



House of Commons
Energy and Climate Change
Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2009–10

The Committee Name

The Energy and Climate Change Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department of Energy and Climate Change and associated public bodies.

Current membership

Mr Elliot Morley MP (*Labour, Scunthorpe*) (Chairman)
Mr David Anderson MP (*Labour, Blaydon*)
Colin Challen MP (*Labour, Morley and Rothwell*)
Nadine Dorries MP (*Conservative, Mid Bedfordshire*)
Charles Hendry MP (*Conservative, Wealden*)
Miss Julie Kirkbride MP (*Conservative, Bromsgrove*)
Anne Main MP (*Conservative, St Albans*)
Judy Mallaber MP (*Labour, Amber Valley*)
John Robertson MP (*Labour, Glasgow North West*)
Sir Robert Smith MP (*Liberal Democrats, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine*)
Paddy Tipping MP (*Labour, Sherwood*)
Dr Desmond Turner MP (*Labour, Brighton Kemptown*)
Mr Mike Weir MP (*Scottish National Party, Angus*)
Dr Alan Whitehead MP (*Labour, Southampton Test*)

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.

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/ecc.cfm. A list of Reports of the Committee in the present Parliament is at the back of this volume.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Tom Goldsmith (Clerk), Robert Cope (Second Clerk), Farrah Bhatti (Committee Specialist) Francene Graham (Senior Committee Assistant), Jonathan Olivier Wright (Committee Assistant), Steven Everett (Committee Support Assistant), Estelita Manalo, (Office Support Assistant), and Hannah Pearce (Media Officer).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Wednesday 25 November 2009

Members present:

Colin Challen	Paddy Tipping
Charles Hendry	Sir Robert Smith
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir
John Robertson	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Appointment of Specialist Advisers

Ordered, That Mr Kelvin MacDonald and Mr Michael Ash be appointed as Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy inquiry.

4. National Policy Statements on Energy

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 December at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 2 December 2009

Members present:

Colin Challen	Sir Robert Smith
Charles Hendry	Paddy Tipping
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Dr Desmond Turner
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir
John Robertson	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. National Policy Statements on Energy

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Draft Report (Work of the Committee in Session 2008-09)

Draft Report (*Work of the Committee in Session 2008-09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 28 read and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report as Appendix 1.

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

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

5. Inquiry into Project Discovery; and the prospect for domestic prices

Alistair Buchanan, Chief Executive, Ian Marlee, Partner, Trading Arrangements and Anthony Wright, Senior Partner, Markets, Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 December at 9.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 8 December – Sunday 13 December

John Robertson, Paddy Tipping, Dr Desmond Turner, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Mike Weir, Dr Alan Whitehead and the Clerks visited Los Angeles and San Francisco in connection with the Committee's inquiry into low carbon technologies in a green economy, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 May 2009.

Wednesday 16 December 2009

Members present:

Miss Julie Kirkbride	Sir Robert Smith
Judy Mallaber	Paddy Tipping
John Robertson	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. DECC Winter Supplementary Estimate

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Appointment of Specialist Advisers

Ordered, That Dr Jim Watson and Professor Goran Strbac be appointed as Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the future of Britain's electricity networks.

5. Inquiry into low carbon technologies in a green economy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to low carbon technologies in a green economy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LCT 3A	Calor Gas
LCT 42A	Desertec UK
LCT 45	Network Rail
LCT 46	The Small Hydro Company

David Kidney MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Phil Wynn Owen CB, Director General, National Climate Change and Consumer Support, and David Mackay, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 January at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 6 January 2010

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	John Robertson
Colin Challen	Paddy Tipping
Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petition

The Committee considered a petition to the House on climate change.

4. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Dr Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner, Town and Country Planning Association; Graham Bocking, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, and Richard Coakley, Institution of Civil Engineers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 January at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 13 January 2010 (morning)

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	John Robertson
Charles Hendry	Sir Robert Smith
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Dr Desmond Turner
Anne Main	Mr Mike Weir
Judy Mallaber	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Dr Alan Whitehead was called to the Chair.

Dr Alan Whitehead accordingly took the Chair.

2. Sub-Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the a Sub-committee be appointed.

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

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

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Jayne Ashley, Head of Sustainable Places, and James Greenleaf, Senior Policy Analyst, Sustainable Development Commission; Fiona Howie, Head of Planning and Regions, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Phil Michaels, Head of Legal, and Naomi Luhde-Thompson, Planning Co-ordinator, Friends of the Earth, Simon Marsh, Head of Planning and Regional Policy, RSPB, and Emmalene Gottwald, Senior Planning Advisor, WWF, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 January at 3.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 13 January 2010 (afternoon)

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	Sir Robert Smith
Colin Challen	Paddy Tipping
Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir
John Robertson	

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Mr Simon Bullock, Economy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, Mr Ben Ayliffe, Senior Climate and Energy Campaigner, and Ms Jean McSorley, Senior Nuclear Consultant, Greenpeace, Mr Keith Allott, Head of Climate Change, WWF, and Professor Andrew Blowers, Nuclear Consultation Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 January at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 20 January 2010 (morning)

Members present:

Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
Anne Main	Mr Mike Weir
Sir Robert Smith	Dr Alan Whitehead
Paddy Tipping	

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into fuel poverty.

3. Overseas visit (Brussels)

Resolved, That the Committee undertake a visit to Brussels on 23-24 February and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Robert Asquith, Planning Director of New Earth Energy, and Gaynor Hartnell, Director of Policy, Renewable Energy Association, and Gemma Grimes, Planning Advisor, and Peter Madigan, Head of Offshore Renewables, British Wind Energy Association; David Smith, Chief Executive, Energy Networks Association, and Nick Winsor, Executive Director, National Grid, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 January at 3.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 20 January 2010 (afternoon)

Members present:

Colin Challen	Sir Robert Smith
Charles Hendry	Paddy Tipping
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Dr Desmond Turner
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir
John Robertson	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Keith Parker, Chief Executive, and Simon James, Head of Public Affairs, Nuclear Industry Association, and Richard Waite, Executive Director, and Bruce McKirdy, Repository Technical Director, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority; and Professor Dieter Helm CBE, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 January at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 27 January 2010 (morning)

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	Sir Robert Smith
Colin Challen	Paddy Tipping
Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Mr Mike Weir

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NPS 01	Department of Energy and Climate Change
NPS 02	Town and Country Planning Association
NPS 03	Planning Aid
NPS 04	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
NPS 05	Institution of Civil Engineers
NPS 06	Royal Town Planning Institute
NPS 07	Friends of the Earth
NPS 08	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

NPS 10	Sustainable Development Commission
NPS 11	Campaign to Protect Rural England
NPS 12	Greenpeace
NPS 13	British Wind Energy Association
NPS 14	Mr Phillip Bratby
NPS 15	Mr Nigel Gilligan
NPS 16	Nuclear Industry Association
NPS 17	Energy Networks Association
NPS 18	Rother District Council
NPS 19	UK Coal Mining Limited
NPS 20	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
NPS 21	Mr John Busby
NPS 22	Environmental Services Association
NPS 23	National Grid
NPS 25	Renewable Energy Association
NPS 26	Professor Dieter Helm CBE
NPS 27	RWE Npower
NPS 28	Scottish Power
NPS 29	UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy
NPS 30	E.ON UK
NPS 31	Horizon Nuclear Power
NPS 32	Shutdown Sizewell Campaign
NPS 33	Nuclear Free Local Authorities
NPS 34	Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum
NPS 35	Federation of Petroleum Suppliers
NPS 36	Windcluster Limited
NPS 37	Communities Against Nuclear Expansion
NPS 38	People Against Wylfa B
NPS 39	Stop Hinkley
NPS 40	Radiation Free Lakeland
NPS 41	Blackwater Against New Nuclear Group
NPS 42	Jenny Hawkes
NPS 43	Braystones Residents
NPS 44	Infrastructure Planning Commission
NPS 45	Varrie Blowers, Bradwell
NPS 46	C Reed, Kirksanton
NPS 47	Mrs S Millar
NPS 48	Environmental Law Foundation
NPS 49	Westinghouse
NPS 50	Shepway District Council
NPS 51	Calor Gas
NPS 52	SBGI's Gas Storage Operators Group
NPS 53	Nuclear Waste Advisory Associates
NPS 54	Natural England
NPS 55	Hastings Borough Council

NPS 56	Bradwell for Renewable Energy
NPS 57	Country Land and Business Association
NPS 58	Welsh Anti Nuclear Alliance
NPS 59	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
NPS 60	The Law Society
NPS 61	Campaign for National Parks
NPS 62	Cumbrians Opposed to a Radioactive Environment
NPS 63	Planning Aid England
NPS 65	English Heritage
NPS 66	The Wildlife Trust
NPS 67	Copeland Borough Council
NPS 68	Freight on Rail
NPS 69	Britain's Energy Coast West Cumbria
NPS 70	The Crown Estate
NPS 71	Kirksanton Residents
NPS 72	Scottish and Southern Energy
NPS 73	Chartered Institution of Environmental Health
NPS 74	Mr J Urquhart
NPS 75	Confederation of British Industry
NPS 76	Institution of Environmental Management & Assessment
NPS 77	Royal Society of Chemistry
NPS 78	Association for the Conservation of Energy
NPS 79	Billingborough and Horbling against Turbines
NPS 80	Springwells Heritage Group
NPS 81	Billingborough Parish Council
NPS 82	Dr Ian Fairlie
NPS 84	Kirksanton Action Group
NPS 86	Maritime UK
NPS 88	Local Government Association
NPS 89	The Royal Academy of Engineering
NPS 90	EDF Energy

Brian Seabourne, Head of Regulation and Government Affairs, E.ON UK, Paul Spence, Director of Strategy and Regulation, EDF Energy, Simon Wells, Head of Planning and Environmental Law, RWE Npower, and David Porter, Chief Executive, Association of Electricity Producers; and Sarwjit Sambhi, Director of the Power Business Unit, Centrica, Rupert Steele, Director of Regulation, Scottish Power, Dr Keith Maclean, Scottish and Southern Energy, and Jane Smith, Chief Executive, UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 January at 3.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 27 January 2010 (afternoon)

Members present:

Colin Challen	Sir Robert Smith
Charles Hendry	Paddy Tipping
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Dr Desmond Turner
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir
John Robertson	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Dr Alan Whitehead was called to the Chair.

Dr Alan Whitehead accordingly took the Chair.

2. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NPS 30A	E.ON UK supplementary
NPS 40A & B	Radiation Free Lakeland supplementary
NPS 64	Environment Agency
NPS 91	Association of Electricity Producers
NPS 92	Centrica
NPS 93	Planning and Environment Bar Association

Dr Carl Clowes, People Against Wylfa B, and Jim Duffy, Stop Hinkley; Marianne Birkby, Radiation Free Lakeland, Pauline Preston and Imitaz Mohamed, Kirsanton Residents, and Jenny Hawkes, Braystones Residents; and Peter Lanyon, Shutdown Sizewell Campaign, and Varrie Blowers and Barry Turner, Blackwater Against New Nuclear Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 February at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 3 February 2010 (morning)

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	Sir Robert Smith
Colin Challen	Paddy Tipping
Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Mr Mike Weir
Judy Mallaber	Dr Alan Whitehead
John Robertson	

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee cancel its visit to Brussels on 23-24 February.

3. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

David Brook, Chair of the Law Society Planning and Environment Law Committee, and Tim Corner QC, Planning and Environment Bar Association; Tony Grayling, Head of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, and Joe McHugh, Head of Radioactive Substances Regulation, Environment Agency, and Rob Cooke, Director Environmental Advice and Analysis, and Rosie Manise, Principal Specialist, Energy and Climate Change, Natural England, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 February at 3.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 3 February 2010 (afternoon)

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	Paddy Tipping
Colin Challen	Dr Desmond Turner
John Robertson	Mr Mike Weir
Sir Robert Smith	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Sir Michael Pitt, Chair, Dr Ian Gambles, Director of Strategy, and Dr Pauleen Lane CBE, Deputy Chair, Infrastructure Planning Commission; and Councillor Richard Kemp, Deputy Chair, and Phillip Mind, Senior Policy Consultant, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 February at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 10 February 2010 (morning)

Members present:

Colin Challen	Paddy Tipping
Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Mr Mike Weir
Judy Mallaber	Dr Alan Whitehead
Sir Robert Smith	

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Ofgem on Project Discovery.

3. Petition

The Committee considered a petition to the House from residents of Tiverton and Honiton in Devon concerning the climate change talks in Copenhagen in December 2009.

3. Inquiry into the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Proposals for National Policy Statements on Energy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NPS 05	Institution of Civil Engineers
NPS 09	WWF
NPS 12A	Greenpeace supplementary
NPS 24A	People Against Wylfa B supplementary
NPS 38	Alan Debenham

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath OBE, Minister of State, Adam Dawson, Head of New Nuclear, and Anne Stuart, Head of Energy and Planning Reform, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 10 February 2010 (afternoon)

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	Paddy Tipping
Colin Challen	Mr Mike Weir
Sir Robert Smith	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Inquiry into the future of Britain's electricity networks

Draft Report (*The future of Britain's electricity networks*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 174 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Glossary agreed to.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 25th March, 1st, 22nd and 29th April, 10th and 17th June, and 16th July.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 February at 8.45 a.m.]

Wednesday 24 February 2010

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	John Robertson
Charles Hendry	Sir Robert Smith
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Paddy Tipping
Anne Main	Dr Desmond Turner
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into Project Discovery

Alistair Buchanan, Chief Executive, Andrew Wright, Senior Partner, Markets, and Ian Marlee, Trading Arrangements, Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 March at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 3 March 2010

Members present:

Charles Hendry	Paddy Tipping
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Dr Desmond Turner
Judy Mallaber	Mr Mike Weir
Sir Robert Smith	Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Chairmanship

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chairman, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into fuel poverty

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to fuel poverty be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FP 01	Department of Energy and Climate Change
FP 04	Mr David Taylor
FP 05	Federation of Petroleum Suppliers
FP 06	Mr Ron Flowers
FP 07	eaga, Government Affairs Officer
FP 08	Dr Brenda Boardman, University of Oxford
FP 09	Commission for Rural Communities
FP 10	Unison
FP 11	Scottish Power
FP 12	Fuel Poverty Advisory Group (FPAG)
FP 13	Ofgem
FP 14	Energy Action Scotland
FP 15	Richard Beard
FP 16	Selwood Tenants Voice
FP 17	National Joint Utilities Group
FP 18	Age Concern and Help the Aged
FP 19	Grundfos Pumps Limited
FP 20	Macmillan Cancer Support
FP 21	Mr Ronnie Campbell MP
FP 22	Spinal Injuries Association
FP 23	Mitsubishi Electric

FP 24	Scottish and Southern Energy
FP 25	Centrica (British Gas)
FP 26	National Energy Action (NEA)
FP 27	Groundwork
FP 28	Consumer Focus
FP 29	Kent County Council
FP 30	Energy Retail Association
FP 31	Dr Noel Olsen, Member of FPAG
FP 32	Energy Saving Trust
FP 33	E.ON
FP 34	Institute for Public Policy Research
FP 35	Warm Zones
FP 36	RWE Npower
FP 37	Mark Group
FP 38	Resolution Foundation
FP 39	National Audit Office
FP 40	Calor Gas
FP 41	Institution of Engineering and Technology
FP 42	Durham County Council
FP 43	County Durham Healthy Homes Partnership
FP 44	Hyde
FP 45	Rights to Warmth
FP 46	BEAMA
FP 47	Citizens Advice
FP 48	National Right to Fuel Campaign
FP 49	EDF Energy
FP 50	Which?
FP 51	The Co-operative Group
FP 52	Age Concern East Cheshire
FP 53	The Federation of Private Residents Associations
FP 54	Mr J Beevers
FP 55	Association for the Conservation of Energy
FP 56	Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering
FP 57	Local Government Association
FP 58	Tina Higgins

Jonathan Stearn, Head of Programmes, Consumer Focus, Jenny Saunders, Chief Executive, National Energy Action and Mr Norman Kerr, Director, Energy Action Scotland; Mervyn Kohler, Special Adviser, Age Concern and Help the Aged, and Ciarán Devane, Chief Executive, and Mike Hobday, Head of Campaigns and Public Affairs, Macmillan Cancer Support; Hayley Peters, Divisional Managing Director of Managed Services, and Ross Armstrong, Operations Director of Managed Services, eaga, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 March at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 10 March 2010

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	Paddy Tipping
Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
Miss Julie Kirkbride	Mr Mike Weir
John Robertson	Dr Alan Whitehead
Sir Robert Smith	

1. Chair

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chair, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into fuel poverty

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to fuel poverty be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FP 59 Baxi Group

Mr Derek Lickorish, Chair, Fuel Poverty Advisory Group; and David Kidney MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 March at 9.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 17 March 2010

Members present:

Mr David Anderson	Paddy Tipping
Colin Challen	Dr Desmond Turner
Charles Hendry	Mr Mike Weir
Judy Mallaber	Dr Alan Whitehead
Sir Robert Smith	

1. Chair

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chair, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into the proposals for national policy statements on energy

Draft Report (*The proposals for national policy statements on energy*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 128 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 27th January 2010.

4. Inquiry into Low carbon technologies in a green economy

Draft Report (*Low carbon technologies in a green economy*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 239 read and agreed to.

Abbreviations and Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 10 and 17 June, 8 and 15 July, 14, 21 and 28 October in the last Session of Parliament, and 16 December.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 March at 9.00 am

Wednesday 24 March 2010

Members present:

Charles Hendry	Dr Desmond Turner
John Robertson	Mr Mike Weir
Sir Robert Smith	Dr Alan Whitehead
Paddy Tipping	

1. Chair

Resolved, That in the absence of the Chair, Paddy Tipping was called to the Chair.

Paddy Tipping accordingly took the Chair.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Inquiry into fuel poverty

Draft Report (*fuel poverty*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 76 read and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report, together with written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 3, 10 and 24 March 2010.

[The Committee adjourned.]

Appendix 1

Declaration of Interests as at 21 January 2009

David Anderson declared the following interests:

Overseas visits

8-16 February 2008, to Kurdistan Region in Iraq, with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Kurdistan Region in Iraq, as a guest of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). The cost of my flights, internal travel and accommodation was borne by the KRG. *(Registered 26 February 2008)*

8-12 May 2008, to Baghdad, as a guest of the Islamic Dawa Party, to get update from Ministers on situation on the ground. The cost of my travel and accommodation was borne by the Islamic Dawa Party. *(Registered 5 June 2008)*

28 August-1 September 2008, to Nairobi, Kenya, to attend a conference organised by the Universal Peace Federation, paid for by the UPF. *(Registered 25 September 2008)*

Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Chair, Public Utilities Reform Group (unpaid)

Chair, Parliamentary Coalfields Community Group (unpaid)

Colin Challen declared the following interests:

Overseas visits

7-12 September 2008, to Israel and Palestine with Labour Friends of Israel (LFI). Travel and hospitality within Israel and Palestine paid for by LFI. Accommodation paid for by LFI at a rate discounted through the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Some hospitality provided by the Palestinian Legislative Council, Palestinian Authority and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *(Registered 24 September 2008)*

Nadine Dorries declared no interests.

Charles Hendry declared the following interests:

Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

24-25 May 2008, hospitality, tickets and two nights' accommodation at the Hay Literary Festival for me and my family, provided by Sky Television. *(Registered 4 June 2008)*

Economy return flights to Washington DC provided for me and my family by Virgin Atlantic, departure 5 August, return 18 August 2008. *(Registered 5 October 2008)*

Overseas visits

27-28 April 2008, to France, to visit La Rance tidal barrage facility near Dinard, Brittany. Flights, accommodation and hospitality provided by William Cook Holdings Ltd of Sheffield. (Registered 12 May 2008)

30 August-2 September 2008, to Slovenia, to attend and speak at the Bled Strategic Forum. Transport, accommodation and hospitality for my wife and me provided by the Government of Slovenia. (Registered 5 October 2008)

Julie Kirkbride declared the following interests:**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**

Lectures for the Civil Service College. (Up to £5,000)

Overseas visits

14-19 November 2008, to the United Arab Emirates, with all-party delegation to meet Government representatives, as guest of the Government of the UAE. The costs of flights and accommodation were met by the Government of the UAE. (Registered 25 November 2008)

Anne Main declared the following interests:**Overseas visits**

4-10 January 2008, to Dhaka, Bangladesh, on fact-finding visit. Premium economy return flight paid for by Mr Uddin, Rahman Travels, London. (I met the costs of hotel accommodation.) (Registered 21 January 2008)

Judy Mallaber declared the following interests:**Overseas visits**

14-20 April 2008, to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Great Lakes Region and Genocide Prevention as a guest of the Government of the DRC. The costs of my flights, internal travel and accommodation were borne by charities Christian Aid, International Alert and the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD). (Registered 27 May 2008)

Mr Elliot Morley declared the following interests:**Sponsorship or financial or material support**

Part-time research assistance provided by Network for Animals.

Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Chairman of GLOBE UK (Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment) and GLOBE International (unpaid)

John Robertson declared the following interests:

Sponsorship or financial or material support

The salary of a research assistant for one day a week to work with the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Nigeria and Angola is paid by Chatham House.

July 2008, computer equipment for Parliamentary office provided by Connect. (Registered 16 July 2008)

Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

20 February 2008, two tickets for the Brit Awards provided by the BPI (British Phonographic Industry). (Registered 6 March 2008)

Overseas visits

10-14 February 2008, to Israel and Palestine with Labour Friends of Israel (LFI). Travel and hospitality paid for by LFI. Accommodation paid for by LFI at a rate discounted through the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Some hospitality provided by the Palestinian Legislative Council/Palestinian Authority. Travel within Israel and Palestine provided by LFI. (Registered 25 February 2008)

4-7 May 2008, to Washington DC, as chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nigeria, to consult with US policy and law makers on Nigeria. Flights, accommodation and other costs were met by Chatham House. (Registered 6 June 2008)

10-12 August 2008, to Oskarshamn, Sweden, to visit nuclear power and nuclear waste research and storage facilities with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nuclear Energy. The costs of the trip were met by E.ON. (Registered 22 August 2008)

30 November-6 December 2008, to Nigeria as a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nigeria, on a fact-finding and relationship building visit. Costs of the visit including flights and accommodation were met by Virgin Nigeria Airways and Shell International. (Registered 15 December 2008)

Sir Robert Smith declared the following interests:

Overseas visits

26-28 August 2008, to Stavanger, Norway to visit Offshore Northern Seas (ONS) conference and exhibition - joint visit by the British Offshore Oil & Gas Industry All Party Parliamentary Group at Westminster and the Oil & Gas Cross Party Group at Holyrood. Overseas flights, hotel accommodation, local transport and hospitality sponsored by Oil & Gas UK, Shell, Chevron, Statoil Hydro, Wood Group, Conoco Phillips, Exxon Mobil, the Norwegian Embassy and OLF. (Registered 11 September 2008)

Land and Property

Farm and cottages in Aberdeenshire, from which rental income is received.

Registrable shareholdings

- (b) Glaxosmithkline; pharmaceuticals.
 Legal and General; life assurance.
 Rio Tinto; mineral extraction.
 Shell Transport and Trading; oil-integrated.

Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Vice-Chairman of the All-Party Group on the Oil and Gas Industry (unpaid)
 Vice-Chairman of the All-Party Group on Warm Homes (unpaid)
 Honorary Vice President, Energy Action Scotland (unpaid)

Paddy Tipping declared the following interests:**Remunerated directorships**

Non-executive Chairman of North Nottinghamshire LIFT Company Limited; company developing primary care estate in the region.
 Non-executive Chairman of Greater Nottingham LIFT Company Limited; company developing primary care estate in the region.

Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies (unpaid)

Dr Desmond Turner declared no interests.**Mr Mike Weir declared the following interests:****Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests**

Vice-Chairman of the All-Party Group on the Oil and Gas Industry (unpaid)
 Vice-Chairman of the Environment All-Party Group (unpaid)
 Treasurer of the Intelligent Energy All-Party Group (unpaid)

Dr Alan Whitehead declared the following interests:

Overseas visits

7-12 February 2008, to Ghana, to play a football match against the Ghanaian Parliament at their invitation to celebrate their 50th anniversary of independence, to visit an SOS Villages project and a refugee camp at the invitation of PLAY Ghana, and to attend the African Nations Cup Final, with accommodation, food and local transport provided by the Parliament of Ghana and a contribution towards the air fare provide by our club sponsors National Grid, who also helped provide a charitable donation to SOS Villages. (Registered 12 June 2008)

15-17 May 2008, to Guernsey at the invitation of the States of Guernsey, to play a football match with accommodation and hospitality provided by the States of Guernsey and a contribution to the air fare provided by our club sponsors National Grid. (Registered 12 June 2008)

Land and Property

Share in flat inhabited by my father in Southampton.

Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Chair of the Associate Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group (unpaid)

Co-Chair of the Associate Parliamentary Sustainable Waste Group (unpaid)

Board Member, The Environment Centre (Southampton) (unpaid)

Director, Southampton Sustainable Energy Limited (unpaid)