



House of Commons
European Scrutiny Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2012-13

Wednesday 9 May 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Kelvin Hopkins
Penny Mordaunt

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 86-i.

2. Draft Regulation on the exercise of the right to take collective action within the context of the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services. COM (2012) 130; Council doc 8042/12¹

Ordered, That the Draft Regulation on the exercise of the right to take collective action within the context of the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services be referred for consideration that it does not comply with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and to consider that a reasoned opinion be submitted by the Clerk of the House to the Presidents of the European institutions.

3. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

4. Pre-presidency visit

Resolved, That the Committee visit Cyprus in June 2012 in connection with its scrutiny work during the Cypriot presidency of the European Union, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 May at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 16 May 2012

¹ HC 86-i (2012-13), chapter 1.

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris

Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 86-ii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 May at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 23 May 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 86-iii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. COSAC Chair's Conference

Resolved, That Mr Cash will attend the COSAC Chair conference in Cyprus on 8-9 July 2012, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 June at 10.30 a.m.]

Thursday 14 June 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins
Penny Mordaunt

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 86-iv.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 20 June 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 86-v.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct an inquiry into how European Scrutiny is conducted in the House of Commons.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 27 June 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Julie Elliott
Nia Griffith

Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 86-vi.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. Action Plan on an EU Special Representative on Human Rights

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee invite the Foreign Secretary to give evidence on this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 July at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 4 July 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 86-vii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Resolved, That the chair will attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) meeting on the 9-10

September 2012, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 July at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 11 July 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 86-viii.

2. Court of Justice of the European Union: amendments to the Statute and Rules of Procedure

Draft Report (*Court of Justice of the European Union: amendments to the Statute and Rules of Procedure*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 86-ix.

3. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements

4. Data Protection

Mr Crispin Blunt MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 July at 10.30 a.m.]

Tuesday 17 July 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith

Kelvin Hopkins
Penny Mordaunt

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-x.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 September at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 5 September 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Julie Elliott
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Penny Mordaunt
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Eleventh Report*) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 86-xi.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 September at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 12 September 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Kelvin Hopkins
Nia Griffith

Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the draft Directive amending Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of tax laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as regards depositary functions, remuneration policies and sanctions, and the draft regulation on key information for investment products, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

Draft Report (*Twelfth Report*) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the following evidence be published on the internet:

From	Title
Andrea Leadsom MP, on behalf of the Fresh Start Project	Improving Scrutiny and UK Influence in Brussels
European Conservatives and Reformists Group, European Parliament	Memorandum
Office of the City Remembrancer	Memorandum
David Miller (former Clerk of House of Commons (1953-73) and former Director of Research in the European Parliament 73-89)	European Scrutiny Committee – Inquiry
Foreign and Commonwealth Office ,on behalf of the Government	Written evidence
Dr Ariella Huff and Dr Julie Smith, University of Cambridge	In response to the call for evidence for an inquiry
Chris Heaton-Harris MP and Robert Broadhurst	Submission

4. Pre-presidency visit

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin in December 2012 in connection with its scrutiny work during the Irish presidency of the European Union, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

5. COSAC, Cyprus

Resolved, That the Committee agrees that the Chairman and Mr Hopkins should attend the Conference on the Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliament of the European Union – XLVIII COSAC on the 13-16 October 2012, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 17 October 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Chris Heaton-Harris

Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly
Henry Smith

1. Banking Union and Economic and Monetary Union

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Banking Union and Economic and Monetary Union*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xiv.

2. Scrutiny of Documents

Mr Chris Kelly declared a pecuniary interest in relation to European Union Documents No. 12786/12, 12803/12, 12809/12 and an unnumbered report, in relation to the Periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

3. Periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers: Reasoned Opinion

Draft Report (*Periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers: Reasoned Opinion*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifteenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xv.

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

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixteenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xvi.

4. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

5. European Chairs – UK meeting (EC-UK), Belfast

Resolved, That Mr Connarty will attend the EC-UK conference on the 22 October 2012.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 24 October 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixteenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xvi.

2. Croatia: monitoring the accession process

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Croatia: monitoring the accession process*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Seventeenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xvii.

3. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

4. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Ordered, That the following evidence be published on the internet:

From	Title
Liberal Democrat International Affairs Parliamentary Party Committee	

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 31 October 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Penny Mordaunt
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Eighteenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xviii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe, Jill Morris, Additional Director, Europe, and Ivan Smyth, Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 November at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 7 November 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Penny Mordaunt
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Nineteenth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xix.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements

3. Tripartite Meeting, Brussels

Resolved, That the Committee will attend the Tripartite meeting on the 29th November 2012, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 November at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 21 November 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Penny Mordaunt
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twentieth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xx.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Resolved, That the following evidence be published on the internet:

From	Title
Liaison Committee	European Scrutiny Committee – Inquiry

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 November at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 28 November 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Penny Mordaunt
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Twenty-first Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-first Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxi.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

James Brokenshire MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Crime and Security, Home Office, Kenny Bowie, Head of the Opt-In and Treaties Team, and Fiona Fraser, Legal Adviser, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 December at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 5 December 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Twenty-second Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-second Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 12 December 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Chris Kelly

Penny Mordaunt
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Twenty-third Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-third Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxiii.

2. Economic and Monetary Union

Draft Report (*Economic and Monetary Union*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxiv.

3. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

4. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Dr Katrin Auel, University of Vienna, Dr Ariella Huff, University of Cambridge and Dr Julie Smith, University of Cambridge, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 December at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 19 December 2012

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. Scrutiny of Documents

Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the draft Regulation on key information for investment products and the draft Directive on undertakings for collective investments in transferable securities as set out in his entry in the Register of Members' Interests.

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Twenty-fifth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxv.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements

3. COSAC Chairpersons

Resolved, That the Chair will attend the COSAC Chairpersons meeting on the 27-28 January 2013, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 January at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison

Kelvin Hopkins

Michael Connarty
Chris Heaton-Harris

Penny Mordaunt
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Twenty-Sixth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxvi.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 January at 2.00pm.]

Wednesday 16 January 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Penny Mordaunt
Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Twenty-Seventh Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-seventh Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxvii.

2. Scrutiny of Documents: Economic and Monetary Union

Draft Report (*Economic & Monetary Union*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-eighth Report of the Committee HC 86-xxviii.

3. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

4. Brussels & The Hague

Resolved, That the Committee will visit Brussels and The Hague in pursuant to the Scrutiny Inquiry, and the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

5. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith, Chair of the Liaison Committee, Rt Hon Keith Vaz, Chair of the Home Affairs Committee and David T.C. Davis, Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 23 January 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly
Stephen Phillips

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Twenty-ninth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Twenty-ninth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxix.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 January at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 30 January 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith

Kelvin Hopkins
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirtieth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxx.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. Conference, Copenhagen

Resolved, That the Chair will attend a conference in Copenhagen to discuss the roles of national parliaments on the 10-11 March 2013, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 6 February 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris

Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Thirty-first Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-first Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Resolved, That the following evidence be published on the internet:

From	Title
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee	Views of EFRA Select Committee on the scrutiny of European matters by departmental select committees

4. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Ric Bailey, Mary Hockaday and Peter Knowles gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 13 February 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Penny Mordaunt
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Thirty-second Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-second Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Gisela Stuart MP gave oral evidence.

4. Tripartite Meeting, Brussels

Resolved, That Mr Clappison will attend the EP Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food safety meeting on 26 March 2013, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 February at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 27 February 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Julie Elliott
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly

Penny Mordaunt
Jacob Rees-Mogg

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Thirty-third Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-third Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxiii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Resolved, That the Chair will attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) meeting on the 24-26 March 2013, and that the Chair seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 March at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 6 March 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Mrs Linda Riordan
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the documents covered in chapters 5 and 15 in this report, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

Draft Report (*Thirty-fourth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxiv.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Chris Bryant MP, Martin Horwood MP, Andrea Leadsom MP, Richard Bacon MP, Robert Broadhurst and Chris Heaton-Harris MP, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 March at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 13 March 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins
Stephen Phillips

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Mrs Linda Riordan
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Thirty-fifth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxv.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

David Keighley, Newswatch, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 March at 10.30 a.m.]

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Nia Griffith
Chris Kelly

Stephen Phillips
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Thirty-sixth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxvi.

2. Scrutiny of Document: The 2014 block opt-out: engaging with Parliament

Draft Report (*The 2014 block opt-out: engaging with Parliament*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-seventh Report of the Committee HC 798.

3. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 March at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 26 March 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Michael Connarty
Julie Elliott
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Mrs Linda Riordan
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Thirty-eighth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-eighth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxvii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. 6. European Chairs – UK meeting (EC-UK), Belfast

Resolved, That Mr Cash will attend the EC-UK conference on the 29 April 2013.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 April at 2.00pm.]

Wednesday 17 April 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Mr James Clappison
Michael Connarty
Nia Griffith
Chris Heaton-Harris
Kelvin Hopkins

Chris Kelly
Mrs Linda Riordan
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report (*Thirty-ninth Report*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirty-ninth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxviii.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 April at 2.00pm.]

Wednesday 24 April 2013

Members present:

Mr William Cash, in the Chair

Nia Griffith
Kelvin Hopkins
Chris Kelly
Penny Mordaunt

Stephen Phillips
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Henry Smith

1. Scrutiny of Documents

The Committee deliberated.

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

The draft Report, as amended, was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating the consideration of the Report are published with the Fortieth Report of the Committee, HC 86-xxxix.

2. Scrutiny of Pre- and Post-Council Written Ministerial Statements

The Committee considered Pre- and Post-Council Ministerial Statements.

3. European Scrutiny in the House of Commons

Robin Elias, Managing Editor, ITV News and John McAndrew, Associate Editor, Sky News, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 May at 4.00pm.]