Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and its associated bodies.

Current membership

Miss Anne McIntosh (Conservative, Thirsk and Malton) (Chair)
Thomas Docherty (Labour, Dunfermline and West Fife)
Richard Drax, (Conservative, South Dorset)
George Eustice (Conservative, Camborne and Redruth)
Barry Gardiner (Labour, Brent North)
Mrs Mary Glindon (Labour, North Tyneside)
Iain McKenzie (Labour, Inverclyde)
Sheryll Murray (Conservative, South East Cornwall)
Neil Parish (Conservative, Tiverton and Honiton)
Ms Margaret Ritchie (Social Democratic and Labour Party, South Down)
Dan Rogerson (Liberal Democrat, North Cornwall)

Amber Rudd (Conservative, Hastings and Rye), Tom Blenkinsop (Labour, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland) and Cathy Jamieson (Labour/Co-operative, Kilmarnock and Loudoun) were also members of the Committee during this Parliament.

Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No. 152. These are available on the Internet via www.parliament.uk.

Publications

The reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at www.parliament.uk/efracom

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are David Weir (Clerk), Dr Anna Dickson (Second Clerk), Sarah Coe (Committee Specialist—Environment), Phil Jones (Inquiry Manager—Agriculture), Clare Genis (Senior Committee Assistant), Owen James (Committee Assistant), Yago Zayed (Committee Support Assistant), and Hannah Pearce (Media Officer).

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Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 15 May 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty
Iain McKenzie
Neil Parish

Ms Margaret Ritchie
Amber Rudd

1. Desinewed meat

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into The Moratorium on Desinewed Meat be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DSM 01 National Farmers’ Union (NFU)
- DSM 02 Food and Drink Federation (FDF)
- DSM 03 British Poultry Council
- DSM 04 The British Meat Processors Association (BMPA)
- DSM 05 Newby Foods Ltd
- DSM 06 Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)

5. Desinewed meat: oral evidence

Lord Rooker, Chair, and Tim Smith, Chief Executive, Food Standards Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 May 2012 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Natural Environment White Paper inquiry**

   The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Dog Control and Welfare inquiry**

   The Committee considered this matter.

3. **British Waterways**

   Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into *Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   - BWO 10 Alan Richards
   - BWO 10A Alan Richards (Additional)
   - BWO 11 Commercial Boat Operators Association (CBOA)

4. **Water White Paper**

   Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into *Water White Paper* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   - WWP 28A WICS (Supplementary)
   - WWP 28B WICS (Further Supplementary)
   - WWP 33A Ofwat (Supplementary)
   - WWP 57 Environmental Industries Commission (IEC)
   - WWP 58 DEFRA

5. **Natural Environment White Paper**

   Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into *Natural Environment White Paper* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
6. **Draft abolition of the Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances Order**

   The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Correspondence from GMB union on water issues**

   The Committee considered this matter.

8. **Government response to the Committee’s report on EU proposals for reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**

   The Committee considered this matter.

Richard Cooke and Lucy Petrie, Clerks of the Committee

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 2.00pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 23 May 2012

Members present:
Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Richard Drax
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Amber Rudd

1. Greening the Common Agricultural Policy

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair’s Draft Report (Greening the Common Agricultural Policy) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report from the Committee, HC 170 incorporating HC 1654i-iv Session 2010-12.

2. Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That correspondence from the Minister of State to the Chair dated 26 March 2012, and the Chair’s response thereto, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Welfare of Laying Hens Directive

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Public Bodies Act: Abolition of the Commission for Rural Communities

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Estimates Memoranda

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Memoranda received from Defra on the Department’s Supplementary and Main Estimates be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Government response to the Committee’s report on EU proposals for reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

The Committee considered this matter.
[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 10.30am.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 12 June 2012

Members present:
Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Richard Drax
Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Ms Margaret Ritchie
Amber Rudd

1. Public Bodies Act: Abolition of the Environment Protection Advisory Committees and Regional and Local Fisheries Advisory Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Supplementary Estimate: Ofwat

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Memorandum received from Defra regarding Ofwat’s Supplementary Estimate be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Desinewed Meat

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Desinewed Meat: oral evidence

The Committee considered this matter.

James Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, and Mark Filley, Head of Livestock Sector Engagement, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June 2012 at 2.00pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

[This formal record of the Committee’s decisions will be posted on the Committee’s website]

Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 13 June 2012

Members present:
Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Neil Parish Ms Margaret Ritchie

1. **Greening the Common Agricultural Policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That written evidence received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England in connection with the *Greening the CAP* inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Draft Orders under the Public Bodies Act**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Independent Farming Regulation Task Force: follow up**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Farming Regulation Task Force follow-up: oral evidence**

Richard MacDonald, Chair of the Independent Farming Regulation Task Force and the Task Force Implementation Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 June 2012 at 10.30am.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 19 June 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Thomas Docherty
Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Ms Margaret Ritchie
Dan Rogerson
Amber Rudd

1. Draft Orders under the Public Bodies Act

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee’s consideration of the draft Commission for Rural Communities (Abolition) Order had been completed.

2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Air Quality

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 June 2012 at 2.00pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 20 June 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty
Richard Drax
George Eustice

Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Amber Rudd

1. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Petition from Deborah Bowler
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Water White Paper
The Committee considered this matter.

Chair’s Draft Report (The Water White Paper) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report from the Committee, HC 170 incorporating HC 1852i-iv Session 2010-12.

4. Air Quality
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, that the following written evidence received in connection with the Air Quality inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

AQ1 Environment Agency
AQ2 Clean Air in London
AQ3 Blaby District Council
AQ4 Mayor of London, Greater London Authority

5. Desinewed meat
The Committee considered this matter.
6. Desinewed meat: oral evidence

Anne Milton MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Public Health, Dr Felicity Harvey, Director General Public Health, Department of Health, and Tim Smith, Chief Executive, Food Standards Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 June 2012 at 2.00pm.]
Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Thomas Docherty Iain McKenzie
George Eustice Neil Parish
Barry Gardiner Dan Rogerson
Mrs Mary Glindon

1. Paperless working

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (EU Proposals for Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: Government response to the Committee’s Twelfth Report of Session 2010-12), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Twelfth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Rural Economy

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Rural Economy.

4. Desinewed meat

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That written evidence received from the European Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Ofwat Chair

The Committee considered this matter.
6. Air Quality

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, that the following written evidence received in connection with the Air Quality inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

AQ5  Defra
AQ6  Eco-Power

7. Air Quality: oral evidence

Matthew Pencharz, Environment Adviser to the Mayor of London, Elliot Treharne, Air Quality Manager, Greater London Authority, Simon Birkett, Founder and Director, Clean Air London; and Dr Colin Powlesland, Environment and Business Manager, Environment Agency, Daniel Instone, Head of Atmosphere and Local Government Programme, and Dr Sarah Honour, Head of the Air Quality Evidence Team, Defra, and Steven Beard, Director of Operations, Blaby District Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 July 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 4 July 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Thomas Docherty
George Eustice
Barry Gardiner
Neil Parish
Ms Margaret Ritchie
Dan Rogerson
Amber Rudd

1. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat): oral evidence

The Committee considered this matter.

Jonson Cox, the Government’s preferred candidate for the Chair of Ofwat, gave oral evidence.

2. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat): consideration of Chair’s draft report.

Chair’s Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Water Services Regulation Authority [Ofwat]) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report from the Committee, HC 471-I.

3. Paperless working

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee move to electronic only circulation of committee papers when technology permits.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 July 2012 at 10:15am.]
1. Draft Orders under the Public Bodies Act

Resolved, That the Committee’s consideration of the Draft Environment Protection Advisory Committees (EPACs) and Regional and Local Fisheries Advisory Committees in England (RaLFACs) (Abolition) Orders 2012 had been completed.

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on milk prices.

3. Defra Estimates and finances

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Publication of written evidence

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the Committee’s inquiries into Desinewed Meat and Dog Welfare and Control be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DSM 005a Newby Foods
- DSM 007a+b Food Standards Agency
- DSM 008a+b Department for Health
- DOG 01 Linda Buxton
- DOG 02 Claire Horton-Bussey
- DOG 03 Jolanda Hill DVM, MRCVS
- DOG 04 Animal Wardens
- DOG 05 Anna-Lisa Browne, The Dog House
- DOG 06 Carol Fowler, Dog Health Campaigner
- DOG 07 Local Government Association
- DOG 08 Janetta Bensouilah
- DOG 09 The Northern Centre for Canine Behaviour
DOG 10 Diane Foreman
DOG 11 Essex Animal Welfare Forum (EAWF)
DOG 12 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
DOG 13 Chris Laurence
DOG 14 Countryside Alliance
DOG 15 National Dog Warden Association
DOG 16 Mr & Mrs Sainsbury
DOG 17 Mrs Louise Haig
DOG 18 Anonymous Contributor
DOG 19 Maria Burke
DOG 20 Mary Davis
DOG 21 Sophie Zoghbi
DOG 22 Barbara Sheringham
DOG 23 Animal Behaviour and Training Council
DOG 24 RSPCA
DOG 25 David Ward
DOG 26 Gary Miller
DOG 27 Angela Kennedy
DOG 28 Jaqi Bunn
DOG 29 Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society (DLPS)
DOG 30 Felicity Lynch
DOG 31 Mandy Dumont
DOG 32 Blue Cross
DOG 33 Canine Action UK
DOG 34 Anonymous Contributor
DOG 35 Simon JR Adams BSc. BVMS. MRCVS. Veterinarian and Welfare Adviser
DOG 36 Naomi Mignone
DOG 37 Greater Merseyside Dog Welfare Forum
DOG 38 Dr Kasia Szpakowska
DOG 39 Universities Federation for Animal Welfare
DOG 40 Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
DOG 41 Companion Animal Welfare Council (CAWC)
DOG 42 British Association for Shooting and Conservation
DOG 43 TailwaggersClub Trust
DOG 44 Care and Respect Includes All Dogs Campaign
DOG 45 Dog’s Trust
DOG 46 National Animal Welfare Trust
DOG 47 Laraine Malvern
DOG 48 Puppy Love Campaigns
DOG 49 Patricia James
DOG 50 British Veterinary Association and the British Small Animal Veterinary Association
DOG 51 Association of Chief Police Officers
DOG 52 Amanda Roche
DOG 53 The Kennel Club
DOG 54 COAPE Association of Pet Behaviourists and Trainers
DOG 55 Defra
DOG 56 Royal Veterinary College’s VetCompass Project
DOG 57 Endangered Dogs Defence & Rescue Ltd
5. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

The Committee considered this matter.


Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Fisheries, John Robbs, Director, Marine and Fisheries, and Andrew Clayton, Head of Common Fisheries Reform Policy, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 July 2012 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Natural Environment White Paper**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair’s Draft Report (*The Natural Environment White Paper*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report from the Committee, HC 492 incorporating HC 1357i-vi Session 2010-12.*

2. **Desinewed meat**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair’s Draft Report (*Desinewed meat*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report from the Committee, HC 120.*

3. **Draft Water Bill**

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

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 July 2012 at 2.00pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 17 July 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty  Mrs Mary Glindon
Richard Drax     Neil Parish
George Eustice   Ms Margaret Ritchie
Barry Gardiner   Dan Rogerson

1. Publication of written evidence

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the Committee’s inquiries into Milk Prices, Air Quality and Dog Control and Welfare be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

MILK 01             Cool Milk
DOG 72              Advisory Council on the Welfare Issues of Dog Breeding
AQ 005a             Defra


The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (The Draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste: Government interim response to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2010-12), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s interim response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Milk Prices

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That correspondence from the Chair to the Agriculture Minister be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
4. Milk Prices: oral evidence

Richard Drax declared an interest as a dairy farmer.

Neil Parish declared an interest as a former dairy farmer.

Mansel Raymond, Pembrokeshire dairy farmer and Dairy Board Chair, Paul Kelly, Director, External Affairs, Asda Stores Ltd, and Mike Sheldon, Group Milk Procurement Director, Dairy Crest, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 September 2012 at 2.30pm.]
1. Meeting of Chairs of Agriculture Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to travel in a representative capacity to attend the meeting of Chairs of Agriculture Committees in Cyprus in November.

2. Dog Control and Welfare

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Dog Control and Welfare: oral evidence


[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 September 2012 at 2.30pm.]
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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 12 September 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice  
Barry Gardiner  
Mrs Mary Glindon  
Iain McKenzie

Neil Parish  
Ms Margaret Ritchie  
Dan Rogerson  
Amber Rudd

1. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written memoranda received in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Draft Water Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DWB 01  Institute of Civil Engineers  
DWB 02  Northumbrian Water Ltd  
DWB 03  Colin Green  
DWB 04  Waterwise  
DWB 05  Severn Trent Water


The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (The Water White Paper: Government response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s interim response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.
3. Dog Control and Welfare

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written memoranda received in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into *Dog Welfare and Control* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DOG 73 Scottish Government
- DOG 74 Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland
- DOG 76 Dogs Today Magazine
- DOG 77 Stephan Toth
- DOG 78 The Welsh Assembly

3. Dog Control and Welfare: oral evidence

Cllr Nilgun Canver, Local Government Association Licensing Champion, PC Keith Evans and Assistant Chief Constable Gareth Pritchard, Association of Chief Police Officers; Claire Horton, Chief Executive, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, Steve Goody, Director of External Affairs, Blue Cross, Clarissa Baldwin, Chief Executive, Dogs Trust, and Gavin Grant, Chief Executive, RSPCA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Rural Communities**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the following written memoranda received in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into *Rural Communities* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- RC 01 Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
- RC 02 Plunkett Foundation
- RC 03 Hastoe Housing Association
- RC 04 Devon County Council
- RC 05 East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- RC 06 Cumbria County Council
- RC 07 Campaign to Protect Rural England
- RC 08 Rural Services Network
- RC 09 Office of Fair Trading
- RC 10 Calor Gas Ltd
- RC 11 Herefordshire Council
- RC 12 Quantera Ltd
- RC 13 Shropshire Council
- RC 14 Commission for Rural Communities
- RC 15 Dispensing Doctors’ Association
- RC 16 Countryside Alliance
- RC 17 Country Land and Business Association
- RC 18 Agricultural Law Association
- RC 19 UKLPG
- RC 20 Scottish Agricultural College
- RC 21 Cornwall Council
- RC 22 Northumberland County Council
- RC 23 Federation of Small Businesses
- RC 24 National Farmers’ Union
- RC 25 Action with Communities in Rural England
- RC 26 Wiltshire Council
- RC 27 Rural Cultural Forum
2. **Farm Safety**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Draft Water Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written memoranda received in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the *Draft Water Bill* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DWB 06 Consumer Council for Water
- DWB 07 Local Government Association
- DWB 08 Salmon & Trout Association
- DWB 09 Wessex Water
- DWB 10 South West Water
- DWB 11 World Wildlife Fund UK
- DWB 12 Business Stream
- DWB 13 British Hydropower Association
- DWB 14 Southern Water Services Ltd
- DWB 15 Action for the River Kennet (ARK)
- DWB 16 Blueprint for Water Coalition
- DWB 17 Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
- DWB 18 Scottish Water
- DWB 19 Water Industry Commission for Scotland (WICS)
- DWB 20 SSE plc (formerly Scottish and Southern Energy plc)
- DWB 21 Major Energy Users’ Council (MEUC)
- DWB 22 Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
- DWB 23 Anglian Water Services Ltd
- DWB 24 The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
- DWB 25 The Home Builders Federation
- DWB 26 Yorkshire Water Services Limited
- DWB 27 Arqiva
- DWB 28 Dee Valley Water plc
- DWB 29 UK Rainwater Harvesting Association
- DWB 30 Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water
- DWB 31 Greene King plc
- DWB 32 West Midlands Branch of the Emergency Planning Society
- DWB 33 John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, Welsh Government
- DWB 34 Environment Agency
- DWB 35 Food and Drink Federation
- DWB 36 Network Rail
4. Dog Control and Welfare

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written memoranda received in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Dog Welfare and Control be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DOG 79 The Welsh Assembly
- DOG 80 Barry Faust
- DOG 81 David Ward
- DOG 82 Dachshund Breed Council

5. Dog Control and Welfare: oral evidence

Professor Sheila Crispin, Chair, Advisory Council on the Welfare Issues of Dog Breeding, and Professor Sir Patrick Bateson, lead, Independent Inquiry into Dog Breeding; and Professor Steve Dean, Chairman, The Kennel Club of Great Britain, and Ian Seath, Chairman, Daschshund Breed Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 October 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 23 October 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax
George Eustice
Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Ms Margaret Ritchie

1. Rural Communities

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Greening the Common Agricultural Policy: Government Response

Draft Special Report (Greening the Common Agricultural Policy: Government response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the First Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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


Draft Special Report (Natural Environment White Paper: Government response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Desinewed Meat

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Public Bodies (Water Supply and Water Quality Fees) Order 2012

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, That the Committee's consideration of the draft Water Supply and Water Quality Fees Order had been completed.

6. Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Draft Water Bill: oral evidence

Rob Wesley, Head of Policy, Water UK, Tony Ballance, Director of Strategy and Regulation, Severn Trent Water, Jean Spencer, Director of Regulation, Anglian Water, and Colin Skellett, Executive Chairman, Wessex Water, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 October 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 24 October 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax Iain McKenzie
George Eustice Neil Parish
Mrs Mary Glindon Ms Margaret Ritchie
Iain McKenzie Dan Rogerson

1. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Bovine TB

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Dog Welfare and Control

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Dog Welfare and Control: oral evidence

Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State for Crime Prevention, and Mike Warren, Head of the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Unit, Home Office; Peter Jones, President, British Veterinary Association, and Mark Johnston, President, British Small Animal Veterinary Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 October 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

[This formal record of the Committee’s decisions will be posted on the Committee’s website]

Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 30 October 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty    Mrs Mary Glindon
Barry Gardiner     Dan Rogerson

1. **Bovine TB**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Ash Dieback**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Dog Welfare and Control**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following memoranda received in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into *Dog Welfare and Control* be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

- DOG 72A  Advisory Council on the Welfare Issues of Dog Breeding
- DOG 82   The Dog Union

4. **Draft Water Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written memorandum received from Asda in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into *The Draft Water Bill* be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. **Draft Water Bill: oral evidence**

Yve Buckland, Chair, and Tony Smith, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Water, Robert Leask, Senior Portfolio Manager, Scottish Procurement; and Regina Finn, Chief Executive, Ofwat, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 October 2012 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Bovine TB**

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on Bovine TB vaccination.

2. **Dog Welfare and Control**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Dog Welfare and Control: oral evidence**

Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Sue Ellis, Deputy Director, Animal Welfare Team, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 November 2012 at 2.30pm.]
1. Declaration of interests

Sheryll Murray declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (a note setting out these interests was circulated to Members at the meeting and is appended to these minutes). Sheryll Murray also declared a non-registrable interest as Ministerial Appointee to the Fishing Industry Safety Group as a fisherman’s wife.

2. Ash Dieback

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Farm Safety

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Petition from Our Lady of Hartley Primary School

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Defra Annual Report and Accounts

The Committee considered this matter.


Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP, Secretary of State, Bronwyn Hill CBE, Permanent Secretary, and Tom Taylor, Finance Director, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 2.30pm.]
In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Barry Gardiner was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. **Ash Dieback**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Chair to the Secretary of State dated 30 October 2012 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Draft Water Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That supplementary written evidence received from the Water Industry Commission for Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Rural Communities**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Rural Communities: oral evidence**

Dr Adam Marshall, Director of Policy, British Chambers of Commerce, and Paul Johnson, Chair, Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership; Gillian Elliott, Acting Assistant Director Economic Development, Cumbria County Council, Helen Wright, Rural Policy and Partnerships Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and Councillor Keith House, Chair of Environment and Housing Board, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 20 November 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty
Barry Gardiner
Sheryll Murray

Neil Parish
Margaret Ritchie

1. Tree health and plant biosecurity

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into tree health and plant biosecurity.

2. Dog Welfare and Control

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Draft Water Bill: oral evidence

Neil Griffiths-Lambeth, Senior Vice-President, Infrastructure Finance, Moody’s Investors Services; Mark Powles, Chief Executive, Business Stream, and Nathan Sanders, Managing Director of Utility Solutions, SSE Water; and Nicci Russell and Rob Cunningham, Blueprint for Water, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 November 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 21 November 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty, Richard Drax, George Eustice, Barry Gardiner, Mrs Mary Glindon, Sheryll Murray, Neil Parish, Dan Rogerson

1. **European Committee A debate: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Dog Control and Welfare**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written memoranda submitted in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into *Dog Control and Welfare* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DOG 051b Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO)
- DOG 055a Defra

3. **Petitions from Douglas Malpus of Southport and the Residents of Warrington**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Draft Water Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written memoranda submitted in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into *The Draft Water Bill* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DWB 006a Consumer Council for Water
- DWB 041a Water UK
- DWB 039a Ofwat
5. Draft Water Bill: oral evidence


[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 November 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 28 November 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon
Sheryll Murray

Neil Parish
Ms Margaret Ritchie
Dan Rogerson

1. Dog Control and Welfare

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written memoranda submitted in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Dog Control and Welfare be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DOG 081a Dachshund Breed Council
- DOG 083 Gumtree.com

2. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written memoranda submitted in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into The Draft Water Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DWB 006b Consumer Council for Water

3. Petition from Our Lady of Hartley Primary School

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Rural Communities: oral evidence

George Dunn, Chief Executive, Tenant Farmers’ Association, Harry Cotterell, President, Country Land and Business Association, David Collier, Chief Rural Affairs Adviser, National Farmers’ Union; John Moore, Chief Executive, Nynet, Malcolm Corbett, Chief Executive, Independent Networks Cooperative Association (INCA); Ed Vaizey MP, Minister for Communications, Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Rob Sullivan, Chief Executive, Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), gave oral evidence.
Adjourned till Wednesday 5 December 2012 at 2.30pm.
1. Dog Control and Welfare

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written memorandum submitted by Ridley Cesky Terriers in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Dog Control and Welfare be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That correspondence received from the Secretary of State on Ash Dieback, and from the European Commission on Desinewed Meat be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Common Fisheries Policy: oral evidence

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment, Water, and Rural Affairs, John Robbs, Director, Marine and Fisheries, and Sarah Adcock, Head of CFP Management and Discards Team, Defra, gave oral evidence.
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 11 December 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Thomas Docherty
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon
Iain McKenzie

1. Dog Control and Welfare

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written memorandum submitted by the Association of British Insurers in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Dog Control and Welfare be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written memorandum submitted by Thamesbank, and the further supplementary memorandum submitted by the Water Industry Commission for Scotland in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the Draft Water Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written memorandum submitted by Defra in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity: oral evidence

Professor Ian Boyd, Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra, Martin Ward, Head of Policy Programme, Food and Environment Research Agency and UK Chief Plant Health Officer, and Roger Coppock, Head of Analysts, Forestry Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 12 December 2012

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon
Sheryll Murray

Neil Parish
Ms Margaret Ritchie
Dan Rogerson

1. **Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Rural Communities**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Rural Communities: oral evidence**

Holly Sims, Corporate Affairs Manager, Calor Gas; John Slaughter, Director of External Affairs, Home Builders Federation, Graham Biggs MBE, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network, and Sue Chalkley, Chief Executive, Hastoe Housing Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 19 December 2012

Members present:
Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Thomas Docherty
George Eustice
Mrs Mary Glindon
Iain McKenzie
Sheryll Murray
Neil Parish
Dan Rogerson

1. Petitions
The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:
The people of Thanet relating to the export of live animals;
The residents of Truro and Falmouth relating to the export of live animals; and
Citizens of the UK relating to National Park boundaries.

2. Correspondence
Ordered, that correspondence of 11 December received from the Secretary of State on flooding be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, that correspondence of 16 December received from Defra on Dogs be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, that correspondence of 12 December received from Defra on the draft Water Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Committee Strategy, forward programme and working practices
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 January 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 9 January 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax
George Eustice
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon

Neil Parish
Margaret Ritchie
Dan Rogerson

1. NFU Conference

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Grocery Code Adjudicators Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Rural Communities: oral evidence

Tony Gates, Chief Executive/National Park Office, Northumberland National Park Authority; Paul Hamblin, Director, English National Park Authorities; Neil Sinden, Policy and Campaigns Director, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England; Councillor Roger Begy, Leader of Rutland Council and Chairman of Sparse, and Sonia Mangan, Chief Officer, Age UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Grocery Code Adjudicators Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **NFU Conference**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Food Contamination**

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on food contamination.

4. **Rural Communities: oral evidence**

Keith Halstead, Chief Executive, Community Transport Association; Mike Perry, Head of Communications, Plunkett Foundation; Professor Mark Shucksmith OBE, Director, Newcastle Institution for Social Renewal, Newcastle University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 23 January 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Thomas Docherty
Richard Drax
George Eustice
Barry Gardiner

Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Dan Rogerson

1. Bovine TB vaccination

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Bovine TB vaccination be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

bTB 01 – Family Farmers' Association
bTB 02 – Philip Robinson
bTB 03 – RSPCA
bTB 04 – DG & GE Purser
bTB 05 – Martin Hancox
bTB 06 – Ian Kett
bTB 07 – Keith Meldrum
bTB 08 – The Humane Society
bTB 09 – RSPB
bTB 10 – The Badger Trust
bTB 11 – Network for Animals
bTB 12 – Veterinary Association of Wildlife Management
bTB 13 – The Society of Biology
bTB 14 – Brock Vaccination
bTB 15 – The Roslin Institute
bTB 16 – Rethink Bovine TB
bTB 17 – The British Veterinary Zoological Society
bTB 18 – The Wildlife Trusts
bTB 19 – The British Veterinary Association
bTB 20 – The International Fund for Animal Welfare
bTB 21 – Team Badger
bTB 22 – Secret World Wildlife Rescue
bTB 23 – DEFRA
bTB 24 – NFU
bTB 25 – Carla Kidd
2. **Contamination of beef products**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **European Scrutiny Committee inquiry**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Rural Communities**

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Rural Communities be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

RC 017a – Country Land & Business Association

RC 017b – Country Land & Business Association

5. **Draft Water Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair’s Draft Report (*Pre-legislative scrutiny: The Draft Water Bill*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report from the Committee, HC 674, Session 2012-13.*

6. **CAP Reform and EU agricultural issues**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 January 2013 at 2.15pm.]
1. Contamination of Beef Products

Ordered, that the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Contamination of Beef Products be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- CBP 01 – Which?
- CBP 02 – RSPCA
- CBP 03 – Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
- CBP 04 – British Retail Consortium
- CBP 05 – World Horse Welfare
- CBP 06 – FSA
- CBP 07 – Iceland
- CBP 08 – British Meat Processors Association
- CBP 09 – Sainsbury’s
- CBP 10 – APB Food Group
- CBP 11 – NFU
- CBP 12 – Tesco

2. Rural Communities: oral evidence

The Committee considered this matter.

Richard Benyon MP, PUSS, Sara Eppel, Head, Rural Communities Policy Unit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 January 2013 at 2.30pm.]
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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 30 January 2013

Members present:
Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Thomas Docherty
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Iain McKenzie
Dan Rogerson

1. **Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

TRE 01,1a,1b,1c – Defra
TRE 02 – Scottish Forestry Trust
TRE 03 – Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board
TRE 04 – BSW Timber Group
TRE 05 – Scottish Natural Heritage
TRE 06 – Woodland Trust
TRE 07 – Jim Pratt
TRE 08 – Horticultural Trades Association
TRE 09 – NFU
TRE 10 – RSPB
TRE 11 – Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
TRE 12 – Dr Sansford
TRE 13 – Dr Lonsdale
TRE 14 – Natural Trust
TRE 15 – Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

2. **Flood Funding**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FF 01 – Association of Drainage Authorities
FF 02 – Council of Mortgage Lenders
FF 03 – Local Government Association
FF 04 – Environment Agency
3. **Travel in a representative capacity**

*Resolved*, That the Chairman have leave to visit Dublin in March to attend the Chairs of Agriculture Committees’ conference in a representative capacity.

4. **Contamination of beef products: oral evidence**

The Rt Hon Lord Jeff Rooker, Chair, Catherine Brown, Chief Executive, Food Standards Agency; Trish Twohig, Technical Manager, Iceland, Tim Smith, Group Technical Director, Tesco; David Heath MP, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food, Defra, Anna Soubry MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health, Steve Wearne, Director, Food Standards Agency Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 February 2013 at 2.00pm.]
1. **Contamination of beef products**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Flood Funding**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 February 2013 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Dog Control and Welfare**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair’s Draft Report (*Dog Control and Welfare*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report from the Committee, HC 575, Session 2012-13.*

2. **Contamination of Beef Products**

The Committee considered this matter;

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Contamination of Beef Products be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- CBP 06a FSA
- CBP 06b FSA
- CBP 13 Paul Smith
- CBP 14 Defra

3. **Rural Communities**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Rural Communities be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- RC 37 James Derounian
- RC 38 ACRE

4. **Flood Funding**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into
Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FF05 NFU

FF07 Association of British Insurers on the internet.

Cllr Andrew Cooper, Deputy Chair, LGA Environment and Housing Board, and Leader Green Group, Kirklees Council, Richard Wills, Executive Director for Communities, Lincolnshire County Council; Henry Cator, Chairman, Dr Jean Venables, Chief Executive, and Ian Moodie, Policy and Technical Researcher, Association of Drainage Authorities Committee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 February 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 12 February 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

Richard Drax
George Eustice
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon

Iain McKenzie
Sheryll Murray
Neil Parish
Dan Rogerson

1. Flood Funding

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FF08 AON Benfield
FF09 CLA
FF10 Ewan Larcombe

2. Bovine TB and Schmallenberg: oral evidence

Dr Gavin Wilson, Team Leader and Dr Steve Carter, Senior Scientist, Food and Environment Research Agency; Professor Trevor Drew, Lead Scientist for Virology, AHVLA and Alick Simmons, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Defra, gave oral evidence.

3. Contamination of beef products

The Committee considered this matter.

Chair’s Draft Report (Contamination of Beef Products) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report from the Committee, HC 946, Session 2012-13.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Contamination of beef products**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Flood Funding: oral evidence**

Lord Chris Smith, Chairman and David Rooke, Director, Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 February 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 26 February 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
George Eustice
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Margaret Ritchie

1. Contamination of beef products

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Contamination of Beef Products be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

• CBP 16 National Pig Association

2. Flood Funding

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

• FF 03a – Local Government Association
• FF 11 – CL Beaumont-Rydings
• FF 12 – British Insurers Brokers Association

Otto Thoresen, Director General, Association of British Insurers and Angus Milgate, Managing Director UK and Ireland, Aon Benfield, gave oral evidence.

3. Bovine TB

Bernard Van Goethem, Director for Veterinary and International Affairs, DG Health and Consumer; Francisco Reviriego, SANCO/G2; Koen Van Dyck, SANCO/G4; and Jacqueline Minor, Head of the Commission Representation in London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 27 February 2013

Members present:
Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Richard Drax
George Eustice
Barry Gardiner
Neil Parish
Margaret Ritchie

1. **Bovine TB**

Jackie Atkinson, Director of Authorisations, Anna-Maria Brady, Head, Biologicals Team, Veterinary Medicines Directory; Carl Padgett, British Veterinary Association and Neil Blake, British Cattle Veterinary Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 March 2013 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Contamination of beef products**

The Committee considered this matter.

Cllr Mehboob Khan, Chair, Safer and Stronger Communities Board, and Leader of Kirklees Council, West Yorkshire, Steve Jorden, Head of Regulatory Services, Worcestershire, Local Government Association; Andrew Simpson, President, Stephen Rossides, Director, British Meat Processors Association, Paul Finnerty, Chief Executive, Stuart Roberts, Group Agriculture and Livestock Director, ABP Food Group; Peter Kendall, President, National Farmers Union, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 March 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 6 March 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Mary Glindon
Iain McKenzie

Sheryll Murray
Neil Parish
Dan Rogerson

1. Flood Funding

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FF 11a – Christine Beaumont-Rydings
FF 13 – Jeff Charlton
FF 14 – Bill Hollis
FF 15 – Richfords Fire and Flood

2. Bovine TB vaccine

Professor Glyn Hewinson, Chief Scientist, and Simon Hall, Veterinary Director, Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 March 2013 at 3.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice           Iain McKenzie
Barry Gardiner           Margaret Ritchie
Mrs Mary Glindon         Dan Rogerson

1. **Flood Funding**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- FF 04a – Environment Agency
- FF 07a – Association of British Insurers
- FF 12 – British Insurance Brokers’ Association

2. **Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- TRE 16 – Sir Richard Storey
- TRE 17 – Country Land and Business Association

3. **Paperless working**

The Committee considered this matter

4. **Contamination of beef products (food contamination)**

*Resolved*, To take further oral evidence on this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 March 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 19 March 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair

George Eustice          Sheryll Murray
Barry Gardiner          Neil Parish
Iain McKenzie           Margaret Ritchie

1. Contamination of beef products (food contamination)

Resolved, To take further oral evidence on this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Food Contamination be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   CBP 17 Local Government Association

2. Flood Funding

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   FF 12 BIBA

3. European Committee

Resolved, That Neil Parish and Margaret Ritchie be put forward for membership of Committee A on identification of cattle and labelling of beef.

4. Bovine TB Vaccination: oral evidence

David Heath MP, Minister for Agriculture, Professor Ian Boyd, Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra, Professor Glyn Hewinson, Chief Scientist, AHVLA; Nigel Gibbens, Chief Veterinary Officer, Defra (Schmallenberg), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 3.45pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 20 March 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
George Eustice
Mrs Mary Glindon
Neil Parish
Margaret Ritchie

1. Contamination of beef products (food contamination)

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Food Contamination be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CBP 15 Bob Forsyth

2. Flood Funding: oral evidence

Nick Starling, Director of General Insurance, Association of British Insurers, Paul Miller, Head of International Catastrophe Management, Aon Benfield; Mark Weil, Chief Executive Officer, Marsh Ltd, and Graeme Trudgill, Head of Corporate Affairs, British Insurance Brokers Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 March 2013 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Draft Water Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Contamination of beef products (food contamination)**

*Resolved,* That the Committee take oral evidence from Rory McSharry, Norwest Foods, and the Chef du Cabinet, DG Sanco.

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Food Contamination be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- CBP 10a ABP Foods
- CBP 18 Association of Public Analysts

3. **Triennial Review**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Pre-legislative scrutiny**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Flood Funding**

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- FF 07b – Association of British Insurers
- FF 17 – Paul Hinton

Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP, Secretary of State, Sonia Phippard, Director, Water and Flood Risk Management, Defra; Andrew Rhodes, Director of Operations, Food Standards Agency, gave oral evidence.
[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 April 2013 at 2.30pm.]
1. **Draft Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Draft Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- DDA 01 – Staffordshire Bull Terrier Breed Council
- DDA 02 – Denise Day
- DDA 03 – Lisa Hall
- DDA 04 – Nando Brown
- DDA 05 – Operation Neuter
- DDA 06 – Pamela Shaw
- DDA 07 – Andrew White
- DDA 08 – Stephan Toth
- DDA 09 – Stewart Saxton
- DDA 10 – Mandy Mcgilchrist
- DDA 11 – Allie Brophy Reynolds
- DDA 12 – Cavalier Campaign
- DDA 13 – Tracey Saxton
- DDA 14 – Nicole Bruck
- DDA 15 – Lisa Winnie
- DDA 16 – Charles Wells

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Association of Chief Police Officers, Guide Dogs Association, Dogs Trust, Blue Cross, RSPCA and Battersea Dogs and Cats Home.
2. **Dog Control and Welfare**

Draft Special Report (Dog Control and Welfare: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. **Wild Animals in Circuses: pre-legislative scrutiny**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Flood Funding**

**Ordered**, that the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Flood Funding be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   FF 04B – Environment Agency.

5. **Effectiveness, Strategy and Forward Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 April 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Formal minutes of meeting on Tuesday 23 April 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Barry Gardiner
Iain McKenzie
Neil Parish
Margaret Ritchie

1. Draft Water Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Wild Animals in Circuses: pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Draft Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill

Ordered, that the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into draft Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DDA 01a – Staffordshire Bull Terrier Breed Council
DDA 17 – Sir Richard Storey
DDA 18 – Ian McParland
DDA 19 – Caroline Wright
DDA 20 – David Tucker
DDA 21 – Countryside Alliance
DDA 22 – Gillian Laura Kaloyeropoulos
DDA 23 – Pauline Jackson
DDA 24 – Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare
DDA 25 – National Animal Welfare Trust
DDA 26 – Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
DDA 27 – Stan Rawlinson
DDA 28 – Mrs Lesley McFadyen
DDA 29 – Mrs Joanne King
DDA 30 – DDA Watch
DDA 31 – Dr Anne McBride
DDA 32 – Gillian Hamilton
DDA 33 – Robin Huson
DDA 34 – Matthew Vandart
DDA 35 – National Dog Warden Association
DDA 36 – Christine McLean
4. **Food Contamination**

Draft Special Report (Contamination of Beef Products: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eighth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into Food Contamination be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- CBP 19 – European Commission
- CBP 20 – McAdam Foods

Professor Allan Reilly, Chief Executive, and Ray Ellard, Director, Consumer Protection, Food Safety Authority of Ireland; Elizabeth Moran, President, Dr Duncan Campbell, Past President, Association of Public Analysts, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 2.30pm.]
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

[This formal record of the Committee’s decisions will be posted on the Committee’s website]

Formal minutes of meeting on Wednesday 24 April 2013

Members present:

Miss Anne McIntosh, in the Chair
Richard Drax
Mrs Mary Glindon
Sheryll Murray
Margaret Ritchie

1. Draft Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence received in connection with the inquiry into draft Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DDA 60 – Blue Cross
DDA 61 – Trevor Cooper

Gareth Pritchard, Temporary Deputy Chief Constable, and PC Keith Evans, Association of Chief Police Officers, Richard Leaman, Chief Executive, and Rosemary Guilding, Legal Adviser, Guide Dogs Association; Clarissa Baldwin, Chief Executive Officer, The Dogs Trust, Claire Horton, Chief Executive, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, Steve Goody, Director of External Affairs, Blue Cross, and Gavin Grant, Chief Executive, RSPCA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 May 2013 at 2.30pm.]
APPENDIX

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS

13 July 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

Thomas Docherty
Sponsorships: Unison Labour Link (Unison Scotland); Unite Scotland

George Eustice
Sponsorships: The 1900 Club

Land and property: one flat in Pimlico, London, from which rental income is received.

Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary allowances: my partner is employed as office manager.

Other: family farming interests

Mrs Mary Glindon
Sponsorship: GMB Northern Region

Other: my brother is employed as a meat inspector.

Miss Anne McIntosh
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.: Member of the Faculty of Advocates (non-practising and unremunerated)

Gifts, benefits and hospitality: Complimentary first class travel pass for use on Grand Central Trains

Land and property: Half share in a smallholding; quarter share in residential property in Teesdale, County Durham.

Other: Vice-chair of the Association of Drainage Authorities

Neil Parish
Sponsorship: Devon East Conservative Patrons Group Club (subsidiary of Devon East Conservative Group)

Land and property: family farm, Somerset

Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary allowances: my wife is employed as junior secretary.
Dan Rogerson
Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary allowances: my wife is employed as a part-time diary secretary.

Amber Rudd
Sponsorships: The Spring Lunch; Stephen Rumsey; Growth Financial Services Ltd; Rob Gray; Rita Skinner; Andrew Law; Women2win; Gareth Penny; United & Cecil; Sarah Kowitz.

3 November 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

Richard Drax
Directorships: Morden Estates Company Limited, The Estate Office, Charborough Park, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7EN; property company that manages a number of family-owned properties.

Land and Property: Woodlands, farmland, residential and commercial property from which rental income is received, mainly in Dorset but one residential property in London and one commercial property in Hampshire; some are direct interests, others in family trusts.

Shareholdings: Morden Estates Company Ltd, property management company (see 1 above); Abbotts Court Farm Company (Holdings) Limited, holding company for a farming business.

11 January 2011: declaration of Members’ interests

Barry Gardiner
Overseas visits:

Name of donor: GLOBE International
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £7,315.51
Destination of visit: Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, South Korea.
Date of visit: 20-25 February 2010
Purpose of visit: meetings with the members of Diet and House of Councillors in Tokyo and members of the National Assembly in Seoul.

Name of donor: GLOBE International
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £722.10
Destination of visit: Copenhagen, Denmark.
Date of visit: 14-17 December 2009
Purpose of visit: to attend the G20 climate talks as a representative of GLOBE.
Name of donor: GLOBE International
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN.
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £307
Destination of visit: Brussels, Belgium.
Date of visit: 23 March 2010
Purpose of visit: meeting with new EU Climate Action Commissioner, Connie Hedegaard.

Name of donor: GLOBE International
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £8157.90
Destination of visit: Nagoya, Japan and Tianjin, China.
Date of visit: 24 October – 7 November
Purpose of visit: to Chair the Parliamentarians Forum of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity organised by the Convention Secretariat and GLOBE International and to attend the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change organised by China’s National People’s Congress and GLOBE International.

Name of donor: GLOBE International
Address of donor: 11 Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9BN
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £424.00
Destination of visit: Mexico City, Mexico.
Date of visit: 4-5 December
Purpose of visit: to Chair the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change organised by the Mexican National Congress and GLOBE International.

25 January 2012: declaration of Members’ interests

Margaret Ritchie

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.: Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Parliament Buildings Stormont, Belfast, and Minister in Northern Ireland Executive until 24 May 2010.

1 February 2012: declaration of Members’ interests

Iain McKenzie

Nil.

6 November 2012: declaration of Members’ interests

Sheryll Murray

Overseas visits:
Name of donor: Majlis As Shura - Shura Council of Kingdom Saudi Arabia
Address of donor: c/o Embassy of Saudi Arabia, 30 Charles St, London W1J 5DZ
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £3,025
Destination of visit: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Date of visit: 4-8 December 2011
Purpose of visit: All Party Parliamentary Group visit to meet Members of the Shura Council, Government Ministers and various human rights groups
(Registered 21 December 2011)

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel
Address of donor: 45b Westbourne Terrace, London W2 3UR
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): costs of visit; £1,700
Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank
Date of visit: 28 May-1 June 2012
Purpose of visit: fact finding political delegation
(Registered 13 June 2012)

Land and Property: House in South East Cornwall from which rental income is received. The property is owned by a trust of which I am a beneficiary. (Registered 6 January 2012)