



House of Commons  
Foreign Affairs Committee

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# **Formal Minutes of the Committee**

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**Session 2012–13**

# Formal Minutes of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2012-13

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## Formal Minutes

**Tuesday 22 May 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mr Frank Roy
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Ann Clwyd	

### **1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. The implications for UK foreign policy of possible separation by Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Correspondence**

*Ordered*, That the letter dated 8 May 2012, from Simon Fraser CMG to the Chairman of the Committee concerning the Quarterly Update on management issues, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

*Ordered*, That the letter dated 10 May 2012, from the Foreign Secretary, together with the Chairman's letter of 24 April and Committee Note NC 65 concerning Libyan renditions, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

*Ordered*, That the letter dated 15 May 2012, from the Foreign Secretary to the Chairman of the Committee concerning Libyan boat migrants, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **4. Informal meetings**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. The FCO's human rights work in 2011**

Jeremy Croft, Head of Policy and Government Affairs, Amnesty International UK, and David Mepham, UK Director, Human Rights Watch gave oral evidence.

## **6. Visit to Commonwealth countries**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the UK High Commissioner in Canberra and his staff to thank them for their exemplary assistance in aiding the Committee's speedy return to the UK in unfortunate circumstances.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 May at 10.30 am.]

## **Wednesday 23 May 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Sir John Stanley
Ann Clwyd	Dave Watts
Mr Frank Roy	

### **1. Informal meetings**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Mr Christopher Tappin**

*Ordered*, That the response from the Foreign Secretary, dated 21 May, to questions posed by the Committee be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **3. British foreign policy and “the Arab Spring”**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 10.00 am.]

## **Tuesday 12 June 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Mr Frank Roy
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Ann Clwyd	Rory Stewart
Andrew Rosindell	

### **1. Seventh Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership meeting, Laos**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. The role and future of the Commonwealth**

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to the role and future of the Commonwealth be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Commonwealth Human Ecology Council  
David Dilks  
Rt Hon Frank Field MP DL  
Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management (CPTM)  
BBC

### **3. The FCO's human rights work in 2011**

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to the FCO's human rights work in 2011 be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Amnesty International  
Human Rights Watch  
Church of England  
Platform  
British Parliamentary Committee for Iran Freedom  
World Vision  
REDRESS  
Pavel Khodorkovsky  
Campaign Against Arms Trade  
Stonewall  
BOND  
UNICEF  
Hermitage Capital  
Bahá'í Community of the UK

### **4. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to the future of the European Union: UK Government policy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Dr Jóhanna Jónsdóttir  
Mrs Anne Palmer JP (retired)  
Dr Martyn Bond  
Sir Colin Budd KCMG  
M. Jean-Claude Piris  
Sir Michael Franklin KCB, CMG

The Church of England, The Archbishops' Council  
Professor Clive Church, Dr Paolo Dardanelli & Mr Sean Mueller  
Civitas International  
Graham Avery CMG  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Nigel Farage MEP on behalf of the UK Independence Party (UKIP)  
Scotch Whisky Association  
Liberal Democrat MEPs  
Professor Michael Dougan and Dr Michael Gordon  
Open Europe  
Ms Ruth Lea  
TheCityUK  
Professor Richard G Whitman and Thomas Raines  
Professor René Schwok and Mr Cenni Najy  
Liberal Democrat parliamentary party committee on international affairs  
Professor Richard Rose FBA  
Professor David Phinnemore  
Dr Robin Niblett  
Brendan Donnelly  
European Movement  
Mr Maurice Fraser  
Nucleus  
Sir Peter Marshall KCMG CVO  
Professor Pauline Schnapper

**5. The implications for UK foreign policy of possible separation by Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

**6. British foreign policy and the Arab Spring**

The Committee considered this matter.

**7. The role and future of the Commonwealth**

Lord Howell, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June at 10.00 am.]

**Wednesday 13 June 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron

Ann Clwyd

**1. British foreign policy and “the Arab Spring”: the transition to democracy**

The Committee discussed informally the Chair’s draft report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 June 2012 at 10.00 am.

**Tuesday 19 June 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth

Mr Frank Roy

Mr John Baron

Sir John Stanley

Sir Menzies Campbell

Rory Stewart

Ann Clwyd

**1. The FCO’s human rights work in 2011**

Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State, Vijay Rangarajan, Director of Multilateral Policy, and Irfan Siddiq, Head of Arab Partnership Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

**2. The role and future of the Commonwealth**

Mr Kamallesh Sharma, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 10.00 am.

**Tuesday 26 June 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth

Mark Hendrick

Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Mr Frank Roy
Ann Clwyd	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

### 1. British foreign policy and the ‘Arab Spring’

The Committee considered informally the Chair’s revised draft Report.

*Resolved*, That the Committee should, as a matter of course, ask the FCO for detailed information on the complement, grading, responsibilities and language skills of staff in UK missions in countries which were the focus of an inquiry.

### 2. The role and future of the Commonwealth

Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, gave oral evidence.

### 3. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy

Sir Howard Davies, Professor of Practice, Paris Institute of Political Sciences, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 July 2012 at 3.30 pm.]

## Monday 2 July 2012

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

<i>Business, Innovation and Skills Committee</i>	<i>Defence Committee</i>	<i>Foreign Affairs Committee</i>	<i>International Development Committee</i>
Mr Adrian Bailey	John Glen	Ann Clwyd	Sir Malcolm Bruce
Katy Clark	Penny Mordaunt	Mike Gapes	Richard Burden
Margot James	Bob Stewart	Sir John Stanley (in the	Fiona O’Donnell
Nadhim Zahawi		Chair)	Chris White
		Rory Stewart	

Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

The Committees deliberated, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

**Draft Report: Scrutiny of Arms Export Controls (2012): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2010, Quarterly Reports for July to December 2010 and January to September 2011, the Government's Review of arms exports to the Middle East and North Africa, and wider arms control issues**

Draft Report (*Scrutiny of Arms Export Controls (2012): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2010, Quarterly Reports for July to December 2010 and January to September 2011, the Government's Review of arms exports to the Middle East and North Africa, and wider arms control issues*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Ordered*, That the Chair's draft Report be considered concurrently, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A (1)(c).

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

Paragraphs 1 to 270 read and agreed to.

Annexes 1 to 12 read and agreed to.

Summary read and agreed to

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The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence and International Development Committees withdrew.

In the absence of the Chair, Sir John Stanley, in the Chair

Ann Clwyd  
Mr Mike Gapes

Rory Stewart  
Mr Frank Roy

Draft Report (*Scrutiny of Arms Export Controls (2012): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2010, Quarterly Reports for July to December 2010 and January to September 2011, the Government's Review of arms exports to the Middle East and North Africa, and wider arms control issues*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Resolved*, That the draft Report prepared by the Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees, be the First Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A(2) be applied to the Report.

*Ordered*, That Sir John Stanley make the Joint Report to the House.

*Ordered*, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.134 (Select committees (reports)).

[Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Tuesday 3 July at 10.00 a.m.]



## Tuesday 3 July 2012

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Andrew Rosindell
Mr John Baron	Mr Frank Roy
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Ann Clwyd	Rory Stewart
Mike Gapes	

### 1. British foreign policy and the ‘Arab Spring’

Draft Report [*British foreign policy and the ‘Arab Spring’*], proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 80.*

### 2. Printing of written evidence

*Resolved*, That the usual practice of the Committee should be to print with any report all written and oral evidence relating to that inquiry.

### 3. UK-Turkey relations and Turkey’s regional role

*Ordered*, That written evidence relating to UK-Turkey relations and Turkey’s regional role submitted by the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey (24 May 2012) be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 July at 10.00 am .

## Tuesday 10 July 2012

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Mr Frank Roy
Ann Clwyd	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

**1. COFACC successor conference, Cyprus, 9-11 September**

*Ordered,* That Mike Gapes have leave to visit Cyprus in September to attend the COFACC successor conference in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee in connection with the visit.

**2. The Role and future of the Commonwealth**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Mr Christopher Tappin**

*Ordered,* That written evidence submitted by the Embassy of the United States of America, dated 27 June 2012, concerning Mr Christopher Tappin be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

**4. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Berlin and Berne; and Oslo and Madrid in October 2012 in connection with its inquiry into the Future of the European Union: UK Government policy, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Paris in connection with its inquiry into the Future of the European Union: UK Government policy, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiry into the Future of the European Union: UK Government policy.

Charles Grant, Director, Centre for European Reform; Mats Persson, Director, Open Europe; and Michiel van Hulten, independent consultant, Brussels, and former MEP, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 July at 5.00 p.m.]

**Monday 16 July 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mr John Baron

Mark Hendrick  
Andrew Rosindell

Sir Menzies Campbell	Mr Frank Roy
Ann Clwyd	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

### **1. The FCO's human rights work in 2011**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State for Human Rights, seeking further information in relation to his letter dated 11 July.

### **2. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to The future of the European Union: UK Government policy submitted by Business for New Europe (FEU 32) be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **3. The implications for UK foreign policy of and for separation by Scotland**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the implications for UK foreign policy of and for separation by Scotland.

### **4. The FCO's Departmental Annual report 2010-11**

Draft Special Report (*The FCO's Departmental Annual Report 2010-11: Responses from BBC Trust and the British Council 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 BBC Trust and the British Council responses to the Eleventh Report of Session 2010-12 were 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.

### **5. UK-Turkey relations and Turkey's regional role**

That the Chair have leave to visit Istanbul in October to attend the British-Turkish Tatli Dil in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 September at 10.00 a.m.]

**Tuesday 4 September 2012**

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair  
Mr Bob Ainsworth      Andrew Rosindell

Mr John Baron  
Ann Clwyd  
Mike Gapes

Mr Frank Roy  
Sir John Stanley  
Rory Stewart

### **1. Consideration of public petitions**

The Committee considered a petition from pupils from Heysham High School and others.

### **2. The Committee's programme of work**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That with effect from Tuesday 16 October the Committee will normally meet on Tuesdays during weeks in which the House is sitting, at 1.45 pm in private session and, when taking evidence, at 2.30 pm in public.

### **3. FCO and UKTI Main Estimates 2012–13**

*Ordered*, That the following Estimates Memoranda be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Memorandum relating to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office Main Estimate 2012–13  
Memorandum relating to the UK Trade & Investment Main Estimate 2012-13

### **4. Correspondence**

*Ordered*, That the following correspondence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter dated 17 July 2012 from Jeremy Browne MP, Minister of State, FCO: Quarterly Update (Feb to June 2012) on the FCO's Public Diplomacy efforts in support of the London 2012 Games
- Letter dated 30 July 2012 from Simon Fraser CMG, Permanent Under-Secretary, FCO: Quarterly Update (May – July 2012) on FCO Management Issues
- Letter dated 7 August 2012 from Alistair Burt MP, Minister for the Middle East and North Africa, on responsibility for British interests in Iran
- Letter dated 10 August 2012 from the Foreign Secretary, on Syria
- Letter dated 16 August 2012 from the Foreign Secretary, on the Olympic Truce.

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office concerning correspondence from the FCO about the EU-Russia Summit at St Petersburg in June 2012.

### **5. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Scotland in connection with the inquiry, in order to take oral evidence.

#### **6. UK Government policy on the future of the EU**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **7. The FCO's human rights work in 2011**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 September at 10.00 am

### **Monday 10 September 2012**

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

*Business, Innovation  
and Skills Committee*

Katy Clark  
Ann McKechin  
Nadhim Zahawi

*Defence Committee*

John Glen  
Bob Stewart

*Foreign Affairs Committee*

Ann Clwyd  
Sir John Stanley (in the Chair)  
Rory Stewart

*International  
Development Committee*

Fiona O'Donnell  
Chris White

Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

#### **1. Formal Minutes of the CAEC meeting on 2 July 2012**

The Formal Minutes of the meeting of the Committees on 2 July 2012 were agreed.

#### **2. The Government's 2012 Quarter 1 Report**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the questions relating to public and restricted material be sent to the relevant government departments.

#### **3. The Government's 2011 Annual Report**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the questions relating to the Government's 2011 Annual Report be sent to the relevant government departments.

#### **4. Future programme**

*Resolved*, That the Committees inquire into the Government's United Kingdom Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2011 and Quarterly Reports and the Government's arms export controls and arms export policies.

## 5. Arms Trade Treaty

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Alistair Burt, Parliamentary Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Joanne Adamson, Head of UK Delegation on ATT, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Richard Tauwhere, Head of the Arms Export Policy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave oral evidence.

[Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Tuesday 11 September at 10.00 am

## **Tuesday 11 September 2012**

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mr Frank Roy
Mr John Baron	Sir John Stanley
Ann Clwyd	Rory Stewart
Sir Menzies Campbell	

### **1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Patrick Minford CBE, Professor of Applied Economics, Cardiff Business School, gave oral evidence.

### **2. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

### **4. The FCO's human rights work in 2011**

Draft Report [*The FCO's human rights work in 2011*], proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 116.*

## **5. The role and future of the Commonwealth**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 September at 10.00 am

### **Tuesday 18 September 2012**

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair  
Mr John Baron                      Mark Hendrick  
Ann Clwyd                              Sir John Stanley  
Sir Menzies Campbell              Rory Stewart  
Mike Gapes

#### **1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. Future programme**

*Resolved*, That the Committee host a lunch for the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Turkish Parliament when it visits London.

*Ordered*, That the Chair of the Committee write to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office about assistance provided by the UK to Iran in the detection of narcotics and the Iranian government's treatment of those apprehended.

#### **4. Developments in UK foreign policy**

The Rt Hon William Hague MP, First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave oral evidence.

David Quarrey, Director, Middle East and North African Division and Matthew Rycroft, Chief Operating Officer, Foreign & Commonwealth Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 October at 1.45 pm

### **Tuesday 16 October 2012**

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Andrew Rosindell
Mr John Baron	Frank Roy
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart
Mark Hendrick	

## **6. FCO Annual Report 2011/12**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the FCO Annual Report 2011/12.

## **7. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **8. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Fabian Zuleeg  
Professor Malcolm Chalmers  
Dr Daniel Kenealy  
Graham Avery  
British American Security Information Council  
Dr James Ker-Lindsay  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Dr Phillips O'Brien  
Professor Richard Rose  
Scottish Whiskey Association

Professor Robert Hazell, Director, Constitution Unit, University College, London, Dr Jo Eric Murkens, Senior Lecturer, Law School, London School of Economics, and Professor Matthew Craven, Director, Centre for the Study of Colonialism, Empire and International Law, SOAS London, gave oral evidence.

Dr Andrew Blick, University of Kent and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies, King's College London, and Professor Richard Whitman, University of Kent and Associate Fellow, Chatham House, gave oral evidence.

Sir Jeremy Greenstock GCMG, former Ambassador, Director of the UK UN Association, and Professor Nigel White, Professor of Public International Law, University of Nottingham, gave oral evidence.



[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 October at 1.45 pm

*Monday 22 October – Thursday 25 October 2012*

*The Committee visited Berlin, Berne and Oslo in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the role and future of the Commonwealth in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 July 2012.*

*Members who took part in the visit to Berlin: Chairman, Mr John Baron, Mike Gapes, Mark Hendrick, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Frank Roy, Rt Hon Sir John Stanley.*

*Members who took part in the visit to Berne: Chairman, Mr John Baron, Mark Hendrick, Andrew Rosindell.*

*Members who took part in the visit to Oslo: Mike Gapes, Mr Frank Roy, Rt Hon Sir John Stanley.*

## **Tuesday 30 October 2012**

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mike Gapes
Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Frank Roy

### **1. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Invitation from the Chairman of International Relations Committee of the Russian Federation State Duma**

*Resolved,* That the Chair, two members of the Committee and the Clerk have leave to visit Moscow in a representative capacity to meet the International Relations Committee of the Russian Federation State Duma, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Thursday 1 November at 1.45 pm

## **Thursday 1 November 2012**

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Mike Gapes	Frank Roy

Draft Report [*The role and future of the Commonwealth*], proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 114.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 November at 1.45]

## **Tuesday 6 November 2012**

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Andrew Rosindell
Mr John Baron	Frank Roy
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	

### **1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Developments in UK foreign policy**

*Ordered*, That the aide-memoire used by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in discussions with representatives of the Ecuadorean Government on Mr Julian Assange be reported to the House for printing with the oral evidence taken on 18 September, on developments in UK foreign policy.

### **3. The FCO's human rights work in 2011**

*Ordered*, That the letter of 25 October from Mr Vijay Rangarajan, Director of Multilateral Policy at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to the Committee Chair, relating to the FCO's human rights work in 2011, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### **4. Nepal**

*Ordered*, That the letter of 29 October from the Foreign Secretary to the Committee Chair, on Nepal, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

**5. FCO management issues**

*Ordered*, That the letter of 24 October from Mr Matthew Rycroft, Chief Operating Officer at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to the Committee Chair, on FCO management issues, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

**6. Russia**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State in relation to the implications for the FCO's locally engaged staff in Russia of revisions to the law on treason in Russia.

**7. Mr Neil Heywood**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State regarding the death of Mr Neil Heywood in China.

**8. FCO Annual Report and Accounts 2011-12**

Mr Simon Fraser CMG, Permanent Under-Secretary and Head of HM Diplomatic Service, Mr Matthew Rycroft, Chief Operating Officer, and Mr Iain Walker, Deputy Director of Finance, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 November at 1.45 pm]

**Tuesday 13 November 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth

Mark Hendrick

Mr John Baron

Sir John Stanley

**1. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. UK diplomatic representation in Djibouti**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the FCO enquiring about its future plans for representation in Djibouti.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 November at 1.45 pm]

## Tuesday 20 November 2012

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mark Hendrick
Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

### 1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

*Ordered*, That the Chairman write to the Speaker about the risk of confusion between the Foreign Affairs Select Committee and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Foreign Affairs.

### 3. Declaration of interests

Mark Hendrick declared his interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (*see Appendix*).

### 4. Overseas Territories

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold an informal meeting with political leaders from British Overseas Territories, following the joint Ministerial Council on 3-5 December.

### 5. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in March 2013 in connection with its inquiry into UK relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain; and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

### 6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 3 December at 3.30 pm]

*Tuesday 27 November – Wednesday 28 November 2012*

*The Committee visited Brussels and Paris in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the EU Enlargement and Foreign Policy in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 July 2012.*

*Members who took part in the visit: Richard Ottaway (Chairman), Bob Ainsworth, John Baron, Mike Gapes, Mark Hendrick, Andrew Rosindell, Frank Roy, Sir John Stanley, Rory Stewart.*

### **Monday 3 December 2012**

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, and Foreign Affairs Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

<i>Business, Innovation and Skills Committee</i>	<i>Defence Committee</i>	<i>Foreign Affairs Committee</i>
Katy Clark	Mr James Arbuthnot	Ann Clwyd
Ann McKechin	Thomas Docherty	Mike Gapes
Mr Robin Walker	Bob Stewart	Sir John Stanley (in the Chair)

Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

#### **1. Formal Minutes of the CAEC meeting on 10 September 2012**

The Formal Minutes of the meeting of the Committees on 10 September 2012 were agreed, with the following amendment – Item 4 – at end of sentence add: “and the Government’s arms export controls and arms control policies.”.

#### **2. The Government’s 2012 Quarter 2 Report**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the questions relating to public and restricted material be sent to the relevant government departments.

#### **3. Written Evidence**

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to Strategic Export Controls be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Memorandum from Drone Wars UK  
 Memorandum from the Export Group for Aerospace and Defence (EGAD)  
 Memorandum from Transparency International UK  
 Memorandum from Andrew Feinstein  
 Memorandum from Campaign Against Arms Trade  
 Memorandum from Toxic Remnants of War Project  
 Memorandum from the United Kingdom Working Group

#### **4. Arms Export Controls**

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Roy Ibsbister; Team Leader, Small Arms and Transfers Control, Saferworld; Oliver Sprague; Programme Director, Military Security and Police, Amnesty; Martin Butcher, Policy Advisor, Oxfam GB; Mr David Hayes (Chairman of EGAD), of David Hayes Export Controls; Mr Barry Fletcher (Executive Committee Member of EGAD), of Fletcher International Export Consultancy; Mr David Barber, International Trade Compliance Manager – UK, UTC Aerospace Systems; and Mr Michael J.V. Bell, Export Controls Consultant gave oral evidence.

[Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Tuesday 4 December 1.45 pm

## **Tuesday 4 December 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mr John Baron  
Sir Menzies Campbell  
Ann Clwyd  
Mike Gapes

Mark Hendrick  
Andrew Rosindell  
Mr Frank Roy  
Sir John Stanley  
Rory Stewart

### **1. Mr Neil Heywood**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Mr Neil Heywood be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from the Chair to the Foreign Secretary, dated 13 November 2012

Letter from the Foreign Secretary to the Chair, dated 27 November 2012

### **2. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

*Ordered*, That Sir William Patey KCMG be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to the UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain (For declaration of interests, see Appendix).

### **3. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Iran**

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold an evidence session on UK policy towards Iran, and that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) be invited to give oral evidence.

### **5. China**

*Resolved*, That the Committee hold an evidence session on UK policy towards China.

### **6. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Research Director, Royal United Services Institute, and Professor William Walker, Professor of International Relations, St Andrew's University, gave oral evidence.

Professor Sir David Omand, Visiting Professor, Department of War Studies, King's College, London, and Sir Richard Mottram, Visiting Professor, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 December at 1.45 pm

*Wednesday 5 December – Friday 7 December 2012*

*The Committee visited Moscow in a representative capacity in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 October 2012.*

*Members who took part in the visit: Richard Ottaway (Chairman), Mark Hendrick, Frank Roy.*

## **Tuesday 11 December 2012**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mike Gapes  
Mark Hendrick  
Andrew Rosindell

Mr Frank Roy  
Sir John Stanley  
Rory Stewart

### **1. EU Balance of Competences Review**

*Ordered,* That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary regarding the foreign policy element of the Government's EU Balance of Competences review.

### **2. FCO Annual Report 2011-12**

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to the FCO Annual Report 2011-12 be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BBC (PF01 and PF02)

Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) (PF03)

TheCityUK (PF04)

### **3. The Overseas Territories White Paper**

Mark Simmonds MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Peter Hayes, Director for Overseas Territories, and Tim Colley, Deputy Director for Overseas Territories, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 December at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 18 December 2012

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mike Gapes
Mr John Baron	Mark Hendrick
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Ann Clwyd	Rory Stewart

### 1. Syria

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary seeking clarification of the Government's policy on intervention in Syria.

*Ordered*, That the letter from the Chair to the Foreign Secretary seeking clarification of the Government's policy on intervention in Syria, dated 18 December, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

### 2. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Bahrain Human Rights Monitor (SAB 01)  
Roger Tomkys (SAB 02)  
Brigadier Peter Sincock (SAB 03)  
Peter Francis (SAB 04)  
Bharat Jashanmal (SAB 06)  
George Williams, Gulf Daily News (SAB 07)  
Amjad Bseisu (SAB 09)  
Raymond Weaver (SAB 10)  
Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS) (SAB12)  
Marilyn Collins (SAB 13)  
Omar Al-Hassan (SAB 15)  
Rehman Chishti MP (SAB 16)  
Sir Harold Walker (SAB 19)  
Sir John Shepherd KCVO CMG (SAB 20)  
Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and National Security, Shura Council-Kingdom of Bahrain (SAB 21)  
Philip Smith (SAB 22)



Paul Mercer, Kuwait Finance House (Bahrain) (SAB 23)  
 Graeme Lamb (SAB 24)  
 LuaLuaTV (SAB 25)  
 Citizens for Bahrain (SAB 29)  
 Caroline Nokes MP (SAB 32)1  
 Bahrain Federation of Expatriate Associations (BFEA) (SAB 33)  
 Human Rights Watch (SAB 38)  
 FCO (SAB 40)  
 REDRESS (SAB 44)  
 Colin Murray (SAB 45)  
 Islamic Human Rights Commission (SAB 46)  
 Robin Lamb (SAB 55)  
 Douglas Hansen-Luke & Rosamund de Sybel (SAB 56)  
 Mabadea Society For Human Rights (SAB 58)  
 Royal United Services Industry (RUSI) (SAB 59)  
 Dr Kristian Ulrichsen (SAB 60)  
 Caroline Montagu (SAB 61)  
 Robert Lacey (SAB 63)  
 British Council (SAB 64)  
 Amnesty International (SAB 65)

### 3. The FCO's performance and finances in 2011-12

Peter Horrocks, Director, BBC Global News, and Richard Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, BBC World Service; and Professor Pamela Gillies, Member, Board of Trustees, and Martin Davidson, CMG, Chief Executive, British Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 December 2.30 pm

## Wednesday 19 December 2012

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

<i>Business, Innovation and Skills Committee</i>	<i>Defence Committee</i>	<i>Foreign Affairs Committee</i>	<i>International Development</i>
Katy Clark Ann McKechin Mr Robin Walker	Jeffrey Donaldson Bob Stewart	Ann Clwyd Mike Gapes Mark Hendrick Sir John Stanley (in the Chair)	Sir Malcolm Bruce Richard Burden Fiona O'Donnell

Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

5. Formal Minutes of the CAEC meeting on 3 December 2012

The Formal Minutes of the meeting of the Committees on 3 December 2012 were agreed.

6. Publication of correspondence by the Chairman

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Chairman be authorised to publish correspondence, after circulation to Members.

7. Arms Export Controls

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and President of the Board of Trade; David Frost, Director, Europe, Trade and International Trade, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Chris Chew, Head of Policy, Export Control Organisation, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Rt Hon William Hague MP, First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Richard Tauwhare, Head of Arms Export Policy Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office; and James Paver, Deputy Head of Arms Export Policy Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave oral evidence.

[Foreign Affairs Committee adjourned till Tuesday 8 January at 1.45 pm

**Tuesday 8 January 2013**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mark Hendrick
Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Frank Roy
Ann Clwyd	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

**1. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

*Ordered*, That the Chair's letter to Lord Avebury, dated 7 January 2013, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Sir William Patey KCMG, Specialist Adviser, made a further declaration of interests (*see Appendix*)

**2. BBC World Service**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary about the FCO's policy on broadcasting by the BBC World Service into North Korea.

**3. Syria**

*Ordered*, That the letter of 4 January 2013 from the Secretary of State to the Chair, on Syria, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

**4. European Parliament meeting of Foreign Affairs Committee**

*Ordered*, That Mike Gapes have leave to visit Brussels in a representative capacity to attend the discussion on European Global Strategy hosted by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament on Thursday 21 February 2013, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee in connection with the visit.

**5. US foreign policy and its impact upon the UK**

The Committee considered this matter.

**6. Syria**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 January at 5.30 pm]

**Monday 14 January 2013**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mike Gapes  
Andrew Rosindell

Sir John Stanley

**1. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 January at 2.15 pm]

**Tuesday 15 January 2013**

Members present:

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mr John Baron  
Sir Menzies Campbell

Andrew Rosindell  
Mr Frank Roy  
Rory Stewart

Mike Gapes  
Mark Hendrick

Sir John Stanley

In the absence of the Chair, Mike Gapes was called to the chair.

**1. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. The foreign policy implication of and for a separate Scotland**

Dr Juliet Kaarbo, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of Edinburgh, and Catarina Tully, Director, From Over Here consultancy, gave oral evidence.

The Rt Hon the Lord Jay of Ewelme gave oral evidence.

Sir James Craig GMCG, former Ambassador, and Anthony Layden CMG, former Ambassador, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 January at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 22 January 2013

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mark Hendrick
Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Mr Frank Roy
Ann Clwyd	Rory Stewart
Mike Gapes	

### 1. Iran's nuclear programme

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the office of the International Atomic Energy Authority in Vienna in February or March 2013, and that the Chair do seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

### 2. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain

The Committee considered this matter.

Jane Kinninmont, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House, and Dr Neil Partrick, Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute, gave oral evidence.

Sir Roger Tomkys, former UK Ambassador to Bahrain, and Robin Lamb, former UK Ambassador to Bahrain, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 28 January at 1.00 pm]

*Sunday 27 February – Monday 28 February*

*The Chair, Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr John Baron, Sir Menzies Campbell, Mr Frank Roy, Sir John Stanley and Rory Stewart visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 4 September.*

## Monday 28 January 2013

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mr John Baron  
Sir Menzies Campbell

Mr Frank Roy  
Sir John Stanley  
Rory Stewart

**1. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 January at 1.45 pm]

**Tuesday 29 January 2013**

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mr John Baron  
Sir Menzies Campbell  
Ann Clwyd  
Mike Gapes

Mark Hendrick  
Mr Andrew Rosindell  
Sir John Stanley  
Rory Stewart

**1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the future of the European Union: UK Government policy, be reported to the House for publishing on the internet:

FEU 15a	Professor Michael Dougan and Dr Michael Gordon (supplementary submission, received on 11 January 2013)
FEU 33	Lord Howell
FEU 34	Frank Vibert
FEU 35	Simon Usherwood
FEU 36	Erna Hjaltested

**2. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Rosemary Hollis, Professor of Middle East Policy Studies, City University, London, and Chris Doyle, Director, Council for the Advancement of Arab British Understanding (CAABU), gave oral evidence.

Sir Alan Munro KCMG, Honorary Vice-President, Saudi-British Society, Board Member, Arab British Chamber of Commerce, and former British Ambassador in Saudi Arabia, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 February at 1.45 pm]

## **Tuesday 5 February 2013**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mr John Baron  
Sir Menzies Campbell  
Mike Gapes  
Mark Hendrick

Frank Roy  
Mr Andrew Rosindell  
Sir John Stanley  
Rory Stewart

### **1. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. British Indian Ocean Territory**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary about legal matters in relation to the British Indian Ocean Territory.

### **3. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

*Resolved*, That the Committee request further written evidence on the status of seceding or separating states under international law.

### **4. Iran's nuclear programme**

Professor Ali Ansari, Director, Institute of Iranian Studies, University of St Andrews, and Dr Trita Parsi, President, National Iranian American Council, gave oral evidence.

Mark Fitzpatrick, Director, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Programme, International Institute for Strategic Studies, and Shashank Joshi, Research Fellow, Royal United Services Institute London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 February at 2.15]

### **Wednesday 6 February 2013**

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mark Hendrick
Mr John Baron	Mr Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

#### **1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

The Rt Hon William Hague MP, First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Sir Jon Cunliffe CB, UK Permanent Representative to the EU, and Simon Manley CMG, Director, Europe, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 February at 4.30 pm]

### **Monday 11 February 2013**

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

#### **1. The future of the European Union: UK Government policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 February at 1.45 pm]



## Tuesday 12 February 2013

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mike Gapes
Mr John Baron	Mark Hendrick
Sir Menzies Campbell	Sir John Stanley
Ann Clwyd	Rory Stewart

### 1. FCO performance and finances

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Informal meetings of the Committee

*Resolved*, That the Committee publish from time to time lists of people with whom it has held informal meetings and the dates on which those meetings were held.—(*The Chair*).

### 3. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain

Sir David Wootton, former Lord Mayor of the City of London, and David Lloyd OBE, Senior Consultant, Middle East Association, and Head of the British Trade Office in Saudi Arabia, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 February at 1.45]

*Wednesday 20 February – Thursday 21 February*

*Mike Gapes visited Brussels to attend a discussion on European Global Strategy hosted by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 8 January.*

## Tuesday 26 February 2013

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Mr John Baron  
Sir Menzies Campbell  
Mark Hendrick

Andrew Rosindell  
Mr Frank Roy  
Sir John Stanley

**1. Interparliamentary Conference for the EU Common Foreign And Security Policy (CFSP) and Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), Dublin, 24-26 March**

*Ordered*, That Mr Frank Roy and the Committee Specialist have leave to visit Dublin in a representative capacity to attend the Interparliamentary Conference for the EU Common Foreign And Security Policy (CFSP) and Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), Dublin, from 24 to 26 March 2013, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee in connection with the visit.

**2. The foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. The future of the EU: UK Government policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 March at 1.45 pm

**Tuesday 5 March 2013**

Members present:  
Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth  
Ann Clwyd  
Mike Gapes  
Mark Hendrick

Andrew Rosindell  
Mr Frank Roy  
Sir John Stanley  
Rory Stewart

**1. Petition**

The Committee considered the petition to the House from residents of the United Kingdom, presented by Mr David Winnick MP, concerning human rights in India.

**2. FCO Performance and finances**

*Ordered*, That the Quarterly Update (October to December 2012) on FCO Management Matters, submitted by the FCO, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

**3. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

Dr Jonathan Eyal, Director of International Security Studies at Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), and Howard Wheeldon, former Director (Policy, Public Affairs & Media) at ADS, trade organisation for the UK aerospace, defence, security and space industries, gave oral evidence.

Sir Tom Phillips, former British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 March at 1.15 pm]

**Tuesday 12 March 2013**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr Bob Ainsworth	Mark Hendrick
Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Mr Frank Roy
Ann Clwyd	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart

**1. Gifting of equipment to Uzbekistan**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State about equipment gifted to Uzbekistan.

**2. FCO and UKTI Supplementary Estimates**

*Ordered*, That memoranda relating to the Supplementary Estimates for 2012-13 for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and UK Trade and Investment be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

**3. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. FCO performance and finances 2011-12**

The Committee considered this matter.

**5. Extremism and political instability in North and West Africa**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 March at 1.45 pm

### **Thursday 14 March**

*The Chair, Mike Gapes and the Clerk visited the BBC World Service premises at New Broadcasting House, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into FCO performance and finances 2011-12, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 February.*

### **Tuesday 19 March 2013**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Mark Hendrick
Sir Menzies Campbell	Andrew Rosindell
Ann Clwyd	Mr Frank Roy
Mike Gapes	Sir John Stanley

1. **Extremism and political instability in North and West Africa**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into extremism and political instability in North and West Africa.

2. **The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **FCO performance and finances 2011-12**

Draft Report (*FCO performance and finances 2011-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 690.*

4. **Syria**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary about Government policy on the supply of arms to the Syrian Opposition.

5. **The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain**

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 April at 1.45 pm

**Wednesday 20 March – Thursday 21 March**

*The Chair, Mr John Baron, Sir Menzies Campbell, Mike Gapes, Mark Hendrick, Mr Frank Roy and Sir John Stanley visited Vienna, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Iran's nuclear programme, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 22 January.*

**Sunday 24 March – Tuesday 26 March**

*Mr Frank Roy and the Committee Specialist visited Dublin to attend the Interparliamentary Conference for the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy and the EU Common Security and Defence Policy, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 26 February.*

**Sunday 24 March – Friday 29 March**

*The Chair, Sir Menzies Campbell, Ann Clwyd, Mike Gapes, Rory Stewart and Sir John Stanley visited Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 November 2012.*

**Tuesday 16 April 2013**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Mr Frank Roy
Ann Clwyd	Sir John Stanley
Mike Gapes	Rory Stewart
Mark Hendrick	

6. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Extremism and political instability in North and West Africa**

The Committee considered this matter.

8. **The FCO's human rights work in 2012**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the FCO's human rights work in 2012.

9. **Syria**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary about Government policy on the supply of arms to the Syrian Opposition, and the procedure by which Parliament had been notified of the proposal to gift equipment to the Syrian Opposition.

10. **FCO consular services**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary about consular services provided by contact centres.

11. **Council of Arab Ambassadors**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the Council of Arab Ambassadors to discuss matters relating to the Middle East.

12. **Foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 April at 1.45 pm]

**Tuesday 23 April 2013**

Members present:

Richard Ottaway, in the Chair

Mr John Baron	Andrew Rosindell
Sir Menzies Campbell	Mr Frank Roy
Mike Gapes	Sir John Stanley
Mark Hendrick	

1. **FCO performance and finances**

*Ordered*, That written evidence from the Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on “speaker slots” at FCO posts overseas, dated 26 March, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

*Ordered*, That written evidence from the Foreign Secretary, on discretionary programme and project spending by FCO posts, dated 14 April, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **The FCO's human rights work**

*Ordered*, That written evidence from the Rt Hon Hugo Swire MP, on points outstanding from the debate on human rights in Westminster Hall on 14 March, dated 27 March, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Syria**

*Ordered*, That written evidence from the Foreign Secretary, dated 20 April, together with the Chair's letter to the Foreign Secretary, dated 20 March, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Publication of miscellaneous correspondence**

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

Letter of 4 April from the Rt Hon David Lidington MP, on research into possible migration from Romania and Bulgaria to the UK from 2014 onwards

Letter of 15 April from the Foreign Secretary, on North Korea

Letter of 20 April from the Foreign Secretary, on gifting to Uzbekistan

5. **Iran's nuclear weapons programme**

*Ordered*, That the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary about Iran's nuclear weapons programme, and that the letter be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. **Foreign policy implications of and for a separate Scotland**

Draft Report (*Foreign policy considerations for the UK and Scotland in the event of Scotland becoming an independent country*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 643.*

7. **Extremism and political instability in North and West Africa**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 May at 4.30 pm]

## APPENDIX

### DECLARATIONS OF [MEMBERS'] INTERESTS

*20 November 2012: declaration of Members' interests*

#### **Declaration of interests: Mark Hendrick MP**

##### **All-Party Parliamentary groups**

- Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary China Group (sponsorship from GKN plc, City of London, London Export Corporation (LEC), John Swire & Sons, GlaxoSmithKline, Astra Zeneca, Arup, University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, HSBC).
- Member, British-Brazil All-Party Parliamentary Group
- Member, Romania All-Party Parliamentary Group

##### **Membership of trade unions**

- GMB Union
- USDAW Union
- Unite Union

##### **Member of Co-operative Party**

##### **Overseas visits** (Extract from the Register of Members' Financial Interests)

###### **Virgin Atlantic**

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value):

1. £2,654.48, return flights to China, internal travel in China, accommodation and meals. I also received some meals and hospitality provided locally.

2. £2,680, out and return upgrade for me and upgrade for my spouse on return journey from Shanghai to London.

Destination of visit: China; Shanghai, Beijing and Chengdu

Date of visit: 16 December 2011-2 January 2012

Purpose of visit: to maintain and strengthen relations between Parliament and the National People's Congress of China; to learn about and support British businesses operating in China; and to deepen the knowledge and understanding of parliamentarians of China.

(Registered 5 January 2012)

###### **Hong Kong Government**

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £8,159.62

Destination of visit: Hong Kong

Date of visit: 12-19 February 2012



Purpose of visit: To deepen the knowledge and understanding of the political and economic development of Hong Kong since the handover and also to maintain the ties between Hong Kong and the All Party Parliamentary China Group

(Registered 15 March 2012)

**Sir Joseph Hotung Programme**

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £1,002.94

Destination of visit: West Bank and Israel

Date of visit: 7-11 June 2012

Purpose of visit: Britain Palestine All-Party Parliamentary Group delegation

(Registered 5 July 2012)

1) **Körber-Stiftung**

2) **LSBU Confucius Institute**

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value):

1) Travel London-Shanghai/Beijing-London, Beijing-Huangshan-Beijing and accommodation in Huangshan and Beijing; total value £5,752.19

2) East China Normal University – Chinese language training plus accommodation and hospitality; total value £2,297

Destination of visit: China – Shanghai, Beijing and Huangshan

Date of visit: 27 July 2012-3 September 2012

Purpose of visit: Chinese language training 27 July-25 August 2012 and Keynote Speaker at 151st Bergedorf Round Table, EU-China High Level Conference 31 August-2 September 2012.

(Registered 26 September 2012)