Proceedings of the Committee

Wednesday 22 November 2006

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  David Lepper
James Duddridge  Mrs Madeleine Moon
Patrick Hall  Sir Peter Soulsby
Lynne Jones  David Taylor

1. Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the terms of reference of the inquiry be amended by adding “(6) To what extent is ‘green taxation’ an effective driver of behavioural change?”.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Germany in connection with the inquiry, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee.

2. Draft Climate Change Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”

The Committee further considered this matter.

Alistair Buchanan, Chief Executive, and Steve Smith, Managing Director—Markets, Institution of Civil Engineers; and Louis Armstrong, Chief Executive, and Mark Griffiths, Chartered Surveyor, Member of the RICS Policy Panel, Royal Institution of Civil Engineers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 November at 2.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 29 November 2006

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew
Patrick Hall
Lynne Jones
David Lepper
Mrs Madeleine Moon

Mr Dan Rogerson
Sir Peter Soulsby
David Taylor
Mr Roger Williams

1. Rural Payments Agency

The Committee considered this matter.

2. UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy”

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Climate change: the role of bioenergy

The Committee considered the Government’s response to its Report.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Head of the Office of Climate Change in connection with the Government’s response.

4. British Waterways

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into British Waterways with the following terms of reference:

“The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee will inquire into the work of British Waterways, a Defra-sponsored public corporation.

The Committee will examine how British Waterways is working towards its ambition of creating “an expanded, vibrant, largely self-sufficient waterway network”, in the context of the policies set out by the Government in Waterways for Tomorrow (published in 2000), the most recent policy review of British Waterways (carried out in 2004–05), and recent changes in Defra’s budget.

The Committee will consider in particular:

• current users of the waterway network and their relationships with British Waterways
the financial framework of British Waterways and the impact of changes in Defra’s budget

recent developments in the stewardship work and commercial activities of British Waterways, including its property portfolio

potential for growth in leisure and freight use of the waterways network

relationships between British Waterways and central Government departments, Regional Development Agencies and local authorities.”.

5. Climate Change: the “citizen’s agenda”

The Committee considered this matter.

Ian Cheshire, Chief Executive, and Rachel Bradley, Social Responsibility Manager, B&Q; Dave Sowden, Chief Executive, and Dr Keith MacLean, Scottish and Southern Energy, Micropower Council; and Duncan Sedgewick, Chief Executive, and Russell Hamblin-Boone, Head of Corporate Affairs, Energy Retail Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 December at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 4 December 2006

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  Mrs Madeleine Moon
James Duddridge  Sir Peter Soulsby
David Lepper  David Taylor

1. Climate change: the role of bioenergy

Draft Special Report (Climate change: the role of bioenergy: Government response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2005–06), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government response to the Eighth Report from the Committee of Session 2005–06 was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the report to the House.
2. Defra’s Departmental Report 2006 and Defra’s budget

The Committee considered this matter.

Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, and Ian Grattidge, Director of Finance, Planning and Resources, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 December at 2.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 13 December 2006

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  Mrs Madeleine Moon
James Duddridge  Sir Peter Soulsby
Lynne Jones  David Taylor
Daniel Kawczynski  Mr Roger Williams
David Lepper

1. Defra’s Departmental Report 2006 and Defra’s budget

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Committee’s future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Rural Payments Agency

The Committee considered this matter.


4. Committee’s future programme

The Committee further considered this matter.

5. Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Dave Reay, University of Edinburgh; and Sir David Attenborough, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 January at 5.00 p.m.]
Wednesday 10 January 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox  
James Duddridge  
Patrick Hall  
Lynne Jones  
David Lepper

Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Declaration of interest**

Mr Geoffrey Cox declared a pecuniary interest as a recipient of a Single Farm Payment.

2. **Rural Payments Agency**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the evidence taken by the Rural Payments Agency Sub-committee from Mr Johnston McNeill be heard in private, but be published on the internet.

3. **Work of the Committee in 2005–06**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Work of the Committee in 2005–06), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 213.)

4. **Committee’s future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

The Committee considered this matter.

Alan Simpson MP gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 January at 2.30 p.m.]
17–18 January 2007

Mr Michael Jack, James Duddridge, Patrick Hall, Lynne Jones, David Lepper, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Dan Rogerson, Sir Peter Soulsby and Mr Roger Williams visited Wales in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda” in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 25 October 2006.

Wednesday 24 January 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew
Lynne Jones
Daniel Kawczynski

David Lepper
Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Sub-committees**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That any Sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be discharged following the last occasion on which it takes oral evidence, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee; that reports of sub-committees be drafted by Members meeting informally; and that the subsequent texts be presented to the Committee in the name of the Chairman of the former Sub-committee.

2. **British Waterways**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That a Sub-committee be appointed to consider British Waterways, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 29 November 2006.

Ordered, That the Chairman, Mr David Drew, David Lepper, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Sir Peter Soulsby and Mr Roger Williams be members of the Sub-committee.

Ordered, That Mr David Drew be Chairman of the Sub-committee.
3. **Environmental Liability Directive and biodiversity**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Mr David Drew and Mrs Madeleine Moon be appointed rapporteurs to inquire into the Environmental Liability Directive, with particular reference to its implications for biodiversity.

4. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

The Committee considered this matter.

Andrew Warren (Director) and Ian Manders (Deputy Director), Association for the Conservation of Energy; Jill Harrison (Director, Energy Efficiency, Social Programmes and Prepayment) and John Kimber (Head of Energy Efficiency), Centrica plc; and Mr Vincent de Rivaz (Chief Executive) and Richard Sykes (Head of Customer Market Development), EDF Energy plc, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 January at 10.30 a.m.]

**Wednesday 31 January 2007**

**Morning sitting**

The Committee met at the Council Chamber, University of East Anglia, Norwich

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
Patrick Hall  
Lynne Jones

Daniel Kawczynski  
David Lepper

1. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

Jon Cape, Garry Charnock, Dr Roy Alexander and Jason Borthwick; John Riley, Laurence Matthews, Bill Butcher and Doug Hoffman; and Helen Deavin, Rev. David Hares, Glenn Buckingham and Belinda James, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 2 p.m.]
1. Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”

Dr Simon Gerrard, Manager, Dr Bruce Tofield, Innovation and Change, and Marcus Armes, Communications and Policy Officer, Community Carbon Reduction (CRed) Programme, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 February at 2.30 p.m.]
The draft Report was agreed to; the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee HC 132.)

3. **British Waterways**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That Defra be given sight of memoranda on the Sub-committee’s inquiry into British Waterways on condition that Defra provide the Committee with its written analysis of the memoranda.

*Resolved*, That UNISON and the Transport and General Workers’ Union be permitted to share their memorandum on the Sub-committee’s inquiry into British Waterways with the Prime Minister and members of the Labour Party National Executive Committee on condition that UNISON and the Transport and General Workers’ Union provide the Committee with any response from the Prime Minister and the National Executive Committee to the memorandum.

4. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Work of the Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Memorandum received from Defra on “Questions to Defra on the work of the Committee” be reported to the House and published on the Committee’s website.

6. **Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Committee’s future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 March at 2.30 p.m.

19–22 February 2007

*Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Drew, Lynne Jones, David Lepper, Mr Dan Rogerson, David Taylor and Mr Roger Williams* visited Germany in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda” in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 22 November 2006.
Monday 26 February 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew
David Lepper
Sir Peter Soulsby

1. Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chairman, Lynne Jones and Committee staff have leave to visit Woking for the purposes of the Committee’s inquiry into Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 March at 2.30 p.m.

28 February 2007

Mr Michael Jack and Lynne Jones visited Woking Borough Council in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda” in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 18 October 2006.

Wednesday 7 March 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox  
Mr David Drew  
Mr James Gray  
Patrick Hall  
Lynne Jones  
Daniel Kawczynski  
Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

1. Declaration of interests

Mr James Gray declared non-pecuniary interests as an Honorary Fellow of the British Veterinary Association, as the President of the Society of British Riding Schools, as a supporter of a range of rural and field sports interest organisations, and as the partner of a director of the Countryside Alliance campaign for hunting.
2. **Avian Influenza Observatory**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Committee’s working methods**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive.

5. **Draft Climate Change bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **FCO select committee survey**

The Committee considered this matter.

8. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

The Committee considered this matter.

Clive Bates (Head of Environmental Policy) and Adrian Long (Head of Corporate Communications), Environment Agency; and Ian Pearson MP, Minister of State (Climate Change and Environment), and Jackie Janes (Head of climate change and energy—households and markets), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 March at 2.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 14 March 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox  Mr Dan Rogerson
Mr David Drew  Sir Peter Soulsby
Daniel Kawczynski  David Taylor
Mrs Madeleine Moon

1. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Spring Supplementary Estimates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Climate Change Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the draft Climate Change Bill.

3. Committee’s future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 March at 2.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 21 March 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox
Mr David Drew
Mr James Gray
David Lepper

Mr Peter Soulsby
David Taylor
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Delegation from California**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **The Rural Payments Agency and the implementation of the Single Payment Scheme**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*The Rural Payments Agency and the implementation of the Single Payment Scheme*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 107.*)

4. **Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive, with the following terms of reference:

- What consultations Defra has had on the Directive since it was adopted in 2004 and with whom, and whether Defra has listened to consultees’ views. Why Defra has taken so long to consult formally on the ELD. Whether any important questions were omitted from the formal consultation.

- What discretion Member States have in the implementation of the ELD, and the reasons for Defra seeking to apply the “permit” and “state of knowledge” defences under Article 8 (4). Which other Member States will be imposing strict liability to
a wider range of activities than is Defra, and which are applying a more sensitive test of damage.

- Why the Government is proposing to limit the scope of the ELD to EU-protected biodiversity, and which SSSIs would be affected.

- What effect implementing the ELD in the manner proposed by the Government is likely to have on its meeting the 2010 targets under the Biodiversity Action Plan and its PSA target to bring 95% of nationally important wildlife sites into favourable condition; and whether the ELD may take resources away from achieving these targets.

- The timescale for implementation of the Directive.

- The capacity of organisations such as the Environment Agency, Natural England and NGOs to take action under the Directive.

5. **Committee’s future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 March at 3.00 p.m.]

**Wednesday 28 March 2007**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox  
Mr James Gray  
Patrick Hall  
Lynne Jones  
Daniel Kawczynski  
David Lepper  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

The Committee considered this matter.
3. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee further considered this matter.

4. **British Waterways**

*Ordered*, That David Taylor be a member of the British Waterways Sub-committee.

5. **Conference of European Agriculture Committees, Berlin, Sunday–Monday 21 May**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 April at 2.30 p.m.]

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**Wednesday 18 April 2007**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
Patrick Hall  
Lynne Jones  
David Lepper  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee’s inquiry into the Draft Climate Change Bill have the following terms of reference:

“The Committee will inquire into the Draft Climate Change Bill and will consider in particular:

**Targets**

1. The validity of the Government’s domestic targets to:
   - reduce CO2 emissions by 60% below 1990 baseline levels by 2050, and
   - reduce CO2 emissions by 26–32% below 1990 baseline levels by 2020.
2. Why the carbon budget for the period including the year 2020 cannot exceed 32%.
3. The rationale for a five-year budgetary period.
4. Monitoring and early warning systems to ensure achievement of targets is on track.
5. Accountability and enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with targets, and sanctions in cases of non-compliance.

**Carbon budgeting**

6. The facility—in any given budgetary period—to 'borrow' emissions rights from a subsequent period, or to 'bank' any 'surplus' emissions reductions for use in the next budgetary period.
7. The facility to purchase carbon credits from outside the UK to meet domestic targets, in terms of their overall quantity and sources.
8. The range and validity of changes in circumstances in which budgets can be subject to review and revision.

**Adaptation**

10. Whether adequate provision is made within the Bill to address adaptation to climate change.

**Committee on Climate Change**

11. Its composition and appointment, including length of tenure and degree of independence.
12. Its function and responsibilities.
13. Its powers in determining carbon budgets and the provisions within each budget.
14. The adequacy of its range of functions in overseeing the targets.
15. The resources available to the Committee.

**Enabling powers**

16. The adequacy and implications of the proposed enabling powers allowing the Secretary of State to establish greenhouse gas emission trading schemes by means of secondary legislation.

**International implications**

17. The validity of the Government’s view that the Bill will act as an effective example to drive international climate change policy post-2012.

**General**

18. Whether there are other domestic climate change issues which it would be appropriate to include in the Bill.”.

2. **Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the correspondence received from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs dated 22 March and 28 March be published on the internet.

Ordered, That the Chairman write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request a paper on the Government’s role in CITES.

3. **British Waterways**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the decision of 24 January, the British Waterways Sub-committee remain in being until after the visit to the Olympic Lock.

4. **Conference of European Agriculture Committees, Berlin, Sunday–Monday 21 May**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

Resolved, That the Committee take further oral evidence on 9 May on “green taxation” in connection with its inquiry into Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 May at 4.15 p.m.]

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**Wednesday 9 May 2007**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
Mr James Gray  
Patrick Hall  
Lynne Jones  
Mr Daniel Kawczynski

David Lepper  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

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1. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.
2. **Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the correspondence received from the Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 16 April, be published on the internet.

3. **Council of Europe Sub-committee on Sustainable Development**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Defra’s Departmental Report 2006 and Defra’s Budget**

The Committee considered this matter.


The Government’s response to the Second Report from the Committee in Session 2006–07 was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered,* That the Chairman do make the report to the House.

5. **Committee’s future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Climate change: the “Citizen’s Agenda”**

The Committee considered this matter.

David Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Friends of the Earth.

David Vincent (Technology Director) and James Wilde (Head of Strategy), The Carbon Trust, and David Timms (Economics campaigner) and Ed Matthew (Senior campaigner), Friends of the Earth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 May at 4.00 p.m.]
Monday 14 May 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr James Gray          David Lepper
Patrick Hall           David Taylor
Lynne Jones            Mr Roger Williams

1. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the written evidence received in connection with the Draft Climate Change Bill inquiry be communicated to the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A.

Dr Kevin Anderson (Research Director) and Dr Alice Bows (Senior Research Fellow), Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, and Brian Samuel (Head of Policy Research) and Dan Staniaszek (Evaluation Director), the Energy Saving Trust; Martyn Williams (Senior Parliamentary Campaigner) Friends of the Earth and Ms Ruth Davis (Head of Climate Change Policy) Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 May at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 16 May 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox         Mr Dan Rogerson
Mr David Drew           Sir Peter Soulsby
Patrick Hall            David Taylor
Lynne Jones             Mr Roger Williams
David Lepper

1. **UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy”**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*The UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy”*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 546.)
2. **US Congressional visitors**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Rupert Edwards (Managing Director and Head of Portfolio Management, Carbon Markets) Climate Change Capital, and Professor Michael Grubb (Chief Economist) and James Wilde (Director of Insights) Carbon Trust; Michael Roberts (Director of Business Environment) and Gillian Simmonds (Senior Policy Adviser, Business Environment) Confederation of British Industry, and Gareth Stace (Head of Environmental Affairs), and Roger Salomone (Energy Adviser) EEF, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 May at 4.15 p.m.]

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**Monday 21 May 2007**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Mr Roger Williams

David Taylor

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**1. Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the British Waterways Sub-committee be discharged and a Sub-committee be appointed to consider the Draft Climate Change Bill, with the terms of reference agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 18 April 2007.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr Michael Jack be the Chairman of the Sub-committee.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 May at 2.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 23 May 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair
Mr Geoffrey Cox               Mrs Madeleine Moon
Mr James Gray                 Sir Peter Soulsby
Patrick Hall                  David Taylor
Lynne Jones                   Mr Roger Williams
Mr Daniel Kawcynski

1. **Sub-committees**

The Committee considered this matter.

_Ordered_, That the Draft Climate Change Bill Sub-committee be discharged.

_Ordered_, That a Sub-committee be appointed to consider British Waterways, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 29 November 2006.

_Ordered_, That the Chairman, Mr David Drew, David Lepper, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Sir Peter Soulsby, David Taylor and Mr Roger Williams be members of the Sub-committee.

_Ordered_, That Mr David Drew be Chairman of the Sub-committee.

2. **Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

_Ordered_, That the correspondence received from the Minister for Biodiversity, dated 10 May, be published on the internet.

4. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

Jonathan Brealey, Director, Office of Climate Change and Robin Mortimer, Head of the Draft Climate Change Bill Team; and Rt. Hon. David Miliband MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Robin Mortimer, Head of the Draft Climate Change Bill Team, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 June at 4.15 p.m.]
Wednesday 6 June 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox  David Lepper
Mr James Gray  Mrs Madeleine Moon
Patrick Hall  Sir Peter Soulsby
Dr Lynne Jones  David Taylor
Mr Daniel Kawcynski

1. Committee’s future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into badgers and cattle TB: the final report of the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB.

2. Correspondence with Defra

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Minister of State for Climate Change and the Environment about the recent recommendations of the European Economic and Social Committee that the ban on chicken and pig remains as fodder for other animals be relaxed.

3. Estimates

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee apply to the Liaison Committee for an Estimates Day debate on the following reports: The Rural Payments Agency and the implementation of the Single Payment Scheme and The UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy”.

4. Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June at 2.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 13 June 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  Dr Lynne Jones  David Lepper  Mrs Madeleine Moon

Mr Dan Rogerson  Sir Peter Soulsby  David Taylor

1. Draft Climate Change Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive

The Committee considered this matter.

Mrs Madeleine Moon declared a non-pecuniary interest on the grounds that her husband was a member of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management.

Ian Pearson MP, Minister of State for Climate Change and the Environment, Nigel Atkinson, Head of Environmental Regulation Policy Division and Caroline Connell, Head of Environmental Liability Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 June at 4.00 p.m.]
Monday 18 June 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox           Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr David Drew             David Taylor
Mr James Gray             Mr Roger Williams
Mr Dan Rogerson


The Committee considered this matter.

Professor John Bourne, Chairman, Professor Christl Donnelly, Deputy Chairman, Professor Rosie Woodroffe, Member, and Professor John McInerney, Member, Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 June at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 20 June 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew           Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr James Gray           David Taylor
Patrick Hall             Mr Roger Williams
Mrs Madeleine Moon


The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The Committee considered this matter.

_Resolved_, That Chairman write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request a copy of a letter sent to cabinet colleagues on Cattle TB and badger culling.

Dr Richard Yarnell, Chief Executive, and Trevor Lawson, Media Adviser, Badger Trust, and Colin Booty, Senior Scientific Officer (Wildlife) and Claire Robinson, Government Relations Manager, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, gave oral evidence.

Meurig Raymond, Deputy President, Jan Rowe, Bovine TB Spokesman, Martin Haworth, Director of Policy, and Catherine McLaughlin, Animal Health and Welfare Adviser, National Farmers’ Union, gave oral evidence.

.Resolve, That Professor Rosie Woodrooffe be called to the table to give further evidence.

Meurig Raymond, Deputy President, Jan Rowe, Bovine TB Spokesman, Martin Haworth, Director of Policy, and Catherine McLaughlin, Animal Health and Welfare Adviser, National Farmers’ Union; and Professor Rosie Woodroffe, Member of the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB, gave further oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 June at 2.30 p.m.]

**Wednesday 27 June 2007**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
Mr James Gray  
Patrick Hall  
Mr Daniel Kawcynski  
Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Dan Rogerson  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams


The Committee considered this matter.
2. **Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966**

The Committee considered this matter.  
*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

3. **Correspondence with Defra**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Draft Climate Change Bill*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.  

(*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 534.*)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 July at 4.15 p.m.]  

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**Wednesday 4 July 2007**

**Members present:**

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox  
Mr David Drew  
Patrick Hall  
Dr Lynne Jones  
David Lepper

Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Dan Rogerson  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

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1. **Visit to Brussels**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Brussels and Paris in connection with its inquiries into Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda” and the UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy” and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.
2. **Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the British Waterways Sub-committee be discharged.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, with the following terms of reference:

“The Committee will consider whether the provisions of the 1966 Act are out of step with developments in the veterinary surgeon and related professions. In particular, the Committee invites evidence on the following changes to the 1966 Act which have been proposed by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons:

- Whether there ought to be regulation of providers of veterinary care other than veterinary surgeons.

- Whether the delivery of veterinary services ought to be regulated through a mandatory practice standards scheme, with a professional code of ethics, rather than the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) regulating practitioners on an individual basis.

- Whether the RCVS and Veterinary Nurses Council (VNC) should be given the power to require continuing professional development and revalidation.

- Whether the governing body of the RCVS and VNC ought to include appointed lay persons as well as veterinary professionals.

- Whether the RCVS and VNC ought to have a separate conduct committee with the powers to investigate complaints, give warnings and to make interim orders pending proceedings.

- Whether the RCVS ought to have the power to delegate specified procedures to people holding qualifications recognised by the RCVS Council.”

*Ordered*, That a Sub-committee be appointed to consider the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 27 June 2007.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman, Mr David Drew, Mr James Gray, Dan Rogerson, David Taylor and Mr Roger Williams be members of the Sub-committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr Michael Jack be Chairman of the Sub-committee.

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take further oral evidence from Professor John Bourne, Chairman of the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB, and take oral evidence from the Vaccine Programme Advisory Group, Defra.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Devon in connection with the inquiry.

4. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.


*Resolved*, That the Committee take evidence from the new Secretary of State on his priorities.

5. **Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report *(Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive)*, proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*(The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 694.)*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 July at 2.30 p.m..]
Wednesday 18 July 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair
Mr David Drew  Dan Rogerson
Mr James Gray  Sir Peter Soulsby
Lynne Jones  Mr Roger Williams
Mrs Madeleine Moon

1. Joint parliamentary meeting on climate change, Brussels, Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 October.

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy, Berlin, Friday 5 and Saturday 6 October.

The Committee considered this matter.


The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the inquiry into the Waste Strategy for England 2007 shall have the following terms of reference:

To examine the Government’s Waste Strategy for England, which was published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 24 May 2007.

The Committee will consider in particular:

- How policies proposed by the Waste Strategy will be implemented and the roles of those responsible for the production and disposal of different classes of waste—including industrial, business and household waste. Localisation as opposed to centralisation of waste management.

- The role for and implementation of regulations, and their enforcement.

- The classification of waste.

- The proposals for financial incentives to increase household waste prevention and recycling.
• The role of composting.

• The Government’s approach to waste minimisation, for example consideration of responsible packaging, including examination of the different materials used and the potential for reusable packaging and return schemes.

• The potential for the proposals in the Waste Strategy to tackle the UK’s contribution to climate change, in particular through the reduction of methane emissions from landfill.

• The promotion of anaerobic digestion for agricultural and food waste.

• The adequacy of the existing infrastructure, such as energy from waste facilities with heat recovery; the UK’s capacity to process materials collected for recycling; and the potential for Government action to encourage the most efficient novel technologies.

4. Correspondence with Defra

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the correspondence received from the Minister for the Minister of State for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs dated 26 June be published on the internet.

5. The Rural Payments Agency and the implementation of the Single Payments Scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (The Rural Payments Agency and the implementation of the Single Payment Scheme: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2006–07), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Third Report of Session 2006–07 from the Committee was appended to the Special Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Special Report to the House.
The Committee considered this matter.

Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary, and Stephen Park, Interim Finance Director, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 July at 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday 23 July 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox  Mr Dan Rogerson
Mr David Drew  Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr James Gray  David Taylor
Lynne Jones

1. British Waterways
The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (British Waterways), proposed by Mr David Drew, brought up and read.

(The draft Report was agreed to; the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee HC 345.)

2. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from Rt. Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, on Defra priorities.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into flooding.

Ordered, That Mr David Drew, Mr James Gray, David Taylor and Committee staff have leave to visit an area affected by flooding for the purposes of the Committee’s inquiry into Flooding.

Ordered, That Lynne Jones be appointed a rapporteur to inquire into Defra science.
3. **Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Climate change: “the citizen’s agenda”*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

(The draft Report was agreed to; the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee HC 88.)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 October at 4.15 p.m.

**Wednesday 1 August 2007**

*Mr David Drew, Mr James Gray and David Taylor visited Gloucester in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Flooding in accordance with the decision of the Committee of 23 July 2007.*

**Wednesday 10 October 2007**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

- Mr Geoffrey Cox
- Mr David Drew
- Mr James Gray
- Lynne Jones
- David Lepper
- Mr Dan Rogerson
- David Taylor
- Mr Roger Williams

1. **The UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy”**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive: Government response to the Sixth Report from the Committee Session 2006–07*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government response to the Sixth Report from the Committee in Session 2006–07 was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the report to the House.
3. **British Waterways**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*British Waterways: Government response to the Seventh Report from the Committee Session 2006–07*), 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 of Session 2006–07 was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the report to the House.


The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Devon on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 October in connection with its inquiry into Badgers and Cattle TB.

5. **Flooding**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Mr Frank Farquharson of the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and Professor Colin Green of Middlesex University be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into flooding.

Ordered, That OFWAT have leave to publish the memorandum submitted by it in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135 (1).

Baroness Young of Old Scone, Chief Executive, Dr David King, Director of Water Management, and Mr David Rooke, Head of Flood Risk Management, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 October at 4.15 p.m.]
Monday 15 October 2007

Members present:

Mr David Drew          Madeleine Moon
Mr James Gray          David Taylor

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr David Drew was called to the Chair for the meeting.


The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That, should Mr Geoffrey Cox be unavailable to participate in the Committee visit, the Chairman, Mr David Drew and Mr Dan Rogerson, together with the Second Clerk and the Committee Assistant, visit Devon for the purposes of the Committee’s inquiry into the Badgers and Cattle TB: Final Report from the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB.

Professor Douglas Young, Imperial College, London, Chair of the TB Vaccine Programme Advisory Group, and Professor Glyn Hewinson, Head of the TB Research Group, Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Weybridge, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 October at 9.15 a.m.]

Wednesday 17 October 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew          Mr Dan Rogerson
Mr Patrick Hall        David Taylor

1. **The UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy”**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.
3. Flooding

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 October at 4.45 p.m.

17–18 October 2007

Mr Michael Jack, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr David Drew and Mr Dan Rogerson visited Devon in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Badgers and cattle TB: the final report of the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 10 October 2007.

17–18 October 2007

Mr Roger Williams travelled in a representative capacity to the PROGRESS Conference at Fontainebleau, France.

Tuesday 23 October 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr Geoffrey Cox        David Lepper
Mr David Drew          Mr Dan Rogerson
Mr James Gray          David Taylor
Mr Patrick Hall        Mr Roger Williams

1. Defra priorities

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt. Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 24 October 2007

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew                      Mr Dan Rogerson
Mr Geoffrey Cox                    Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr James Gray                      David Taylor
Patrick Hall                       Mr Roger Williams
Lynne Jones


The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Veterinary Laboratories Agency in Weybridge.

Professor John Bourne, Professor Christl Donnelly, and Professor Rosie Woodroffe, members of the former Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB, gave oral evidence.

Sir David King, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of the Government Office for Science, and Professor Mark Woolhouse, Epidemiologist, Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh, gave oral evidence.

Ordered, That Professor John Bourne, Professor Christl Donnelly, and Professor Rosie Woodroffe be called to the table to give further evidence.

Professor John Bourne, Professor Christl Donnelly, and Professor Rosie Woodroffe, members of the former Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB, gave oral evidence.

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 November at 4.15 p.m.]
Proceedings of the Rural Payments Agency
Sub-committee

Tuesday 21 November 2006

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
James Duddridge  
Lynne Jones  
Mr Dan Rogerson

Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

1. Rural Payments Agency

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Sir Brian Bender be invited to give further oral evidence on Wednesday 6 December instead of Monday 27 November.

[Adjourned to Monday 27 November at 4.30 p.m.

Monday 27 November 2006

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
James Duddridge  
Lynne Jones

Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor

1. Rural Payments Agency

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Tony Cooper, Interim Chief Executive, Simon Vry, Interim Chief Operating Officer and Ian Hewett, Operations Director, Rural Payments Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to Wednesday 6 December at 2.30 p.m.
**Wednesday 6 December 2006**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
Lynne Jones  
Mr Dan Rogerson

Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Rural Payments Agency**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Sir Brian Bender KCB, Permanent Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry, gave oral evidence.

The Sub-committee further considered this matter.

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

**Monday 15 January 2007**

Members present:

Mr Michael Jack, in the Chair

Mr David Drew  
James Duddridge  
Lynne Jones

Sir Peter Soulsby  
David Taylor  
Mr Roger Williams

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr David Drew was called to the chair for part of the meeting.

1. **Rural Payments Agency**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the evidence of Mr Johnston McNeill be heard in private.

Mr Johnston McNeill, former Chief Executive, Rural Payments Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chairman.]
Proceedings of the British Waterways Subcommittee

Monday 5 February 2007

Members present:

Mr David Drew, in the Chair

Mr Michael Jack
David Lepper
Mrs Madeleine Moon

Sir Peter Soulsby
Mr Roger Williams

1. Programme of oral evidence

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

2. Visit

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Sub-committee visit the National Waterways Museum at Gloucester in connection with the inquiry.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 February at 4.15 p.m.

Monday 26 February 2007

Members present:

Mr David Drew, in the Chair

Mr Michael Jack
David Lepper
Mrs Madeleine Moon

Sir Peter Soulsby
Mrs Madeleine Moon

1. Programme of oral evidence

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

2. Visit

The Sub-committee considered the proposed visit to Gloucester on 16 April.

3. British Waterways

The Sub-committee considered this matter.
Mr John Fletcher (National Chairman), Mr Neil Edwards (Chief Executive) and Dr Roger Squires (Chairman of Navigational Board), Inland Waterways Association; Mr Chris Foley (Head of Operations for Gloucestershire, South West RDA) and Mr Steve Holland (Head of Asset Management, Advantage West Midlands), England’s Regional Development Agencies; and Mr Bill Schlegel (Chairman of Maritime Board, Institution of Civil Engineers), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 5 March at 4.15 p.m.]

**Monday 5 March 2007**

Members present:

Mr David Drew, in the Chair

Mr Michael Jack  
David Lepper  
Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Visit**

The Sub-committee considered the proposed visit to Gloucester on 16 April.

2. **British Waterways**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Mr Howard Pridding, Executive Director, British Marine Federation; Dr David King (Director of Water Management) and Julia Simpson (Head of Recreation and Navigation), Environment Agency; Mr John Edmonds (Chair) and Mr Derek Gowling (Policy Manager), Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 March at 4.15 p.m.]

**Monday 12 March 2007**

Members present:

Mr David Drew, in the Chair

Mr Michael Jack  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
Mr Roger Williams

1. **Visits**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Sub-committee visit sites in London in connection with its inquiry.
2. **British Waterways**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Mr Gavin Devine (Director) and Dr Heather Leggate (Director), Sea & Water; Mr John Dodwell (Chair) and Mr Tim West (Parliamentary and Local Government Liaison), Commercial Boat Operators Association; and Mr Robin Evans (Chief Executive), Mr Tony Hales (Chairman) and Mr Jim Stirling (Technical Director), British Waterways, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 April at 1.30 p.m.]

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**Monday 16 April 2007**

*Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Drew, Mr David Lepper, Sir Peter Soulsby and Mr Roger Williams visited Stonehouse, Brimscombe Port, Hardwicke and the Waterways Museum, Gloucester in accordance with the decision of the Sub-committee of 5 February.*

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**Monday 16 April 2007**

*The Sub-committee met at the Cory Room, National Waterways Museum, Gloucester*

Members present:

Mr David Drew, in the Chair

Mr Michael Jack  
David Lepper  
Sir Peter Soulsby  
Mr Roger Williams

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1. **British Waterways**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Sir Peter Soulsby declared a non-pecuniary interest as a former Vice-Chairman of British Waterways.

Steve Davis, Dr Paul Woolam and Sir Adrian Stott Bt; Mr Simon Robbins, Del Brenner and Mr John Keyes; Nicholas MacWhirter, Mr Richard Clements and Ms Cathy Cooke; and Roger Hanbury, Chief Executive, and Mr Alan Lutman, Director of Finance, The Waterways Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 April at 4.15 p.m.]
Monday 23 April 2007

Members present:

Mr David Drew, in the Chair

Mr Michael Jack    Sir Peter Soulsby
David Lepper       David Taylor

1. **British Waterways**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Sir Peter Soulsby declared a non-pecuniary interest as a former Vice-Chairman of British Waterways.

Mr Bob Laxton MP, Chair, and Lynda Waltho MP, Treasurer, Parliamentary Waterways Group, gave oral evidence.

Barry Gardiner MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Biodiversity, Landscape and Rural Affairs), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

The Sub-committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 8 May.

Tuesday 8 May 2007

Members present:

Mr David Drew, in the Chair

Mr Michael Jack    David Taylor
David Lepper       Mr Roger Williams
Sir Peter Soulsby

1. **Visit**

Resolved, That the Sub-committee visit the Olympic Lock on Tuesday 5 June.

2. **British Waterways**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

Mr Robin Evans (Chief Executive), Mr Tony Hales (Chairman) and Mr Jim Stirling (Technical Director), British Waterways, gave oral evidence.

The Sub-committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned to a time and date to be set by the Chairman.
Thursday 28 June 2007

Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Drew, Sir Peter Soulsby, David Taylor and Mr Roger Williams visited Olympic Lock, London in accordance with the decision of the Sub-committee of 8 May.
1. **Draft Climate Change Bill**

The Sub-committee considered this matter.

William Wilson (Barrister, Environmental Law Unit, Burges Salmon LLP, and Director) Cambrensis Limited, Michael Woods, (Partner, Stephenson Harwood, Co-convenor of UKELA’s Climate Change Working Party and Council Member) UK Environmental Law Association, and Tom Bainbridge (Partner, Nabarro and Co-convenor) UKELA’s Climate Change Working Party; and Peter Lehmann (Chair) and John Chesshire (Vice-Chair), Fuel Poverty Advisory Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a time and date to be set by the Chairman.]