

Scottish Affairs Committee Formal Minutes 2019

Wednesday 16th October 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. The Work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Robin Walker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, and Gillian McGregor CBE, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland gave oral evidence.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Welfare Policy in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Welfare Policy in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- WIS 23 – Engender
- WIS 24 – One Parent Families Scotland

4. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the Committee publish the notes from the visit of a delegation of the Committee to Frankfurt and Lisbon.

5. The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit

Draft Special Report (*The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Ninth Report from the Committee in Session 2017-19 was appended to the Report.

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

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

Ordered, That the Committee publish a letter to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs asking for further information on issues raised in the Government's response to its Ninth Report of Session 2017-2019.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 October at 10am.

Wednesday 23 October 2019

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Jamie Stone
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Welfare in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from the Director of the Scotland Office re: publication of FOI responses and the archiving of records.

3. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Kit Malthouse MP, Minister of State for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service and Dan Greaves, Director, Crime, Policing and Fire Group Home Office gave oral evidence

[Adjourned til 10am Tuesday 29 October.

Tuesday 29th October 2019

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1. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Draft Report, *Problem Drug Use in 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 First Report of the Committee, HC 44, Session 2019-20.

2. Access to Cash in Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Access to Cash in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Tenth Report from the Committee in Session 2017-19 was appended to the Report.

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

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

[The Committee adjourned.]

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

13 September 2017

Wishart, Pete (Perth and North Perthshire)

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1. Employment and earnings

I receive royalty payments from EMI and from Ridge Records for my recorded works with Runrig, with whom I serve as an unremunerated director. Addresses: EMI House, 43 Brook Green, London W6 7EF and Ridge Records Limited, 1 York Street, Aberdeen AB11 5DL.

21 October 2016, £733.03 for my recorded works from Ridge Records. No additional hours worked. (Registered 31 October 2016)

5 December 2016, £2,934.49 for my recorded works from EMI/Warner Records. No additional hours worked. (Registered 13 December 2016)

I receive payments for my published works from the Performing Rights Society.

Fees received for appearing as part of Parliamentary rock band "MP4" on the Dave TV series 'Unspun' produced by Avalon Productions of 4A Exmoor St, London W10 6BD:

4 November 2016, received £2,265.60 for shows between 13 September and 18 October 2016. Hours: 30 hrs (5 hrs per week). (Registered 25 November 2016)

7 April 2017, received £3,600 for shows between 28 February 2017 and 4 April 2017. Hours: 30 hrs (5 hrs per week). (Registered 13 June 2017)

Brock, Deidre (Edinburgh North and Leith)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Angus Crichton-Miller

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Date received: 26 April 2017

Date accepted: 28 April 2017

Donor status: individual

(Registered 05 July 2017)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Swiss Foreign Ministry

Address of donor: Presence Switzerland PRS, Bundesgasse 32, 3003 Bern, Switzerland

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel and accommodation with an approx. value of £1,900

Destination of visit: Switzerland (Zurich, Bern, Lausanne, Geneva)

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Dates of visit: 3-7 April 2017

Purpose of visit: Participation in a study trip to Switzerland (Swiss-EU relations, Swiss financial centre, Science and Innovation, International Geneva).

(Registered 02 May 2017)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

My partner and I have half share ownership (in total) of two flats in Edinburgh: (i). (Registered 05 June 2015)

Duguid, David (Banff and Buchan)

1. Employment and earnings

19 June 2017, received £900, plus £592.35 in health and dental insurance cover, as final salary payment as Director of D & R Duguid Ltd, 23 Meadowbank Road, Turriff AB53 4WB. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 06 July 2017)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Scottish Conservative Trust

Address of donor: Whiterigg, Melrose TD6 9HE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500

Donor status: other

(Registered 06 July 2017)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

D & R Duguid Ltd; management support services and consulting. (Registered 06 July 2017)

8. Miscellaneous

Director (unpaid) of D & R Duguid Ltd. (Registered 06 July 2017)

Gaffney, Hugh (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill)

1. Employment and earnings

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Payments received as a Councillor from North Lanarkshire Council, Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street, Motherwell ML1 1AB:

4 July 2017, received £1,302.07. Hours: approx. 30 hrs. (Registered 31 July 2017)

Until further notice, I receive an annual allowance of £16,927, which is donated to charity. Hours: 10-50 hrs a week. (Registered 31 July 2017)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

Address of donor: 150 the Broadway, Wimbledon, London, SW19 1RX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 donation to my election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 29 June 2017)

8. Miscellaneous

Royal Mail Employee, on a five year career break (unpaid) from 9 June 2017 until 9 June 2022. I also hold employee shares which are below the registrable threshold. (Registered 29 June 2017)

Jardine, Christine (Edinburgh West)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Ghill Donald

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: Dinesh Dhamija

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: John Aldridge

Address of donor: private

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Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual
(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: More United

Address of donor: 32 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2DP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration 10285790
(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: Lord Matthew Oakeshott

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual
(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: Dalriada Energy

Address of donor: Monard House, Machrahanish, Campbelltown, Argyle PA28 6PZ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: company, registration SC466540
(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: Joe Zammit-Lucia

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual
(Registered 06 July 2017)

8. Miscellaneous

Sole Trader, Christine Jardine Communications (inactive), media consultancy. (Registered 06 July 2017)

26 June 2017, received a ticket and hospitality for the Wimbledon championships from the All England Tennis Club, Church Rd, London SW19 5AE, and the BBC, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. Total value: £224. (Registered 15 August 2017)

Lamont, John (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

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Name of donor: Neil Record
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 26 June 2017)

Name of donor: Alison Salvesen
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 26 June 2017)

Name of donor: Andrew Heller
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 26 June 2017)

Name of donor: Ladykirk Estates Ltd
Address of donor: 27-29 Shedden Park Road, Kelso TD5 7AZ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: company, registration SC015891
(Registered 26 June 2017)

Name of donor: Mary Coltman
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 26 June 2017)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel
Address of donor: PO Box 72288, London SW1P 9LB
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights and accommodation with an estimated value of £2,000
Destination of visit: Israel and West Bank
Dates of visit: 31 July - 5 August 2016
Purpose of visit: Part of a fact finding political delegation for Scottish Conservative MSPs.
(Registered 26 June 2017)

8. Miscellaneous

Solicitor (non-practising). (Registered 26 June 2017)

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I am a member of the Law Society of England and Wales. (Registered 26 June 2017)

I am a trustee of the St Abbs Lifeboat Trust. (Registered 26 June 2017)

I am a member of the Rail Action Group East of Scotland (RAGES). (Registered 26 June 2017)

Masterton, Paul (East Renfrewshire)

1. Employment and earnings

22 June 2017, received £1,261.79 from Pinsent Masons Services Ltd, 30 Crown Place, London EC2A 4ES, as final salary payment as a solicitor. Hours: no hours since my election. (Registered 27 June 2017)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Peak Scientific Instruments Ltd

Address of donor: 11 Fountain Crescent, Inchinnan Business Park, Inchinnan PA4 9RE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £12,000

Donor status: company, registration SC175368

(Registered 27 June 2017)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Braw Brides Ltd; wedding blog and supplier directory. (Registered 27 June 2017)

8. Miscellaneous

Non-practising solicitor. (Registered 28 June 2017)

Sheppard, Tommy (Edinburgh East)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Medical Aid for Palestinians

Address of donor: 33a Islington Park Street, London N1 1 QB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, food and transport with a total value of £1,390

Destination of visit: West Bank and Israel

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Dates of visit: 13-17 February 2017

Purpose of visit: Fact finding visit organised by the Council for Arab-British Understanding and Medical Aid for Palestinians.

(Registered 09 March 2017)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

Commercial premises in Edinburgh, owned by Salt 'n' Sauce promotions Ltd (see category 7 below): (i). (Registered 04 June 2015)

Residential property in Edinburgh, owned by Salt 'n' Sauce promotions Ltd (see category 7 below): (i). (Registered 04 June 2015)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Salt 'n' Sauce Promotions Ltd; an entertainment company. (Registered 04 June 2015)

The Scottish Comedy Agency Ltd; organising and promoting comedy related entertainment. (Registered 19 February 2016)

8. Miscellaneous

Board Member (unpaid) of Common Weal, a 'think and do tank' campaigning for social and economic equality in Scotland. (Registered 06 September 2017)

From February 2017, Council member (unpaid) of the Scottish Independence Convention, an umbrella group bringing together pro-independence parties, groups and organisations to promote the concept and ideals of an independent Scotland. (Registered 06 September 2017)

From September 2017, Honorary President of LinkNet, a charity offering direct mentoring to minority ethnic communities in Edinburgh, the Lothians, Scottish Borders and Fife. (Registered 06 September 2017)

Thomson, Ross (Aberdeen South)

1. Employment and earnings

30 June 2017, received £1,842.64 as a Member of the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP. Hours: 5 hrs since my election to the House of Commons. I resigned on 12 June 2017.

(Registered 06 July 2017)

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2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: PD Development Company Ltd

Address of donor: Johnstone House, 52-54 Rose Street, Aberdeen AB10 1HA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000

Donor status: company, registration SC097813

(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: Balmoral Comtec Ltd

Address of donor: Balmoral Park, Loirston, Aberdeen AB12 3GY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration SC277480

(Registered 06 July 2017)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: US Embassy London

Address of donor: 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1A 2LQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and food with a value of £8,576.04

Destination of visit: Unites States of America

Dates of visit: 9 - 23 July 2016

Purpose of visit: To build knowledge about US domestic and foreign policy, and share UK and EU policy practices and trends with American peers, with a specific focus on taxation, environmental, education and immigration policy.

(Registered 06 July 2017)

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel Ltd

Address of donor: PO Box 72288, London SW1P 9LB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel and accommodation with a value of £2,000

Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank

Dates of visit: 31 July - 5 August 2016

Purpose of visit: Fact finding mission for Scottish Conservative MSPs.

(Registered 06 July 2017)

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Killen, Gerard (Rutherglen and Hamilton West)

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1. Employment and earnings

Allowances received from South Lanarkshire Council, Almada Street, Hamilton ML3 0AA, for services as a councillor until 9 June 2017. All allowances paid to charity:

16 June 2017, payment of £1,297.30. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 06 July 2017)

14 July 2017, payment of £324.63. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 10 August 2017)

10 August 2017, payment of £465 from Sennit Construction Ltd, a roofing company, Unit 11 Strathclyde Business Centre, 416 Hamilton Road, G72 7XL, for my role as director in winding up my duties and handing over to a successor. Hours: 15 hrs between my election and 23 June 2017. Payment donated to charity. (Registered 10 August 2017)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

Flat in South Lanarkshire: (i). (Registered 06 July 2017)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Sennit Construction Ltd; roofing. (Registered 06 July 2017)

Additional Interests

Membership of the GMB

Rowley, Danielle (Midlothian)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Ann Sharp

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 07 July 2017)

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Stone, Jamie (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross)

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6. Land and property portfolio:

(i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year Flat in Edinburgh: (i) and (ii). (Registered 07 July 2017)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share

capital Highland Fine Houses Ltd; property company. (Registered 07 July 2017)

8. Miscellaneous Company director (unpaid),

Highland Fine Houses Ltd, in which I have a majority shareholding. (Registered 07 July 2017)