, Chair, Higher Education Achievement Report Implementation Group and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester, Professor Gina Wisker, Heads of Education and Development Group, Professor James Wisdom, Staff and Educational Development Association, Professor Geoffrey Alderman, Professor Paul Ramsden, Chief Executive, Higher Education Academy, Mr Peter Williams, Chief Executive, Quality Assurance Agency, Mr Anthony McClaran, Chief Executive, UCAS gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 9.00am

Wednesday 11 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell

Ian Cawsey

Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon

Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 March at 3.30pm.

Monday 16 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell

Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden

Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to *Students and Universities* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Stonewall, John Wildman, Professor Paul Ramsden, Professor Geoffrey Alderman, Professor Charles Engel and UCU (University College Union).

3. *Putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy*

Nick Dusic, Campaign for Science and Engineering, Professor David Edgerton, Imperial College London, Professor David Charles, Regional Studies Association, Professor Adrian Smith, Director General for Science and Research, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, Sir Roland Jackson, British Science Association, Professor Ian Haines, UK Deans of Science, and Tracey Brown, Sense about Science gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 March at 9.00am.

Wednesday 18 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Re-skilling for recovery: After Leitch, implementing skills and training policies*

Draft Special Report (*Re-skilling for recovery: After Leitch, implementing skills and training policies: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2008-09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the First Report from the Committee in Session 2008-09 was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Engineering

Draft Report (*Engineering: turning ideas into reality*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 361 read and agreed to.

Annexes and Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 30 April 2008, 18 June 2008, 7 July 2008 and 10 and 19 November 2008.

4. Students and Universities

Resolved, That a Sub-committee be appointed to consider *Students and Universities*.

Resolved, That all Members of the Committee be members of the Sub-committee.

Resolved, That Mr Phil Willis be the Chairman of the Sub-committee.

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to *Students and Universities* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Professor El-Sayed, National Audit Office, and ASKe.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 March at 9.00am.]

Wednesday 25 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell

Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris

Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *DIUS's Departmental Report 2008*

Draft Special Report (*DIUS's Departmental Report 2008: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2008-09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 April at 9.00am.]

Wednesday 1 April 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Ian Gibson
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to *Students and Universities* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: National Audit Office, and Dr Stephen Dearden.

3. *Putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy*

Mr Tim Boswell disclosed his interests, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix)

Professor Chris Gaskell, Chair, Defra Science Advisory Council, Dame Deirdre Hutton, Chair, Food Standards Agency, and Professor Sir Michael Rawlins, Former Chairman of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, gave oral evidence.

4. *Technology Strategy Board*

Iain Gray, Chief Executive, David Bott, Director Innovation Programmes, and David Golding, Head of Strategy, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 April at 9.00am.

Appendix

Mr Tim Boswell declared that he had been a Minister at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), and had also been an advisor to MAFF before that.

Wednesday 29 April 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Ian Cawsey	Dr Brian Iddon
Dr Ian Gibson	Mr Gordon Marsden
Dr Evan Harris	Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 May at 3.00pm.

Tuesday 5 May 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell	Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Ian Cawsey	Mr Gordon Marsden
Dr Evan Harris	Ian Stewart

1. Pre appointment hearing with the Chair-elect of the Economic and Social Research Council

Mr Tim Boswell disclosed his interests, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix)

Dr Alan Gillespie, Chair-elect, Economic and Social Research Council, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*Pre-appointment hearing with the Chair-elect of the Economic and Social Research Council, Dr Alan Gillespie CBE*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 22 read and agreed to.

Papers were appended to the Report as Appendices 1 and 2.

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

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

Oral and written evidence were ordered to be reported to the House for publication with the Report.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 May at 9.00am.]

Appendix

Mr Tim Boswell declared his membership of a parliamentary group on pneumococcal diseases and that the group had, via GAVI, indirect dealings with the International Finance Facility for Immunisation.

Wednesday 6 May 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Ian Gibson
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Gordon Marsden
Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Putting Science and Engineering at the heart of Government Policy*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Sense About Science; Food Standards Agency; Council for Science and Technology; Unite the Union; National Physical Laboratory; UK Computing Research Committee; Royal Aeronautical Society; Geological Society of London; Finmeccanica; Royal Astronomical Society; Dr Martin Dominik; Professor Peter J Dobson; British Academy; UK National Commission for UNESCO; Medical Research Council; AIRTO; John Innes Centre, the Institute of Food Research and the Sainsbury Laboratory; Institute of Physics; Semta; Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences, University of Oxford; The Royal Society of Edinburgh; Bioindustry Association; Universities UK; Royal Society of Chemistry; SURF, University of Salford; UK Industry Association for Space; Biosciences Federation; AMRC (Association of Medical Research Charities); GeneWatch UK; Campaign for Science & Engineering; AMEC; Natural Environment Research Council; UK Deans of Science; RAE (Royal Academy of Engineering); Royal Society; Open University.

3. *Students and Universities*

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to students and universities be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Trevor Mayes.

Professor Michael Arthur, Vice-Chancellor, University of Leeds, Professor Michael Driscoll, Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University, Professor Roger Brown, Former Vice-Chancellor of Southampton Solent University, Sally Hunt, General Secretary, University and College Union, Dr Natalie Fenton, Goldsmiths, University of London, Veronica Killen, Northumbria University, and Dr Gavin Reid, University of Leeds gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 May at 4.00pm.]

Monday 11 May 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Ian Gibson
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

Rt Hon John Denham MP, Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills and Sir Alan Langlands, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 May at 9.00am.

Wednesday 13 May 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Pre appointment hearing with the Chair-elect of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council*

Mr Tim Boswell disclosed his interests, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix.)

Sir Tom Blundell, Chair-elect, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*Pre-appointment hearing with the Chair-elect of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Sir Tom Blundell*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 22 read and agreed to.

Papers were appended to the Report as Appendices 1 and 2.

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

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

Oral and written evidence were ordered to be reported to the House for publication with the Report.

3. Further Education College capital expenditure

Mr Mark Haysom CBE, former Chief Executive, Learning and Skills Council gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 May at 4.00pm.]

Appendix

Mr Tim Boswell declared that he was a former member of the precursor body, the Agricultural and Food Research Council, as a Council member.

Monday 18 May 2009

Members present:

Dr Ian Gibson, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris

Graham Stringer

In the absence of the Chairman Dr Ian Gibson was called to the Chair.

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Putting science and engineering at the heart of government policy

Rt Hon Lord Drayson, Minister of State for Science and Innovation, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and Professor John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific adviser gave oral evidence.

3. Science Question time

Rt Hon Lord Drayson, Minister of State for Science and Innovation, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 May at 9.00am.]

Wednesday 20 May 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Olympic Park*

Resolved, That the Committee would visit the Olympic Park in connection with its ongoing work on Skills.

3. *Further Education College capital expenditure*

Martin Doel, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges, Graham Moore, Principal, Stoke College, and Chair of the 157 Group, Dr John Blake, Principal, Sussex Downs College, Chris Banks, Chairman, Geoff Russell, Chief Executive, and David Hughes, National Projects Director, Learning and Skills Council, Rt Hon John Denham MP, Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills, Stephen Marston, Director General, Universities and Skills, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 8 June at 4.00pm.]

Monday 8 June 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Office for the Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research (OSCHR)*

Professor Sir John Bell, Chairman, OSCHR, Professor Sir Alex Markham, Chair of OSCHR's Translational Medicines Board (TMB) gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 June at 9.00am.

Wednesday 10 June 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future of science scrutiny following the merger of DIUS and BERR

Draft Special Report (*The future of science scrutiny following the merger of DIUS and BERR*, proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 June at 9.00am

Wednesday 17 June 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Dr Ian Gibson

Resolved, That the Committee records its warm appreciation of the contribution made by Dr Ian Gibson to the Science and Technology Committee and the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee, and his support for science, both inside and outside the House, and trusts he will continue this work in the future.

3. Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Mr Tim Boswell disclosed his interests, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix.)

Brian Eversham, Wildlife Trusts, Andrew Stott, Science Director, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Andrew Clark, Head of Policy Services, National Farmers' Union, Dr Helen Phillips and Ms Christina Cork, Natural England, and Dr Peter Costigan, Natural Environment Science Division, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 June at 9.00am

Appendix

Mr Tim Boswell declared his ownership of land, as set out in the Register of Members' interests. He also declared his membership of the National Farmers' Union and the fact that he was a former county officer, he also declared he was a member of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough Wildlife Trust.

Wednesday 24 June 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden

Ian Stewart

Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Engineering: turning ideas into reality

Draft Special Report (*Engineering: turning ideas into reality: Government Response to the fourth Report from the Committee*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

[Adjourned till Monday 29 June at 4.00pm.]

Monday 29 June 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Students and Universities

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to *Students and Universities* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Staff and Educational Development Association;

Dr G Ratcliffe; Professor Roger Goodman; Professor Michael Arthur; University and College Union; UCAS; and the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 July at 4.00pm]

Monday 6 July 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris

Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart

Dr Brian Iddon

Graham Stringer

1. Capital Expenditure in Further Education Colleges

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Spend, Spend, Spend? –the mismanagement of the Learning and Skills Council's capital programme in further education colleges*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 152 read and agreed to.

Summary and Annex agreed to.

Papers were appended to the Report as an Appendix.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report.

2. Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Science and Technology Facilities Council

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 July at 9.00am.]

Wednesday 8 July 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. DIUS Departmental Report 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 77 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 78 read.

Amendment proposed, in line 6, leave out from "committees" to the end of the paragraph.—(*Dr Evan Harris.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 1

Noes, 5

Dr Evan Harris

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

Amendment disagreed to.

Paragraph agreed to.

Paragraphs 79 to 217 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report.

4. *Students and Universities*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 July at 4.00pm.]

Monday 13 July 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Graham Stringer

1. *Pre appointment hearing with the Chair-elect of the Science and Technology Facilities Council*

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Michael Sterling FREng, Chair-elect, Science and Technology Facilities Council, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*Pre-appointment hearing with the Chair-elect of the Science and Technology Facilities Council, Professor Michael Sterling FREng*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 19 read and agreed to.

Papers were appended to the Report.

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

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

Oral and written evidence were ordered to be reported to the House for publication with the Report.

2. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 July at 9.00am.

Wednesday 15 July 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Students and Universities*

The Committee considered this matter.

3. *Sites of Special Scientific Interest*

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 July at 4.00pm.

Monday 20 July 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Ian Stewart
Graham Stringer

1. *The Committee's programme of work*

The Committee considered this matter.

2. *Sites of Special Scientific Interest*

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Sites of Special Scientific Interest*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 25 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Tenth Report of the Committee to the House.

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report.

3. *Students and Universities*

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Students and Universities*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 309 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Annexes 1 and 2 agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Eleventh Report of the Committee to the House.

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 28 January, 16 and 18 March, 1 April, 6 May and 29 June.

4. *The Committee's future programme*

The Committee considered this matter.

[The Committee Adjourned

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Evidence taken at Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool

Monday 23 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Gordon Marsden

Graham Stringer

1. Students and Universities

Professor Gerald Pillay Vice-Chancellor and Rector, Liverpool Hope University, Professor Michael Brown Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool John Moores University, Professor Jon Saunders Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Liverpool, Professor Bernard Longden, Liverpool Hope University, Professor Lin Norton, Liverpool Hope University, Professor Mantz Yorke, Lancaster University, Ms Carly Rowley and Mr Tom Dutton, Students, Liverpool Hope University, Mr Adam Hodgson and Mr Joel Martin, Students, Liverpool John Moores University, Ms Gemma Jerome and Mr Edward Nussey, Students, University of Liverpool, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 30 March at 2.00pm.]

Evidence taken at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford

Monday 30 March 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell

Ian Stewart

Dr Evan Harris

Graham Stringer

1. Students and Universities

Members disclosed their interests, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (See Appendix)

Professor Janet Beer, Vice-Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, Dr John Hood, Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford, Professor Roger Goodman, University of Oxford, Professor Margaret Price, Oxford Brookes University, Dr Chris Rust, Oxford Brookes University, Professor Alan Ryan, University of Oxford, and Mr Gregory Andrews, Mr David Child, Ms Victoria Edwards, Ms Sally Tye, Ms Meagan Pitt, Mr Jun Rentschler, Students, Oxford Brookes University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 April at 9.15am.]

Appendix

Mr Tim Boswell declared that he was a graduate of Oxford University and a former member of New College, Oxford.

Wednesday 29 April 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

Mr Gordon Marsden
Graham Stringer

1. Students and Universities

John Crompton, Head of European Recruitment, Procter & Gamble for the CBI, John Harris, Higher Skills/Education Manager, SEMTA, Mike Harris, Head of Education and Skills Policy, Institute of Directors (IoD), Andrew Ramsay, Chief Executive Officer, Engineering Council UK (ECUK), Ricky Chotai, University of Salford, Carrie Donaghy, Northumbria University, Alasdair Farquharson, University of Wolverhampton, Gemma Jerome, University of Liverpool, Anand Raja, University of Birmingham, and Ed Steward, University College London gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chairman.]

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Wednesday 14 October 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell

Mr Ian Cawsey

Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon

Ian Stewart

Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Spend, Spend, Spend? – the mismanagement of the Learning and Skills Council's capital programme in further education colleges

Draft Special Report (*Spend, spend, spend? – the mismanagement of the Learning and Skills Council's capital programme in further education colleges: Government Response to the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2008–09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Draft Special Report (*Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Government Response to the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2008–09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Tenth Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Students and Universities

Draft Special Report (*Students and Universities: Government Response to the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee's Eleventh Report of Session 2008-09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

5. Sharing papers with the Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

Resolved, That the Committee communicate its evidence with the Business, Innovation and Skills Committee.

6. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Setting the scene on science, engineering and technology issues across government

Rt Hon Lord Drayson, Minister of State for Science and Innovation, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, and Professor John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 October at 9.00am.]

Wednesday 21 October 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey

Dr Brian Iddon
Graham Stringer

1. Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy

Draft Special Report (*Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy: Government Response to the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2008-09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eighth Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Evidence check

Ordered, That the following Memoranda relating to *Evidence check* be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Government responses to the Committee's questions and on Departmental R&D spend and PSREs.

3. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 October at 9.00am.

Wednesday 28 October 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey

Dr Evan Harris
Dr Brian Iddon

1. Government response to the Committee's report, Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Science and Technology Sub-committee

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Science and Technology Sub-committee be appointed.

Ordered, That all Members of the Committee be members of the Sub-committee.

Ordered, That Mr Phil Willis be the Chairman of the Sub-committee.

Ordered, That all the Committee's inquiries be referred to the Sub-committee for the purpose of taking evidence.

3. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 November at 9.00am.

Wednesday 4 November 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Graham Stringer

1. Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Home Secretary, Professor John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, and Professor David Nutt regarding the latter's dismissal as Chair of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs.

2. Bioengineering

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Bioengineering.

3. Geoengineering

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Geoengineering.

4. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 November at 4.00pm.

Monday 9 November 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell

Dr Brian Iddon

Dr Evan Harris

Graham Stringer

1. The Committee's programme of work

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence Check: Literacy Interventions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 November at 9.00am.]

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Wednesday 4 November 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Mr Ian Cawsey
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Graham Stringer

1. Evidence Check: Literacy Interventions

Professor Bob Slavin, Director of the Institute for Effective Education, University of York, Jean Gross, Director, Every Child a Chance Trust, and Professor Greg Brooks, Research Director, Sheffield National Research and Development Centre, University of Sheffield; Dr Chris Singleton, Director, Lucid Research Ltd, Professor Julian Elliott, Director of Research in the School of Education, Durham University, and Shirley Cramer CBE, CEO, Dyslexia Action gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 November at 4.15pm.]

Monday 9 November 2009

Members present:

Mr Phil Willis, in the Chair

Mr Tim Boswell
Dr Evan Harris

Dr Brian Iddon
Graham Stringer

1. Evidence Check: Literacy Interventions

Diana R Johnson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Carole Willis, Director of Research and Analysis, Department for Children, Schools and Families gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 November at 9.30am.]