The Welsh Affairs Committee

The Welsh Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales (including relations with the National Assembly for Wales).

Current membership

David T.C. Davies MP (Conservative, Monmouth) (Chair)
Byron Davies MP (Conservative, Gower)
Chris Davies MP (Conservative, Brecon and Radnorshire)
Glyn Davies MP (Conservative, Montgomeryshire) (added 25.4.16)
Dr James Davies MP (Conservative, Vale of Clwyd)
Carolyn Harris MP (Labour, Swansea East)
Gerald Jones MP (Labour, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)
Stephen Kinnock MP (Labour, Aberavon) (added 1.2.16)
Christina Rees MP (Labour, Neath) (discharged 1.2.16)
Antoinette Sandbach MP (Conservative, Eddisbury) (discharged 25.4.16)
Liz Saville Roberts MP (Plaid Cymru, Dwyfor Meirionnydd)
Craig Williams MP (Conservative, Cardiff North)
Mr Mark Williams MP (Liberal Democrat, Ceredigion)

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 www.parliament.uk/welshcom

The Reports of the Committee, the formal minutes relating to that report, oral evidence taken and some or all written evidence are available in printed volumes.

Additional written evidence may be published on the internet only.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee is John-Paul Flaherty (Clerk), Elin Jones (Committee Specialist), Shane Murray (Senior Committee Assistant), Dominic Stockbridge (Committee Support Assistant), and George Perry (Media Officer).

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TUESDAY 14 JULY 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies
Chris Davies
Carolyn Harris
Gerald Jones
Christina Rees  
Antoinette Sandbach
Liz Saville Roberts
Craig Williams
Mr Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee otherwise.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

The Committee noted the formal rules relating to the confidentiality of Committee papers.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 July at 3.40 pm]
MONDAY 20 JULY 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies  Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies  Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris  Mr Mark Williams
Gerald Jones

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales on his responsibilities.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the draft Wales Bill.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into broadcasting in Wales.

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales on his responsibilities.

Adjourned till Monday 7 September at 3.40 pm

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies  Christina Rees
Chris Davies  Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies  Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris  Craig Williams
Gerald Jones  Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Committee working methods

Resolved, that Craig Williams be appointed as the Committee’s European Rapporteur.

3. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill
The Committee considered this matter.

4. Prisons in Wales and the treatment of Welsh offenders

Draft Special Report (Prisons in Wales and the treatment of Welsh offenders: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2014-15), 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.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 September at 3.40 pm

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies, Christina Rees
Chris Davies, Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies, Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris, Mr Mark Williams
Gerald Jones

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit North Wales in connection with energy infrastructure in Wales.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Cardiff on 9 November 2015, in connection with its inquiry on Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill.

3. Broadcasting in Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Cardiff on 10 December 2015, in connection with its inquiry into Broadcasting in Wales.

4. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and Alun Cairns MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 October at 3.40 pm

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Carolyn Harris                   Christina Rees
Gerald Jones

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Broadcasting in Wales

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

BIW 01 – Sion Jobbins
BIW 02 – Bob Gaffey

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 October at 1.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies                   Christina Rees
Chris Davies                   Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies                Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris                 Craig Williams
Gerald Jones

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 October at 3.40 pm]

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies         Christina Rees
Chris Davies         Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies      Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris       Craig Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Geth Williams, Deputy Director, Constitution and Corporate Services, and Sue Olley, Legal Adviser, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 November at 3.40 pm]

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies         Christina Rees
Chris Davies         Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies      Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris       Craig Williams
Gerald Jones         Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Broadcasting in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Broadcasting in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

MORNING SITTING

The Committee met at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Byron Davies Antoinette Sandbach
Chris Davies Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris Craig Williams
Gerald Jones Mr Mark Williams
Christina Rees

1. Broadcasting in Wales

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

BIW 15 – ITV Cymru Wales
BIW 16 – Creative Skillset Cymru

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill
Andrew R.T. Davies AM, Leanne Wood AM, Kirsty Williams AM, William Graham AM, Chair of the Enterprise and Business Committee, National Assembly for Wales, and Sir Paul Silk, Chair of the Commission on Devolution in Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 November at 1.30pm at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff]

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015
AFTERNOON SITTING
The Committee met at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Byron Davies Antoinette Sandbach
Chris Davies Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris Craig Williams
Gerald Jones Mr Mark Williams
Christina Rees

The following members of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee of the National Assembly for Wales also attended in accordance with Standing Order Number 137A(3)
Alun Davies David Melding
Suzy Davies William Powell
Dafydd Elis-Thomas

1. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

Professor Thomas Glyn Watkin, Emyr Lewis, Senior Partner, Blake Morgan LLP, Richard Wyn Jones, Director, Wales Governance Centre, and Professor Roger Scully, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 November at 3.45pm at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff]

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015
SECOND AFTERNOON SITTING
The Committee met at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff

Members present:
I. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister of Wales, and Hugh Rawlings, Director of Constitutional Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 November at 3.40pm]

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Dr James Davies Antoinette Sandbach
Carolyn Harris Liz Saville Roberts
Gerald Jones Craig Williams
Christina Rees

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Broadcasting in Wales

(Ordered) That the following written evidence relating to Broadcasting in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BIW 14 – Cymdeithas Yr Iaith Gymraeg
BIW 17 – Institute of Welsh Affairs
BIW 18 – Ofcom Cymru
BIW 19 – Arts Council of Wales

3. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

(Ordered) That the following written evidence relating to Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DWB 01 – Dame Rosemary Butler AM

Dame Rosemary Butler AM, Presiding Officer, National Assembly for Wales, Elisabeth Jones, Director of Legal Services, National Assembly for Wales, and Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business, National Assembly for Wales, gave oral evidence.
MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Byron Davies
Chris Davies
Gerald Jones
Christina Rees
Liz Saville Roberts
Craig Williams
Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Broadcasting in Wales

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

BIW 20 – S4C

3. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DWB 11 – Comisiynydd Y Gymraeg/Welsh Language Commissioner

Kay Powell, Policy Adviser, Huw Williams, Law Society of England and Wales, Hefin Rees QC, Chairman, Association of London Welsh Lawyers, Alan Trench, Rachel Banner, Annie Mulholland, and Roger Cracknell, True Wales, gave oral evidence.

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Dr James Davies
Carolyn Harris
Gerald Jones
Christina Rees
Antoinette Sandbach
Liz Saville Roberts
Craig Williams
Mr Mark Williams

1. Broadcasting in Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DWB 05 – Professor Laura McAllister and Professor Diana Stirbu
- DWB 06 – Yourlegaleyes
- DWB 07 – Learned Society of Wales
- DWB 09 – Institute of Welsh Affairs
- DWB 14 – Gruffydd Meredith
- DWB 15 – Dr Elin Royle
- DWB 17 – Marcus Edwards
- DWB 18 – Community Housing Cymru Group
- DWB 19 – Equality and Human Rights Commission

Alun Ffred Jones AM, Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, National Assembly for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 7 December at 3.40pm]

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies Antoinette Sandbach
Chris Davies Liz Saville Roberts
Christina Rees Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
3. EU Commission’s Work Programme 2016

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Craig Williams, as EU reporter, write to the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee on this matter.

4. Energy infrastructure in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that further to its decision of 14 September 2015, the Committee visit Caernarfon and Wylfa on 18 January 2016, in connection with its inquiry on Broadcasting in Wales, in addition to energy infrastructure in Wales.

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

BIW 21 – UK Minifootball Association

Meri Huws, Welsh Language Commissioner, Ania Rolewska, Policy and Research Officer, Welsh Language Commission, Greg Bevan and Colin Nosworthy, Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 December at 3.15pm

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Byron Davies
Dr James Davies
Carolyn Harris
Antoinette Sandbach
Liz Saville Roberts
Craig Williams
1. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Geth Williams, Deputy Director, Constitution and Corporate Services, and Sue Olley, Legal Adviser, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 December at 3.40pm]

Thursday 10 December 2015

The Chair, Byron Davies, Carolyn Harris, Gerald Jones, Liz Saville Roberts, and Mr Mark Williams visited Cardiff in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Broadcasting in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 14 September 2015.

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Chris Davies
Dr James Davies
Carolyn Harris
Gerald Jones

Antoinette Sandbach
Liz Saville Roberts
Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Broadcasting in Wales

Rhodri Williams, Director, Ofcom Wales, Peter Davies, Director of Content Policy, Ofcom, Angela Graham, Chair, and Hywel Wiliam, Member, Media Policy Group, Institute of Welsh Affairs, Sian Powell, Lecturer, School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, Cardiff University, and Dyfrig Jones, Lecturer, School of Creative Studies and Media, Bangor University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 January at 3.40pm]

MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies
Liz Saville Roberts
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, that the Committee inquire into the future of nuclear power in Wales.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from HM Treasury on Welsh rates of income tax.

2. Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Tom O’Malley, Emeritus Professor of Media Studies, Aberystwyth University, and Aled Eirug, Content Board Member for Wales, and Glyn Matthias, Non-Executive Member, Ofcom Advisory Board, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 January at 9.45am at Galeri, Caernarfon]

*Monday 18 January 2016*

*The Chair, Dr James Davies, Carolyn Harris, Gerald Jones, Liz Saville Roberts, and Mr Mark Williams visited Caernarfon in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Broadcasting in Wales and Wylfa in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the future of nuclear power in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decisions of 14 September 2015 and of 7 December 2015.*

**MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2016**

*The Committee met at Galeri, Caernarfon*

*Members present:*

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Carolyn Harris

Gerald Jones

Liz Saville Roberts

Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Tata Steel, Community trade union and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on the steel industry in Wales.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Broadcasting in Wales

Resolved, that the Committee visit Cardiff on 29 February 2016, in connection with its inquiry on Broadcasting in Wales.

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

BIW 22 – Teledwyrr Annibynnol Cymru

Resolved, that the Committee visit the headquarters of ITV Wales on 29 February 2016, in connection with its inquiries into Broadcasting in Wales.

Iestyn Garlick, Chair, Teledwyrr Annibynnol Cymru and Antena Productions, Gareth Williams, Rondo Media, Dylan Huws, Cwmni Da, and Nia Thomas, Boom Cymru/Boom Pictures, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language.

[Adjourned till Monday 1 February at 3.40pm

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Chris Davies
Dr James Davies
Carolyn Harris
Gerald Jones
Liz Saville Roberts
Mr Mark Williams

1. Welsh rates of income tax

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future of nuclear power in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the future of nuclear power in Wales
be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   FNP 01 – David Bowen

3. Broadcasting in Wales

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

   BIW 23 – Channel 4
   BIW 24 – Jacqueline Y Comben

Rona Fairhead, Chair, and Elan Closs Stephens, Trustee for Wales, BBC Trust, Ian Jones, Chief Executive, S4C, Huw Jones, Chairman, S4C Authority, and Dr Ruth McElroy, Centre for Media and Culture in Small Nations, University of South Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 February at 10.00am

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Byron Davies               Gerald Jones
Chris Davies               Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies            Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris             Mr Mark Williams

1. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 8 February at 3.40pm

MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Chris Davies               Antoinette Sandbach
Dr James Davies            Liz Saville Roberts
Carolyn Harris             Craig Williams
I. Declaration of interests

Stephen Kinnock declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit European Institutions in Brussels on 14 and 15 March 2016, in connection with its inquiry into the future of nuclear power in Wales and its evidence session into the steel industry in Wales.

3. The steel industry in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the steel industry in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SIW 01 – Community Union

4. Broadcasting in Wales

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

BIW 25 – Western Mail

Martin Shipton, Chief Reporter, Western Mail, and Alan Edmunds, Editor-in-Chief, Media Wales and Western Mail, gave oral evidence.

5. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 February at 2.00pm

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
I. Declaration of interests

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee’s evidence session into the steel industry in Wales, namely: a pension from British Steel.

Liz Saville Roberts declared an interest concerning a family member in relation to the Committee’s evidence session into the steel industry in Wales, namely: that her daughter was engaged in a contract that was conditional on the future performance of the steel industry.

2. The future of nuclear power in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The steel industry in Wales

Stuart Wilkie, Director of Strip Products UK, Tata Steel, and Tim Morris, Head of Public Affairs, Tata Steel Europe, Roy Rickhuss, General Secretary, and John-Paul McHugh, Assistant General Secretary, Community Trade Union, Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP, Minister for Small Business, Industry and Enterprise, and Chris Hobley, Assistant Director, Business Enterprise, Department for Business, Innovation, and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 22 February at 3.40pm]

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies                           Liz Saville Roberts
Dr James Davies                        Craig Williams
Gerald Jones                           Mr Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that further to its decision of 18 January 2016, the Committee visit Lynx House in Cardiff on 29 February 2016, in connection with accommodation for asylum seekers, in addition to the visit to the headquarters of ITV Wales, in connection with its inquiry into Broadcasting in Wales.
2. The future of nuclear power in Wales

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the future of nuclear power in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   FNP 02 – Elfed Jones

3. Financial scrutiny

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the Supplementary Estimate 2015-16 submitted by the Wales Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Broadcasting in Wales

Rhodri Talfan Davies, Director, BBC Cymru Wales, and James Purnell, Director of Digital and Strategy, BBC, gave oral evidence.

5. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 February at 3.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2016**

Members present:

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies            Stephen Kinnock
Chris Davies           Liz Saville Roberts
Dr James Davies       Mr Mark Williams
Gerald Jones

1. The future of nuclear power in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the future of nuclear power in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   FNP 03 – Energy Fair

2. Broadcasting in Wales

Edward Vaizey MP, Minister for Culture and the Digital Economy, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Alun Cairns MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.
3. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Wales Bill), 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 in the First Report of the Committee, HC 449.

[Adjourned till Monday 29 February at 12.00pm at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff

Monday 29 February 2016

The Chair, Chris Davies, Carolyn Harris, and Liz Saville Roberts visited Cardiff in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Broadcasting in Wales, and in connection with accommodation for asylum seekers, in accordance with the Committee’s decisions of 18 January 2016 and 22 February 2016.

MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016

The Committee met at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Chris Davies
Carolyn Harris
Liz Saville Roberts

I. Broadcasting in Wales

Huw Rossiter, Public Affairs Manager, and Phil Henfrey, Head of News and Programmes, ITV Cymru Wales, Magnus Brooke, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, ITV plc, and Professor Laura McAllister, Chair, and Sarah Powell, CEO, Sport Wales, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language.

[Adjourned till Monday 7 March at 3.40pm

MONDAY 7 MARCH 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Chris Davies
Dr James Davies
Stephen Kinnock
Mr Mark Williams

I. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future of nuclear power in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the future of nuclear power in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- FNP 05 – National Trust
- FNP 06 – Energy Technologies Institute
- FNP 07 – EDF Energy
- FNP 09 – Mr Wayne Jones
- FNP 10 – Radiation Free Lakeland
- FNP 11 – Mr Rory Trappe
- FNP 12 – Fi Carroll
- FNP 15 – Mr David Orwin
- FNP 17 – White Rabbit Grove RDNA
- FNP 18 – Albert Owen MP
- FNP 19 – Mr Malcolm Smith
- FNP 20 – Mr Brian Jones
- FNP 21 – Mr Timothy Richards
- FNP22 – Roy St Pierre
- FNP23 – Nuclear Industry Association
- FNP24 – Supporters of Nuclear Energy
- FNP25 – Mike Parker
- FNP26 – Department of Energy and Climate Change
- FNP34 – Horizon Nuclear Power

Alan Raymant, Chief Operating Officer, and Greg Evans, Operations Director, Horizon Nuclear Power, Albert Owen MP and The Rt Hon. The Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 March at 3.40pm]

Monday 14 March – Tuesday 15 March 2016

The Chair, Dr James Davies, Craig Williams, and Mr Mark Williams visited European Institutions in Brussels in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the future of nuclear power in Wales and its evidence session into the steel industry in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 February 2016.
MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Byron Davies
Chris Davies
Gerald Jones
Llz Saville Roberts
Craig Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the future of the Severn River crossings.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Caernarfon and Trawsfynydd on 25 April 2016 in connection with the future of nuclear power in Wales.

2. Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

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

   BIW 26 – Robert Evans
   BIW 27 – Supplementary evidence from Teledwyr Annibynnol Cymru
   BIW 28 – Radiocentre

3. The future of nuclear power in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the future of nuclear power in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   FNP 28 – Mr Emlyn Evans
   FNP 30 – Pobl Atal Wylfa B/People Against Wylfa B
   FNP 31 – Mr Matthew Griffith
   FNP 32 – Mr Iolo Roberts
   FNP 33 – Mr Chris Rogers
   FNP 35 – CND Cymru
   FNP 36 – NuScale Power LLC
   FNP 37 – Welsh Government
   FNP 38 – BDW Consulting
   FNP 39 – Ornella Saibene
Dr Doug Parr, Chief Scientist and Policy Director, Greenpeace UK, Tom Greatrex, CEO, Nuclear Industry Association, John Warden, CEO, Nuclear Institute, Sir William McAlpine, President, and Neville Chamberlain CBE, Committee member, Supporters of Nuclear Energy, and Professor Gordon MacKerron and Doctor Philip Johnstone, University of Sussex, gave oral evidence.
MONDAY 11 APRIL 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Chris Davies
Dr James Davies

Gerald Jones
Liz Saville Roberts

1. Steel industry in Wales

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on the steel industry in Wales.

2. The future of nuclear power in Wales

Professor Wade Allison, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 April at 4:00pm]

TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Byron Davies
Chris Davies
Dr James Davies
Gerald Jones

Stephen Kinnock
Craig Williams
Mr Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee’s evidence session into the steel industry in Wales, namely: a pension from British Steel.

Chris Davies declared an interest concerning a family member in relation to the Committee’s evidence session into the steel industry in Wales, namely: that his father received a pension from British Steel.

2. The future of nuclear power in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the future of nuclear power in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FNP 75 – Ron Stirzaker
FNP 76 – Supplementary evidence from Energy Technologies Institute
3. The future of the Severn River crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the future of the Severn River crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SEV 01 – Ian Noble

4. The steel industry in Wales

Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Skills, and Chris Hobley, Deputy Director, Steel Policy, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 April at 9.15am at Hywel Dda Chamber, Gwynedd County Council, Caernarfon]

Monday 25 April

The Chair, Dr James Davies, and Liz Saville Roberts visited Caernarfon and Trawsfynydd in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the future of nuclear power in Wales, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 March 2016.

MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016

The Committee met at Hywel Dda Chamber, Gwynedd County Council, Caernarfon

Members present:

Dr James Davies, in the Chair

Liz Saville Roberts

1. Financial scrutiny

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Main Estimate 2016-14 submitted by the Wales Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Steel industry in Wales

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Department of Energy and Climate Change in relation to the steel industry in Wales.

3. The future of nuclear power in Wales

Dyfed Wyn Edwards, Leader of Cabinet, Mandy Williams-Davies, Cabinet Member for Economy, Sioned Williams, Head of Economy and Community Services, Gwynedd County Council, and John Idris Jones, Chair, Snowdonia Enterprise Zone Advisory Board; Ieuan
Williams, Council Leader, Dylan Williams, Head of Economic Development, Dr Gwynne Jones, Chief Executive, Isle of Anglesey County Council, and Glyn Jones OBE, Member, Anglesey Enterprise Zone Advisory Board, Neil Crumpton, People Against Wylfa B, Gerry Wolff, Co-ordinator, Energy Fair, and Gareth Clubb, Director, Friends of the Earth Cymru, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language.

Adjourned till Monday 9 May at 3.40pm

MONDAY 9 MAY 2016

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Byron Davies
Dr James Davies
Glyn Davies
Gerald Jones
Liz Saville Roberts
Mr Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests

Glyn Davies declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

Resolved, that the Committee visit the Severn Bridge and surrounding area on 13 June 2016 in connection with the future of the Severn River crossings.

3. The future of the Severn River crossings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the future of the Severn River crossings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SEV 02 – Owens Group
SEV 03 – Freight Transport Association
SEV 04 – Severn River Crossing Plc

4. The future of nuclear power in Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the future of nuclear power in Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FNP 79 – Supplementary evidence from Energy Fair
FNP 80 – Supplementary evidence from Elfed Jones
FNP 81 – Supplementary evidence from Isle of Anglesey County Council
FNP 82 – Supplementary evidence from Neil Crumpton
David Batters, Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Kenny Douglas, Managing Director, Magnox Ltd, Martin Moore, Closure Director for Trawsfynydd, Magnox Ltd, and Stuart Law, Closure Director for Wylfa, Magnox Ltd, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 May at 3.30pm]
DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS

14 July 2015: declaration of Members’ interests

Davies, Byron (Gower)

1. Employment and earnings

29 May 2015, payment of £1,164.34 for my duties as an Assembly Member, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF99 1NA. Hours: no hours worked since the Election. (Registered 05 June 2015)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club Address of donor: Munsloes, 2nd Floor, New Penberal House, 283-288 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HP Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: members’ association (Registered 05 June 2015)

6. Land and property: (i) value over £100,000 (ii) rental income of over £10,000 a year

Flat in Cardiff: (i) (Registered 05 June 2015)
House in Ceredigion: (i) (Registered 05 June 2015)

Davies, Chris (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Nil

Davies, David T. C. (Monmouth)

1. Employment and earnings

Surveys completed for ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA:
£75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 30 June 2014)
£75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 28 August 2014)
£75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 27 October 2014)
£75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 09 December 2014)
£75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 06 March 2015)
£75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 14 May 2015)

Payments from Capita Business Services, 2nd floor, 17-19 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1LA:
Payment of £150 for delivering one lecture (Updated 2 September 2014). Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 07 March 2014)
Payment of £150 for delivering one lecture (Updated 2 September 2014). Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 27 March 2014)

Payment of £150 for delivering one lecture (Updated 2 September 2014). Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 31 March 2014)

Payment of £450 for delivering three lectures (Updated 2 September 2014). Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 05 June 2014)

Payment of £150 for delivering one lecture. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 23 September 2014)

Payment of £150 for delivering one lecture. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 09 December 2014)

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

Payment of £200 received for survey interview. Hours: 1 hr approx. (Registered 08 October 2014)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT:
£80 for taking part in a survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 30 June 2014)
£100 for taking part in a survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 14 May 2015)

8. Miscellaneous

Until January 2015; as a Special Constable for the British Transport Police, I was entitled to use my warrant card to travel on the London Transport system. The value of an all zones annual travel card for the London area was £3,268 in 2014. This benefit was first received in 2006. (Updated 29 August 2012, 2 April 2013, 5 February 2014 and 9 March 2015) (Registered 23 August 2011)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Aliz Davies, as part-time Senior Secretary.

Harris, Carolyn (Swansea East)
Nil

Jones, Gerald (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)

1. Employment and earnings

15 May 2015, received £1,192.10 for 1-15 May 2015 as County Councillor, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Business Park, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7PG. Hours: 74 hrs. (Registered 05 June 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my partner, Tyrone Powell, as Senior Parliamentary Assistant. (Registered 04 June 2015)

Rees, Christina (Neath)
Sandbach, Antoinette (Eddisbury)

1. Employment and earnings

29 May 2015, payment of £1,078.21 as an Assembly Member (resigned 8 May 2015), the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF99 1NA. Hours: no hours since the election. (Registered 04 June 2015)

6. Land and property: (i) value over £100,000 (ii) rental income of over £10,000 a year

Agricultural land, houses and forestry in Conwy, managed by Hafodunos Farms Ltd (see category 7 below): (i) and (ii) (Registered 04 June 2015)

House in London: (i) and until July 2015 (ii) (Registered 04 June 2015)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Hafodunos Farms Ltd; agriculture forestry property management. (Registered 04 June 2015)

Hatsch Trading; investment. (Registered 04 June 2015)

7. (ii) Other shareholdings, valued at more than £70,000

9 Bedford Row Holdings; shares in property, chambers building. (Registered 04 June 2015)

Saville Roberts, Liz (Dwyfor Meirionnydd)

1. Employment and earnings

22 May 2015, received final payment of £524.07 for my services as a Councillor for Gwynedd County Council, Cyngor Gwynedd, Stryd y Jel, Caernarfon LL55 1SH. (Registered 05 June 2015)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee, Canolfan Iaith Nant Gwrtheyrn. (Registered 05 June 2015)

Williams, Craig (Cardiff North)

1. Employment and earnings

Received payment of £764.00, on 15 May 2015, from Cardiff City Council, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW, for work as a Cardiff City Councillor/ Chairman Economy Scrutiny Committee between 8 May 2015 to 22 May 2015. Hours: 54 hrs. (Registered 04 June 2015)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club Address of donor: Munslow, 2nd floor, New Penderel House, 283-8 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HP Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 Date received: 1 December 2015 Date accepted: 1 December 2015 Donor status: Unincorporated association (Registered 04 June 2015)
Williams, Mark (Ceredigion)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Michael Woods
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
Donor status: individual (Registered 08 June 2015)

Name of donor: Tenby and District Social and Liberal Democrat Association
Address of donor: Primrose Villa, Narberth Road, Tenby, SA70 8JD
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000
Donor status: Unincorporated association (Registered 08 June 2015)

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Stephen Kinnock (Aberavon)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Amec Foster Wheeler
Address of donor: Old Change House, 128 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4BJ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality and ticket for RWC Wales v South Africa quarter final, value £400
Date received: 14 October 2015
Date accepted: 14 October 2015
Donor status: company, registration no 16765285
(Registered 30 October 2015)

6. Land and property: (i) value over £100,000 (ii) rental income of over £10,000 a year

Flat in Brent, London: (i) (Registered 21 May 2015)

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Davies, Glyn (Montgomeryshire)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from ComRes for opinion surveys. Address: Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA.
Payment of £75 for April 2014 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 28 May 2015)

Payment of £75 for May-June 2014 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 28 May 2015)

6. Land and property: (i) value over £100,000 (ii) rental income of over £10,000 a year
   Two-bedroom flat at Century Wharf, Cardiff Bay: (i) and (ii). (Updated 20 April 2012)
   Farmland, house and buildings near Llanerfyl, Montgomeryshire: (i) and (ii). (Updated 6 November 2012)
   Farmhouse, bungalow and farm buildings near Castle Caereinion, Montgomeryshire: (i) and (ii). (Updated 6 November 2012)
   House, land and buildings near Berriew, Montgomeryshire: (i) and (ii). (Registered 06 November 2012)

8. Miscellaneous
   Self-employed farmer.

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses
   I employ my spouse, Bobbie Davies, as Senior Secretary.