



House of Commons
Scottish Affairs Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2013–14

The Scottish Affairs Committee

The Scottish Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Scotland Office (including (i) relations with the Scottish Parliament and (ii) administration and expenditure of the offices of the Advocate General for Scotland (but excluding individual cases and advice given within government by the Advocate General)).

Current membership

Mr Ian Davidson (*Labour/Co-op, Glasgow South West*) (Chair)
Mike Crockart (*Liberal Democrat, Edinburgh West*)
Jim McGovern (*Labour, Dundee West*)
Graeme Morrice MP (*Labour, Livingston*)
Pamela Nash (*Labour, Airdrie and Shotts*)
Sir James Paice (*Conservative, South East Cambridgeshire*)
Simon Reeve (*Conservative, Dewsbury*)
Mr Alan Reid (*Liberal Democrat, Argyll and Bute*)
Lindsay Roy (*Labour, Glenrothes*)
Dr Eilidh Whiteford (*Scottish National Party, Banff and Buchan*)

The following members were also members of the committee during the Parliament:

Mrs Eleanor Laing (*Conservative, Epping Forest*)

Powers

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

Publications

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

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Dr Rebecca Davies (Clerk), Jyoti Chandola (Clerk), Phil Jones (Second Clerk), Alasdair Mackenzie (Inquiry Manager), Helena Ali (Senior Committee Assistant), Annabel Goddard (Committee Assistant).

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Tuesday 14 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*, submitted by The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers and The Electoral Commission, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in Employment*, submitted by Glaxo Smith Kline and the supplementary written evidence submitted by Skanska, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ronald Bowie, Senior partner at Hymans Robertson, pension's consultancy, Professor David Bell, University of Stirling, David Wood, Executive Director, Technical Policy and Services, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) and Christine Scott, Assistant Director, Charities and Pensions, ICAS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 May 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 15 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the supplementary written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in Employment*, submitted by the Information Commissioner's Office, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Scots Guards at Wellington Barracks in connection with its inquiry into The Referendum on Separation for Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Benbecula and Stornoway in connection with its inquiry into The Referendum on Separation for Scotland.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Chris Flatt, Deputy Director, Constitution, Scotland Office, and Stephen Farrington, Deputy Director, Economics Group, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 5 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Eleanor Laing
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland, Carers Scotland, Capability Scotland, Robert Steele, Mr and Mrs Henderson, Citizens Advice Scotland, James Kempston, The Scottish Government, The Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland, The Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum and The Housing Support Enabling Unit, Shelter Scotland, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, Parkinson's UK

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland, Russell Frith, Assistant Auditor General and Angela Cullen, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

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Tuesday 11 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Eleanor Laing
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Draft Special Report, (*The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: How would Separation affect jobs in the Scottish defence industry?: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2012–13*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eighth Report of Session 2012–13 from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland

Dr Mary Taylor, Chief Executive, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations and David Bookbinder, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 3.30 p.m.]

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Wednesday 12 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Dr Angus Armstrong, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, and Carl Emmerson, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 18 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland

Keith Dryburgh, Policy Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

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Wednesday 19 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Alan Reid, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Eleanor Laing

Graeme Morrice
Lindsay Roy

Resolved, that at this day's sitting, Mr Alan Reid take the Chair of the Committee.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Dr Angus Armstrong, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, and Carl Emmerson, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 9.30 a.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 25 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mr Alan Reid

Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Remploy Marine Fife

Draft Report (*Remploy Marine Fife*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 454.

[Adjourned till this day at 2.00 p.m.]

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Tuesday 25 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Graeme Morrice
Jim McGovern

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Power Outages in the West of Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Ofgem, Margaret Gruber, Rod Clayton and Colin Currie.

3. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR, Argyll and Bute Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 July 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 2 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Graeme Morrice
Jim McGovern

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Power Outages in the West of Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

NFU Scotland, Jane Gallagher, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution, Margaret McDowall, SP Energy Networks.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in Employment*, submitted by Unite the Union, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Blacklisting in Employment

Gail Cartmail, Assistant General Secretary, Unite the Union, gave oral evidence on oath.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 July 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 3 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Power Outages in the West of Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Lindsay Keir, Alastair Redman.

3. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Mark Rough, Head of Commercial, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution, Lisa Doogan, Director of Network Services, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution, Guy Jefferson, Network Operations Director, SP Energy Networks and Vicky Kelsall, Customer Service Director, SP Energy Networks, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 9 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

George Grant, Associate Fellow, Henry Jackson Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 July 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 10 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart

Mrs Eleanor Laing

Jim McGovern

Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice

Mr Alan Reid

Lindsay Roy

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Land Reform in Scotland.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the briefing paper, 432:50 – *Towards a Comprehensive Land Reform Agenda for Scotland*, relating to *Land Reform in Scotland*, submitted by James Hunter, Peter Peacock, Andy Wightman and Michael Foxley, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Elma Murray, Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council, Alistair Speedie, Director of Planning and Environment Services, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Councillor Ian Carruthers, Dumfries and Galloway Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 July 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 16 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockett
Jim McGovern

Sir Jim Paice
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland

Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 July 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 17 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash
Sir Jim Paice

Simon Reevell
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Ordered, That the supplementary written evidence relating to *Power Outages in the West of Scotland*, submitted by Ofgem, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Stephen Ratcliffe, Director, UK Contractors Group, gave oral evidence on oath.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 September 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Tuesday 13 August - Thursday 15 August

The Chair, Jim McGovern, Pamela Nash, Graeme Morrice and Lindsay Roy visited Benbecula and Stornoway (Isle of Lewis), in connection with the Committee's inquiries into The Referendum on Separation for Scotland and The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 May.

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Tuesday 3 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Power Outages in the West of Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Power Outages in the West of Scotland*, submitted by the Mobile Operators Association, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in Employment*, submitted by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Blacklisting in Employment

Peter Cheese, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, gave oral evidence on oath.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 September 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 4 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Zero Hours Contracts

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Zero Hours Contracts.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

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Tuesday 10 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockett
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That Mr Jim Hunter be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Land Reform in Scotland.

3. The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Renfrewshire Council and Western Isles Forum of Tenants and Residents' Associations (WIFTRA)

4. The impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to housing benefit in Scotland

Keith Dryburgh, Policy Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 September 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 11 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Sir Jim Paice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glenrothes in connection with its inquiries into the impact of the Bedroom Tax and other changes to housing benefit in Scotland, and Zero-Hours Contracts.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Inverness in connection with its inquiries into The Crown Estate in Scotland and Land Reform in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Cardiff in connection with its inquiries into Blacklisting in Employment and The impact of the Bedroom Tax and other changes to housing benefit in Scotland.

2. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by Unite the Union, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Zero Hours Contracts

James Bevan, Campaigns and Communications Officer, and Pat Rafferty, Scotland Regional Secretary, Unite the Union, and Mark Epstein, and Daniel Elton, Mass1, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 October 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 9 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Sir Jim Paice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Castlemilk, Glasgow in connection with its inquiry into The impact of the Bedroom Tax and other changes to housing benefit in Scotland.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That Mr Andy Wightman be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Land Reform in Scotland.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in employment*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Supplementary Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, Further Information Commissioners Office, The Highland Council.

4. Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, That the Supplementary written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*, submitted by Rt Hon Vince Cable, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

5. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax and Other Changes to Housing Benefits in Scotland

Councillor Matt Kerr, Executive Member for Health and Social Care, Homelessness and Welfare Reform, Glasgow City Council, Morag Johnson, Assistant Director, Financial Services, Glasgow City Council, Richard Gass, Manager of Social Work Services, Service Modernisation, Glasgow City Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Friday 18 October 2013 at 10.45 a.m.]

Formal Minutes

Friday 18 October 2013

The Committee met at Fife House, in Glenrothes.

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockett
Jim McGovern

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by Jo Swinson MP, be reported to the House for publication on the internet

3. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax and Other Changes to Housing Benefits in Scotland

Cllr David Ross Deputy Leader, Fife Council, Louise Sutherland, Housing manager, Fife Council, Eileen Rowand, Head of Revenue and Exchequer Services, Fife Council, Graham Sutherland, Fife Law Centre, Norma Philpott, Citizens Advice Bureau, Norah Smith, Kingdom Housing Association, Pauline Buchan, Cottage Family Centre and Craig Stirratt, Fife Housing Association gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 12.50 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 23 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Pamela Nash
Sir Jim Paice

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Stephen Farrington, Deputy Director, HM Treasury and Chris Flatt, Deputy Director, Scotland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 October 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 29 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*, submitted by Dr Patrick Mileham, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Dr Patrick Mileham, Former British Army officer, Royal Tank Regiment and writer on Military History, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 October 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 30 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax and Other Changes to Housing Benefits in Scotland

Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, Scottish Housing Regulator and Kirstie Corbett, Analysis and Research Manager, Scottish Housing Regulator, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 6 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Alan Reid, in the Chair

Mike Crockett
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Lindsay Roy

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax and Other Changes to Housing Benefits in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Impact of the Bedroom Tax and Other Changes to Housing Benefits in Scotland*, submitted by COSLA, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Councillor Harry McGuigan, Policy Manager, and Michael McClements, Policy Manager, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 November 2013 at 12.30 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 12 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Graeme Morrice
Simon Reeve

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: The need for truth

Draft Report (*The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: The need for truth*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 828.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

The Ministry of Defence, and Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Dr Andrew Murrison MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Security Strategy, Ministry of Defence and Margaret Porteous, Deputy Director, Policy, The Scotland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 19 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: The need for truth

Draft Report (*The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: A Defence Force for Scotland—A Conspiracy of Optimism?*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 842.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 12.30 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 20 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2012/13

Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael, Secretary of State for Scotland, Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, and Alun Evans, Director, Scotland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 21 November 2013 at 1.45 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Thursday 21 November 2013

The Committee met in the Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash
Lindsay Roy

1. Blacklisting in Employment

Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 December 2013 at 1.45 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 2 December 2013

The Committee met in The Town House, in Inverness

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. The Crown Estate in Scotland: follow up

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Crown Estate in Scotland: follow up*, submitted by The Crown Estate, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Land Reform in Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Lucy Mackenzie; Dr Reginald Melton; Aigas Community Forest; Big Lottery Fund; Malcolm M Combe; Alastair McIntosh; Bill Ritchie; Jim Gallagher; Margaret E M Rozga; Linda Elizabeth Taylor; Community Land Scotland; Mckerron Begg; Stag Scottish Tenants Action Group; Derek W Loudon; Dan Bailey; Mr Robert F Fleet; Development Trusts Association Scotland; Nourish Scotland; Scottish Environment LINK; Highlands and Islands Enterprise; M G Grant; Forest Policy Group; Tony Rozga; Blair Rozga; Ann Penrice; David Mackenzie; The Historic Houses Association for Scotland (HHAS); Mr Stuart Moffat; Scottish Countryside Alliance; Neil King; Portree Area Community Trust (PACT); The Community Woodlands Association (CWA); The Carnegie UK Trust (CUKT); The Scottish Tenant Farmers Association (STFA); The Crown Estate; Laura Brickell; Knoydart Forest Trust; Robin McLaren, Know Edge Ltd; Oxfam Scotland; NFU Scotland; Lesley Riddoch; The Scottish Community Alliance; An Anonymous Contributor.

Peter Peacock and Angus Robertson, Community Land Scotland, and Cllr Angus Campbell, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Western Isles Council gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 December 2013 at 8.15 a.m.]

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Tuesday 3 December 2013

The Committee met in The Town House, in Inverness

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockett
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Sir Jim Paice
Lindsay Roy

1. The Crown Estate in Scotland: follow up

Alison Nimmo, Chief Executive, Gareth Baird, Scottish Commissioner, Ronnie Quinn, Energy and Infrastructure Lead for Scotland and Alan Laidlaw, Scotland Rural and Coastal Portfolio Manager, The Crown Estate, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 December 2013 at 2.30 p.m.]

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Tuesday 10 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to Housing Benefit in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Impact of the Bedroom Tax & other changes to Housing Benefit in Scotland*, submitted by Glasgow City Council, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Paul Johnson, Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies, David Phillips, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies and Gemma Tetlow, Programme Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

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Wednesday 11 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash
Sir Jim Paice

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland: Interim Report

Draft Report (*The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland: Interim Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 288.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 December 2013 at 10.45 a.m.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 16 December 2013

The Committee met in The Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie.

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland

Councillor Peter Sullivan, Vice Convenor of Housing and Social Work Services, Elaine Mchugh, Head of Housing Services, North Lanarkshire Council, Brian Cook, Head of Revenue Services, North Lanarkshire Council, Julie Hunter, Housing Strategy Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, and Amanda Gallacher, Senior Officer Welfare rights team, North Lanarkshire Council, gave oral evidence.

Keith Dryburgh, Policy Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland, Jonny Miller, Managing Director, Richard Young, and Stewart MacDonald, Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day 2013 at 2.45 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 16 December 2013

The Committee met in The Jenniburn Centre, Castlemilk.

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern

Pamela Nash

Graeme Morrice

Lindsay Roy

1. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland

Clair Malpas, Regeneration Manager, Cassiltoun Housing Association, Jean Devlin, Castlemilk anti bedroom tax campaign, Billy McFadyen, Castlemilk Credit Union, Angus McIntosh, Solicitor, Castlemilk Law Centre, Maureen Smith, Solicitor, Castlemilk Law Centre, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 December 2013 at 12.30 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 17 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in employment*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

George Fuller, EDF Energy, Pat Swift.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Nigel Cann, Site Construction Director for Hinkley Point C Nuclear New Build, EDF Energy and Barbara Jones, HR Director for Nuclear New Build, EDF Energy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 December 2013 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 18 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit West Lothian, in connection with its inquiry into The impact of the Bedroom Tax and other changes to housing benefit in Scotland.

2. Blacklisting in Employment

Pat Swift, Former Head of Human Resources, Bam Ferrovial Kier (BFK), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 8 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh for a series of informal meetings with MSPs in the Scottish Parliament.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

James Brokenshire MP, Minister for Security, Home Office and Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Thursday 9 January

The Chair, Jim McGovern, Graeme Morrice and Lindsay Roy visited Edinburgh, in connection with informal meetings with MSPs in the Scottish Parliament, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 8 January.

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 14 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Land Reform In Scotland*, submitted by Scottish Land and Estates, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Crown Estate Follow Up

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The Crown Estate Follow Up*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Dr Sally Campbell; The Crown Estate.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 15 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Professor Iain McLean, Professor of Politics, Official Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, Professor Adam Tomkins, John Millar Chair of Public Law, University of Glasgow, Professor Kenneth Armstrong, Professor of European Law, University of Cambridge, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 January 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 21 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Land Reform In Scotland*, submitted by HMRC, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Andrew Leaver, Aigas Community Forest, Rory Dutton, Development Officer, Development Trusts Association Scotland, Eric Samuel, Senior Policy and Learning Manager, Big Lottery Fund, Neil Ritch, Deputy Director, Big Lottery Fund, Rachael McCormack, Strengthening Communities Director, HIE and Sandra Dunbar, Head of Business Improvement and Internal Audit, HIE, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 22 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Blacklisting in Employment

Kevin Coyne, Unite National Officer for Energy and Utilities, Bernard McAulay, Unite National Officer for Construction, Phil Whitehurst, GMB, National Officer for Construction and Steve Murphy, General Secretary, UCATT, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 January 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 28 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Draft Special Report, (*The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: A Defence Force for Scotland – A Conspiracy of Optimism? Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2013–14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report of Session 2013–14 from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Land Reform in Scotland

Professor David Adams, Glasgow University and Professor Paul Cheshire, London School of Economics, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 January 2014 at 2.15 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 29 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Alan Reid, in the Chair

Mike Crockaart
Graeme Morrice

Sir Jim Paice
Lindsay Roy

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Alan Reid was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*, submitted by Professor Adam Tomkins, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Professor Hugh Pennington CBE, Emeritus Professor of Bacteriology, University of Aberdeen, Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland and Professor David Raffe, Professor of Sociology and Education and Member of the Centre for Educational Sociology, University of Edinburgh, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 February 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 4 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Sir Jim Paice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland

Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Rt Hon David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science, DBIS, and Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 February 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 5 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

University And College Union, Citizens Advice Scotland, National Union Of Rail, Maritime & Transport Workers, Unite The Union, Employment Lawyers Association, Educational Institute Of Scotland, Universities And Colleges Employers Association, Department For Business, Innovation And Skills and Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW).

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Professor Ronald MacDonald, Professor of Economics, University of Glasgow, Dr Angus Armstrong, Head of Macroeconomics and finance Group, National Institute of Economic and Social Research and Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, Stirling University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 February 2014 at 9.15 a.m.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 10 February 2014

The Committee met in The Howden Park Centre, Livingston.

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern

Graeme Morrice
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland

Donald Forrest, Head of Finance and Estates, West Lothian Council, Ian Alcorn, Welfare Reform and Legislation Advisor, West Lothian Council, and Alistair Shaw, Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services, West Lothian Council; Mike Bruce, Chief Executive, Weslo Housing Management, Sandy Young, Housing Manager, Almond Housing Association, Alison Kerr, Chair, West Lothian Tenants Panel and Andy Ashcroft, Area Director (North-East), Glasgow Housing Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 1.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 10 February 2014

The Committee met in Falkirk Town Hall, Falkirk.

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern

Graeme Morrice

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland

Councillor Craig Martin, Falkirk Council, Councillor Linda Gow, Falkirk Council, Councillor Gerry Goldie, Falkirk Council, Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive, Falkirk Council, Rhona Penman, Advice Services Co-ordinator, Link Housing Association, Bill Palombo, Grangemouth Citizen's Advice Bureau, gave oral evidence.

3. Zero Hours Contracts

Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 February 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 12 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Sir Jim Paice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*, be reported to the House for publication on the internet;

Ian King, Chief Executive Officer, BAE Systems, Alastair Sim, Director Universities Scotland and James Brokenshire MP, Security Minister.

3. Land Reform in Scotland

Mr Michael Ireland, Knight Frank LLP and Mr Andrew Hamilton, Strutt & Parker LLP, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors; Mr Robin McLaren, Know Edge, Professor Robert Barr, University of Manchester and Dr Cameron Easton, University of Glasgow, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 25 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Mike Crockart

Graeme Morrice

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Mick Cash, Senior Assistant General Secretary, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers and Scot Walker, Chairperson, Unite Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 February 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 26 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Mike Crockett
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Land Reform in Scotland*, submitted by HMRC, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Referendum on Separation for Scotland*, submitted by The Financial Conduct Authority, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Owen Kelly, Chief Executive, Scottish Financial Enterprise, and Iain MacNeil, Alexander Stone Chair of Commercial Law, University of Glasgow; Mark Neale, Chief Executive, Financial Services Compensation Scheme, and Sean Martin, General Counsel, Financial Conduct Authority; Andrew Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, Prudential Regulation Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 4 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Land Reform in Scotland*, submitted by HIE, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Sarah-Jane Laing, Director of Policy and Parliamentary Affairs, Scottish Land and Estates, and Nick Way, Director General, Historic Houses Association; Stuart Adam, Institute for Fiscal Studies, and Jim Gallagher, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 5 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Crown Estate in Scotland: follow up

Draft Report (*The Crown Estate in Scotland: follow up*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 889.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the correspondence relating to the Blacklisting Compensation Scheme, submitted by construction companies, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Professor Robert Wright, Strathclyde University and Dr David Comerford, Professor of Economics, Stirling University; Martin Potter, Leader of the Scottish Board, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, and David Wood, Christine Scott, David Davison, Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 March 2014 at 9.00 a.m.]

Formal Minutes

Monday 10 March 2014

The Committee met in the Douglas Community Centre, Dundee.

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Pamela Nash

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland

Councillor Lesley Brennan, Labour Group, Councillor John Alexander, Housing Convener, David Dorward, Chief Executive, and Marjory Stewart, Director of Corporate Services, Dundee Council, Ian Thomson, Chief Executive, Abertay Housing Association and Steve Kell, Housing Strategy and Performance Manager, Hillcrest Housing Association; Gail Morrow, Secretary, Jean Devlin, Scottish Anti-Bedroom Tax Federation, June Paterson, Dundee Bin the Bedroom Tax, Jack Ferguson, Unite Communities; Margaret Burgess MSP, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Scottish Government and Jamie MacDougall, Head of Housing Support and Homelessness Unit, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

3. Zero Hours Contracts

Dave Watson, Scottish Organiser, UNISON Scotland, Jake Malloy, Regional Organiser, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, Rob Gowans, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 12 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Blacklisting in Employment: addressing the crimes of the past; moving towards best practice

Draft Report (*Blacklisting in Employment: addressing the crimes of the past; moving towards best practice*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 543.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: the impact on higher education, research and tuition fees

Draft Report (*The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: the impact on higher education, research and tuition fees*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1144.

4. The Crown Estate in Scotland: follow up

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The Crown Estate in Scotland: follow up*, submitted by Portree Area Community Trust (PACT), be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by UNISON Scotland, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 18 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Land Reform in Scotland: Interim Report

Draft Report (*Land Reform in Scotland: Interim Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 877.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 2.30 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Simon Reeve
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland

Draft Report (*The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland: Plan B - charges, arrears and refunds; incorporating the Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 937.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in Employment*, submitted by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Land Reform in Scotland*, submitted by Scotland's Rural College, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 1 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern

Graeme Morrice
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the South of Scotland.

2. Land Reform in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Land Reform in Scotland*, submitted by Andrew Bradford, Kincardine Estate, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by Allied Healthcare, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Mary Senior, Scotland Official, University and College Union, Dr Rachel Shanks, UCU Branch Secretary, University of Aberdeen and Justine Seran, UCU member, University of Edinburgh gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 8 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Galashiels in connection with its inquiry into The South of Scotland.

3. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by GMB, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Draft Report (*Zero hours contracts in Scotland: Interim Report*), The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Councillor Steven Heddle, Orkney Islands Council, Councillor Norman Macdonald, Convener, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Councillor Gary Robinson, Shetland Islands Council gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 12.30 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 9 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Zero Hours Contracts: Interim Report

Draft Report (*Zero hours contracts in Scotland: Interim Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 654.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe, Foreign Office and James Brokenshire MP, Minister for Immigration and Security, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 29 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Peebles in connection with its inquiry into The South of Scotland.

2. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by University Of Edinburgh's Joint Union Liaison Committee, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Professor Ken Gibb, Professor of Housing Policy, University of Glasgow, Dr Sharon Wright, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy, University of Glasgow and David Phillips, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 6 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash
Sir Jim Paice

Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dumfries in connection with its inquiry into The South of Scotland.

2. Zero Hours Contracts

Ordered, That the supplementary written evidence relating to *Zero Hours Contracts*, submitted by The Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Blacklisting in Employment

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Blacklisting in Employment*, submitted by Jenny Willott MP, Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

The Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland and Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 3.30 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 7 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Power Outages and extreme weather conditions in the west of Scotland

Draft Report (*Power Outages and extreme weather conditions in the west of Scotland*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 484.

3. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

The Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Monday 12 May

The Chair, Pamela Nash and Graeme Morrice visited Galashiels, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The South of Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 8 April.

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 13 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Simon Reeve
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

Draft Report (*The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: Scotland's Membership of the EU*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 1241.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 12.30 p.m.]

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 14 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Ian Davidson, in the Chair

Mike Crockart
Jim McGovern
Graeme Morrice
Pamela Nash

Sir Jim Paice
Mr Alan Reid
Lindsay Roy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Blacklisting in Employment

Draft Report (*Blacklisting in Employment-Update: Incorporating the Government's Response to the Sixth Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 1291.

3. The Impact of the Bedroom Tax on Scotland

Draft Report (*The Impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland: Devolving the DHP Cap*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 1292.

4. The Referendum on Separation for Scotland

The Rt Hon George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir Nicholas Macpherson, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 June 2014 at 2.00 p.m.]

Monday 9 June

The Chair, Mike Crockart and Graeme Morrice visited Peebles, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The South of Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 29 April.