



House of Commons
Liaison Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2009–10

Proceedings of the Committee

Thursday 10 December 2009

Members present:

Mr Alan Williams, in the Chair

Mr James Arbuthnot	Mr Michael Jack
Sir Alan Beith	Mr Edward Leigh
Malcolm Bruce	Peter Luff
Michael Connarty	Andrew Miller
Sir Patrick Cormack	Mr Barry Sheerman
Mr Andrew Dismore	Dr Phyllis Starkey
Mr Frank Doran	Mr Don Touhig
Mrs Louise Ellman	Keith Vaz
Mike Gapes	Dr Tony Wright

1. Report by the Committee on the Reform of the House of Commons

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Estimate Day and Westminster Hall debates

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Televising of Committee meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Tabling amendments by Committees

Ordered, That the Chairman write to the Leader of the House to endorse the Procedure Committee's recommendation that committees be able to table amendments to Bills in their own name.

5. Scrutiny of the National Security Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 January 2010 at 9.30am]

Annex

In accordance with the Committee's decision of 31 January 2008, the Chairman approved the following overseas visits:

Children, Schools and Families Committee to The Netherlands, for its inquiry into young people not in education, employment or training, at a cost not exceeding £18,415;

Defence Committee to the Falkland Islands, for its inquiry into the security of UK Overseas Territories in the South Atlantic, at a cost not exceeding £34,766;

Foreign Affairs Committee to Spain, Portugal, Cyprus, Malta, for its inquiry into developments in the European Union, at a cost not exceeding £42,494;

Foreign Affairs Committee to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, for its inquiry into Global Security: Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, at a cost not exceeding £47,662;

Home Affairs Committee to Turkey, for its inquiries into border and immigration controls, and trafficking and drug crime, at a cost not exceeding £23,157;

International Development Committee to Zimbabwe, for its inquiry into DFID's programmes in Zimbabwe, at a cost not exceeding £69,539;

Justice Committee to Crown Dependencies (Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey), for its inquiry into the Government's management of its relationship with the Crown Dependencies, at a cost not exceeding £21,546; and

Treasury Committee to New York and Washington DC, for its inquiries into the banking crisis and European macro and micro prudential financial regulation, at a cost not exceeding £74,582.

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Mr Andrew Dismore	Mr Barry Sheerman
Mrs Louise Ellman	Dr Phyllis Starkey
Mike Gapes	Keith Vaz
Mr Michael Jack	John Whittingdale

1. Westminster Hall debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence from the Prime Minister

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Rebuilding the House: Select Committee Issues

The draft Report [“Rebuilding the House”: Select Committee Issues] was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the First Report of the Committee, Session 2009–10, HC 272, p. 19-20.

4. Liaison Sub-Committee

Ordered, That Peter Luff be appointed as a member of the Liaison Sub-Committee

[Adjourned till Thursday 28 January 2010 at 9.30am

Thursday 28 January 2010

Members present:

John McFall, in the Chair

Michael Connarty Sir Patrick Cormack Mr Andrew Dismore Mike Gapes Mr Michael Jack		Mr Edward Leigh Andrew Miller Mr Don Touhig John Whittingdale	
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1. Pre-appointment hearings

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 February 2010 at 1.45pm

Tuesday 2 February 2010

Members present:

Mr Alan Williams, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron	Andrew Miller
Sir Alan Beith	Mr Terry Rooney
Michael Connarty	Mr Mohammad Sarwar
Sir Patrick Cormack	Mr Barry Sheerman
Mr Andrew Dismore	Dr Phyllis Starkey
Dr Hywel Francis	Keith Vaz
Mike Gapes	Mr John Whittingdale
Mr Edward Leigh	Mr Phil Willis
Peter Luff	Dr Tony Wright
Rosemary McKenna	

1. Oral evidence with the Prime Minister

Oral evidence was heard from Rt Hon. Gordon Brown MP, the Prime Minister.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 February 2010 at 4.00pm]

Tuesday 9 February 2010

Members present:

Mr Alan Williams, in the Chair

Malcolm Bruce	Mr Barry Sheerman
Mrs Louise Ellman	Dr Phyllis Starkey
Dr Hywel Francis	Mr Don Touhig
Mr Michael Jack	Mr John Whittingdale
Mr Greg Knight	Dr Tony Wright
Andrew Miller	

1. Pre-appointment hearings

The Committee held a private informal meeting with Rt Hon. Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office, the Olympics and London and Paymaster General.

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 March 2010 at 9.30am]

Thursday 4 March 2010

Members present:

Mr Alan Williams, in the Chair

	Mr James Arbuthnot Sir Alan Beith Malcolm Bruce Michael Connarty Sir Patrick Cormack Mrs Louise Ellman Dr Hywel Francis Mike Gapes Mr Michael Jack Mr Edward Leigh		Peter Luff Mr Terry Rooney Mr Mohammad Sarwar Mr Barry Sheerman Dr Phyllis Starkey Mr Don Touhig Mr John Whittingdale Mr Phil Willis Mr Tim Yeo
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1. Estimate Day and Westminster Hall debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Work of Committees in Session 2008–09

The draft Report [The Work of Committees in Session 2008–09] was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report were published in the Second Report of the Liaison Committee, Session 2009–10, HC 426, p. 64-65.

3. Committee visits to areas of high risk

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Financial Scrutiny: Alignment Project

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Alignment Project (LC 06-07) submitted by HM Treasury be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Science and Technology Committee's inquiry into homeopathy

It was *noted* that Mr David Tredinnick, as chairman of All-Party Group for Integrated and Complementary Healthcare, had written to the Committee about the Science and Technology Committee's inquiry into homeopathy and its choice of witnesses.

Resolved, That it was for individual Select Committees, not the Liaison Committee, to select witnesses for an inquiry.

Ordered, The Chairman to write to Mr Tredinnick expressing the Committee's view.

[The Committee adjourned