



House of Commons

House of Commons Reform
Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

Session 2009–10

Select Committee on Reform of the House of Commons

The Select Committee on Reform of the House of Commons was appointed by the House of Commons on 20 July 2009 to consider and report by 13 November 2009 on four specified matters:

- the appointment of members and chairs of select committees;
- the appointment of the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means;
- scheduling business in the House;
- enabling the public to initiate debates and proceedings in the House

and closely connected matters.

The Committee, which lasts until the end of the Parliament, may also consider other matters referred to it by the House.

Current membership

Dr Tony Wright MP (*Labour, Cannock Chase*) (Chair)
 Mr Graham Allen MP (*Labour, Nottingham North*)
 Mr Peter Atkinson MP (*Conservative, Hexham*)
 Mr Clive Betts MP (*Labour, Sheffield, Attercliffe*)
 Mr Graham Brady MP (*Conservative, Altrincham & Sale West*)
 Mr David Clelland MP (*Labour, Tyne Bridge*)
 Mr David Drew MP (*Labour Co-op, Stroud*)
 Natascha Engel MP (*Labour, North East Derbyshire*)
 Dr Evan Harris MP (*Liberal Democrats, Oxford West and Abingdon*)
 David Howarth MP (*Liberal Democrats, Cambridge*)
 Rt Hon Michael Jack MP (*Conservative, Fylde*)
 Rt Hon Greg Knight MP (*Conservative, East Yorkshire*)
 Mr Elfyn Llwyd MP (*Plaid Cymru, Meirionnydd Nant Conwy*)
 Mr Chris Mullin MP (*Labour, Sunderland South*)
 Dr Nick Palmer MP (*Labour, Broxtowe*)
 Martin Salter MP (*Labour, Reading West*)
 Dr Phyllis Starkey MP (*Labour, Milton Keynes South West*)
 Mr Andrew Tyrie MP (*Conservative, Chichester*)

The following member was also a member of the committee during the parliament.

Sir George Young MP (*Conservative, North West Hampshire*)

Publication

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/parliamentary_committees/reform_committee.cfm.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are David Natzler (Clerk), Lucinda Maer (Senior Research Clerk) and Rowena Macdonald (Committee Assistant).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Thursday 4 February 2010

Members present:

Dr Tony Wright, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen	Rt Hon Greg Knight
Mr Graham Brady	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr David Drew	Mr Chris Mullin
Natascha Engel	Dr Nick Palmer
Dr Evan Harris	Martin Salter
David Howarth	Dr Phyllis Starkey
Rt Hon Michael Jack	Mr Andrew Tyrie

The Committee agreed to invite the Leader of the House of Commons, the Shadow Leader of the House of Commons, and the Liberal Democrat Leader of the House of Commons to give oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 February]

Wednesday 10 February 2010

Members present:

Dr Tony Wright, in the Chair

Graham Allen	Dr Evan Harris
Graham Brady	Michael Jack
David Drew	Chris Mullin
Natascha Engel	Andrew Tyrie

1. Oral Evidence

Rt Hon Harriet Harman QC MP, Leader of the House of Commons

Rt Hon Sir George Young Bt MP, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons

Mr David Heath MP, Liberal Democrat Leader of the House of Commons

[Adjourned till a date and time to be determined by the Chair]

Wednesday 10 March 2010

Members present:

Dr Tony Wright, in the Chair

Mr Graham Allen
Mr Clive Betts
Mr Graham Brady
Mr David Drew
Natascha Engel
Dr Evan Harris

David Howarth
Rt Hon Michael Jack
Mr Chris Mullin
Dr Nick Palmer
Dr Phyllis Starkey
Mr Andrew Tyrie

Draft Report (*Rebuilding the House: Implementation*), proposed by the Chair, 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.

Annexes 1 to 3 agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned to a date and time to be determined]