

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair¹

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on *European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for devolution*

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *My Scottish Affairs*

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B) 12 July 2017, see Votes and Proceedings 12 July 2017

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry into *My Scottish Affairs*

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on *Work of the Scotland Office*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 October at 1pm

Wednesday 11 October
2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Gerard Killen

John Lamont

Paul Masterton

Danielle Rowley

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. Declaration of interests

Gerard Killen declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

Danielle Rowley declared her interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Immigration and Scotland*

Resolved, That the Committee visit Inverness and Selkirk in connection with its inquiry into *My Scottish Affairs*

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Sustainable employment in Scotland*

Resolved, That the Committee visit Stirling in connection with its inquiry into *Sustainable employment in Scotland*

3. Jobcentre Plus closures in Scotland

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee of Session 2016-17 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.

4. Sustainable employment in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Sustainable employment in Scotland* inquiry submitted by Uber be reported to the House for publication.

5. European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for devolution

Professor Jim Gallagher, Visiting Professor, University of Glasgow, Professor Michael Keating, Director of the Centre on Constitutional Change, and Professor of Politics at the University of Aberdeen, Charles Livingstone, Member of the Law Society of Scotland's Constitutional Law Sub-Committee and Professor Nicola McEwen, Associate Director at the Centre on Constitutional Change and Research Leader of the ESRC UK in a Changing Europe programme gave oral evidence.

Michael Russell MSP, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe and David Rogers, Director for Strategy and Constitution, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 October at 9:30am

Monday 16 October 2017

The Chair, David Duguid, Christine Jardine, Gerard Killen, John Lamont, Paul Masterton, Danielle Rowley, Tommy Sheppard and Ross Thomson visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into My Scottish Affairs, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 September 2017.

Monday 16 October
2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

David Duguid
Christine Jardine
Gerard Killen
John Lamont

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for devolution

The Committee considered this matter.

2. My Scottish Affairs

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *My Scottish Affairs* be reported to the House for publication:

- Citizens Advice Scotland
- Disability Agenda Scotland
- NFU Scotland
- The Campaign to Cut Tourism VAT
- The Scottish Women's Convention
- Universities Scotland
- YouthLink

Colin Borland, Head of Devolved Nations, Federation of Small Businesses Scotland, Helen Martin, Assistant General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress, and Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland gave oral evidence.

Rob Gowans, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland, Layla Theiner, Disability Agenda Scotland, and Craig Wilson, Parliamentary Officer, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations gave oral evidence.

Clare Slipper, Political Affairs Manager, National Farmers Union Scotland, Simon Collins, Executive Officer, Shetland Fishermen's Association on behalf of Scottish Fishermen's Federation, and Charles Dundas, Vice Chair, Scottish Environment LINK gave oral evidence.

Evelyn Fraser, Development Manager, Scottish Women's Convention, Susan Hunter, Senior Policy and Research Officer, YouthLink Scotland, and Danny Boyle, Parliamentary and Policy Officer, Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 October at 2:00 p.m.]

Tuesday 24 October 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Paul Masterton
David Duguid	Danielle Rowley
Christine Jardine	Tommy Sheppard
Gerard Killen	Ross Thomson
John Lamont	

1. Work of the Scotland Office

Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Lord Ian Duncan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland, and Lord Keen of Elie QC, HM Advocate General for Scotland gave oral evidence.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for devolution

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered, That the written evidence relating to **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for devolution** submitted by the Institute for Government be reported to the House for publication.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 October at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 31 October 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Paul Masterton
David Duguid	Danielle Rowley

Christine Jardine
Gerard Killen
John Lamont

Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Sustainable employment for Scotland

Bryan Simpson, Organiser, Better than Zero and Steven Dillon, Regional Coordinating Officer, Unite gave oral evidence.

Colin Borland, Head of Devolved Nations, Federation of Small Businesses and Fraser Grieve, Regional Director, Highlands and Islands, Scottish Council for Development and Industry gave oral evidence.

3. European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for Devolution

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 November at 9:45 a.m.]

Monday 6 November 2017

The Chair, Deidre Brock, David Duguid, Christine Jardine, John Lamont, Paul Masterton, Danielle Rowley and Tommy Sheppard visited Stirling in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Sustainable employment in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 October 2017.

Monday 6 November 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Christine Jardine

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard

John Lamont

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow in connection with its inquiry into *Immigration and Scotland*.

2. Sustainable employment in Scotland

Rob Gowans, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland and Layla Theiner, Director, Disability Agenda Scotland gave oral evidence.

Kenny Richmond, Head of Economics, Scottish Enterprise, Gordon McGuinness, Director, Industry and Enterprise Networks, Skills Development Scotland and Professor Patricia Findlay, Fair Work Convention gave oral evidence.

Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Scottish Government and Hugh McAloon, Deputy Director, Fair Work, Employability and Skills Directorate, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 November at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 14 November 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Gerard Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry into *Immigration and Scotland*.

2. European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for devolution

Draft Report, (*European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for devolution*) 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 375, Session 2017-19.

3. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- Mr Peter Grant
- Migration Watch UK

Dr Eve Hepburn, Director, PolicyScribe, Professor Christina Boswell, Professor of Politics, University of Edinburgh, and Fellow, Royal Society of Edinburgh, and Professor Rebecca Kay, Professor of Russian Gender Studies, University of Glasgow gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 November at 10:45 a.m.]

Monday 27 November 2017

The Chair, Deidre Brock, David Duguid, Hugh Gaffney, Christine Jardine, Danielle Rowley and Ross Thomson visited Glasgow in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Immigration and Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 November 2017.

Monday 27 November 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine
Danielle Rowley
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. My Scottish Affairs

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *My Scottish Affairs* be reported to the House for publication:

- CBI Scotland (MSA22)
- The Church of Scotland (MSA20)
- Dr Michael van Beinum (MSA19)
- Mr Neil Hornsby (MSA18)

3. Work of the Scotland Office

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Work of the Scotland Office* be reported to the House for publication:

- Chair to Secretary of State for Scotland (dated 9 November 2017)
- Secretary of State for Scotland to Chair (dated 22 November 2017)

4. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- Colleges Scotland
- Federation of Small Businesses Scotland
- Scotland Office
- UNISON Scotland

Barry McCulloch, Senior Policy Adviser, Federation of Small Businesses Scotland, and Gareth Williams, Head of Policy, Scottish Council for Development and Industry gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 December at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 5 December 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

John Lamont

Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Gerard Killen

Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Digital connectivity in Scotland*.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on *RBS branch closures*.

2. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- IAS7 COSLA
- IAS8 NFUS

3. My Scottish Affairs

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Sustainable employment in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Sustainable employment in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- SES2 IPSE (Association of Independent Professionals and the Self-Employed)
- SES3 Business in the Community Scotland

Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive, Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce gave oral evidence.

Margot James MP, Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility, Chris Thompson, Director, Labour Market, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Damian Hinds MP, Minister of State for Employment and Phil Martin, Deputy Director, Labour Market, Department for Work and Pensions gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 December at 9:00 a.m.]

Monday 18 December 2017

The Chair, Deidre Brock, David Duguid, Ged Killen, John Lamont, Paul Masterton, Danielle Rowley, Tommy Sheppard and Ross Thomson visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Immigration and Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 14 November 2017.

Monday 18 December 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Ged Killen
John Lamont

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Sustainable employment in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Sustainable employment in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- SES4 ICAS (Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland)
- SES5 G1 Group
- SES6 Nuclear Development Authority
- SES7 Macdonald Hotels
- SES8 Transport Scotland
- SES9 Skills Development Scotland

3. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- IAS9 Scottish Care
- IAS10 Scottish Social Services Council
- IAS11 British Hospitality Association
- IAS12 Scottish Tourism Alliance

Mike Park, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish White Fish Producers Association and David Thomson, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Drink Federation Scotland gave oral evidence.

Shirley Rogers, Director of Health Workforce and Strategic Change, Scottish Government and Dr Donald Macaskill, Chief Executive, Scottish Care gave oral evidence.

Willie Macleod, Executive Director for Scotland, British Hospitality Association and Marc Crothall, Chief Executive, Scottish Tourism Alliance gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 January at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 16 January 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Aberdeen in connection with its inquiry into *Digital connectivity in Scotland*.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Fife in connection with its inquiry into *Immigration and Scotland*.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on *Delivery charges in Scotland*.

2. Financial Scrutiny

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to relating to *the block grant adjustment for income tax for the 2018-19 Scottish Government Budget* be reported to the House for publication:

- Chief Secretary to the Treasury to Chair (dated 6 December 2017)

- Chair to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury (dated 16 January 2018)

3. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- IAS12 The Scottish Government
- IAS13 Skills Development Scotland
- IAS14 Law Society of Scotland
- IAS15 British Veterinary Association

Annette Bruton, Principal, Edinburgh College, Andrew Witty, Director of Sector Policy, Colleges Scotland and Professor Andrea Nolan, Convener, Universities Scotland and Principal, Edinburgh Napier University gave oral evidence.

Alix Thom, Workforce Engagement and Skills Manager, Oil and Gas UK, Scott Johnstone, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Life Sciences Association and Kirsty Ramsay, HR Director (UK and Ireland), IQVIA gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 January at 9:20 a.m.]

Wednesday 17 January 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Paul Masterton

Danielle Rowley

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. RBS branch closures

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *RBS branch closures* be reported to the House for publication:

- RBS02 Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
- RBS03 Owl Bookshop Limited

- RBS07 Mrs Elizabeth Barnard
- RBS08 Mr Martin Sutcliffe
- RBS09 Mr Leslie Young
- RBS10 Avril Taylor
- RBS11 Professor Russel Griggs
- RBS12 Mrs Elma McMenemy
- RBS13 Lending Standards Board
- RBS14 Unite Scotland
- RBS15 Mr William Gunn
- RBS16 Which?
- RBS17 NoteMachine
- RBS18 Federation of Small Businesses
- RBS19 Robert Brown
- RBS20 Scottish Rural Action

Emma Cooper, Chief Executive Scottish Rural Action, Lyn Turner, Regional Officer, Unite and Charandeep Singh, Scottish Chambers of Commerce gave oral evidence.

Martin Kearsley, Banking Director, Post Office and Tom Moran, Network Development Director, Post Office gave oral evidence.

Les Matheson, Chief Executive, Personal & Business Banking, RBS and Jane Howard, Managing Director, Personal Banking, RBS gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 January at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. RBS branch closures

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *RBS branch closures* be reported to the House for publication:

- RBS21 Cardtronics
- RBS22 Tim McCormack

3. Digital connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Digital connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS1 – Mr Michael Jacob
- DCS2 – Strathard Community Council
- DCS3 – Mr Alfred Townsend
- DCS4 – Mr Stuart Smith
- DCS5 – Southdean Community Council
- DCS6 – Dr Jonathan Fear
- DCS7 – Mr Christopher Strickland
- DCS9 – Caroline Smith, Southdean Community Councillor
- DCS10 – Thinkbroadband.com
- DCS11 – Professor George Corner
- DCS12 – Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council
- DCS13 – Houndridge Residents Group
- DCS14 – Newcastleton & District Community Trust
- DCS 16 – Mr Iain Foyers
- DCS 17 – Oxtan & Channelkirk Community Council
- DCS18 – Betty Wright
- DCS19 – Ewan Sutherland
- DCS21 – University of Lincoln
- DCS22 – Grace Ormiston
- DCS23 – Easter Kinkell Group
- DCS 24 – Holder Marine Services Ltd
- DCS25 – Mrs Therese Glendinning
- DCS26 – Mr Tony Ross
- DCS27 – Mr Leo Wildi

Andrew Ferguson, Editor-in-Chief and Software Developer, ThinkBroadband, Brendan Gill, Chief Executive, OpenSignal and Pete Moorey, Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, Which? gave oral evidence.

Professor Will Stewart, Optoelectronics Research Centre, University of Southampton and **Chair of the IET's Communications Policy Panel**, Ewan Sutherland, Independent Telecommunications Policy Analyst and Professor Rahim Tafazolli, Director of Institute for Communication Systems and 5GIC at University of Surrey gave oral evidence.

Dr Gary Bosworth, Head of the Rural Research Group and Deputy Head of the School of Geography, University of Lincoln, Dr Lorna Philip, Senior Lecturer, Geography and Environment and Deputy Head of School of Geosciences, University of Aberdeen and Professor Sarah Skerratt, Professor of Rural Society and Policy, FRSA and Director, Rural Policy Centre, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 January at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
John Lamont

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. RBS branch closures

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *RBS branch closures* be reported to the House for publication:

- RBS23 – Gordon Campbell
- RBS24 – Royal Bank of Scotland

- RBS25 – Post Office Ltd.

3. Immigration and Scotland

Madeleine Sumption, Director, Migration Observatory, Dr Benedict Greening, Senior Researcher, Migration Watch and Chris Murray, Research Fellow, IPPR Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 5 February at 10:15 a.m.]

Monday 5 February 2018

The Chair, Deidre Brock, David Duguid, Hugh Gaffney, Christine Jardine, Ged Killen, John Lamont, Danielle Rowley, Tommy Sheppard and Ross Thomson visited Aberdeen in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Digital connectivity in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 January 2018.

Monday 5 February 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Digital connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Digital connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS28 - Borders Community Broadband
- DCS29 - Borgue Community Council

- DCS30 - Floors, Makerstoun, Smailholm and Nenthorn Community Council
- DCS32 - Nenthorn Residents
- DCS33 - Geoff Semler
- DCS34 - Bill Friell
- DCS35 - Lorna Harris
- DCS36 - Mrs Louise Butler
- DCS37 - SmartRural.coop
- DCS39 - Nick and Jane Boyce
- DCS40 - Borthwick Water Community Development Trust
- DCS41 - Daniele Friell
- DCS42 - Ms Sandie Reed
- DCS43 - Lochalsh Community Council
- DCS46 - Conon Bridge Community Council
- DCS47 - Mr Bob Cornish
- DCS48 - Jed Valley Community Council
- DCS49 - Gordon and Westruther Community Council
- DCS50 - Aberdeen City Council
- DCS51 - Lammermuir Community Council
- DCS52 – FSB
- DCS53 - Cove & Cockburnspath Community Council
- DCS54 - Inspired By Technology Ltd
- DCS55 - Ardgay & District Community Council
- DCS56 - Scottish Rural Action
- DCS57 Killearn Community Council (KCC) & Killearn Broadband Group (KBG)
- DCS59 - Mr Iain Prain
- DCS60 - Eden Brook Farm & Partners
- DCS63 - Heriot Community Broadband
- DCS64 - Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council
- DCS65 BT
- DCS66 - High-Speed Universal Broadband Services CIC
- DCS67 - North Skye Broadband
- DCS68 - Law Society of Scotland
- DCS70 - Ms Lindsay Lewis
- DCS71 - Carron Valley & District Community Council
- DCS72 - Mr Alan Stricklan
- DCS73 - Lothian Broadband Networks Limited
- DCS75 - Cordelia Galley
- DCS76 - Campbell Stewart MacLennan & Co
- DCS77 - Robert Hunter
- DCS78 - Broadway Partners
- DCS79 - Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
- DCS80 - Ardross Community Council

- DCS81 – Scottish Government

Amanda Burgauer, Chair, Scottish Rural Action, Callum Hay, Acting Chairperson, Borders Community Broadband and Alison MacLeod, Local Development Officer, Applecross Community Company gave oral evidence.

Councillor Margaret Davidson, Leader of Highland Council, Robert Emmott, Director of Finance at Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Member of Infrastructure Action Plan Portfolio Board, Simon Haston, Head of IT, Aberdeen City Council and Councillor Steven Heddle, Chair of the Environment and Economy Board, COSLA gave oral evidence.

Hugh Aitken, Former Regional Director, CBI Scotland, Stuart Mackinnon, External Affairs Manager - Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses and Charandeep Singh, Head of External Relations, Scottish Chambers of Commerce gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 February at 4:30 p.m.]

Tuesday 6 February 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Paul Masterton

Danielle Rowley

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. RBS branch closures in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 February at 9:45 a.m.]

Tuesday 20 February 2018

The Chair, Deidre Brock and Tommy Sheppard visited Fife in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Immigration and Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 January 2018.

Tuesday 20 February
2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Tommy Sheppard

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Financial Scrutiny

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2017-18 submitted by the Scotland Office be reported to the House for publication.

3. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- IAS17 – Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Safia Clough, Fife Migrants Forum, Maciej Dokurno, Fife Migrants Forum and Margarita Permonaite, Fife Migrants Forum gave oral evidence.

Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy and Member Services, NFU Scotland gave oral evidence.

Lorraine Cook, Policy Manager, Migration, Population and Diversity Team, COSLA and Carroll Buxton, Regional Development Director, Highlands and Islands Enterprise gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 February at 9:30am

Tuesday 27 February 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Delivery Charges in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Delivery Charges in Scotland be reported to the House for publication:

- DCH 1 – Mr Malcolm Galbraith
- DCH 2 – Rev Dr Lindsay Schluter
- DCH 5 – Mr Charles Macfarlane
- DCH 6 – Mr John A Smith
- DCH 7 – Mr David Fallows
- DCH 8 – Mr Andrew Rae
- DCH 9 – Julianne Ligner
- DCH 10 – Richard Brady
- DCH 11 – Mr Richard Lochhead MSP
- DCH 12 – Highlands Council Trading Standards and Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland (SOTSS)
- DCH 13 - Argos

Nina Ballantyne, Programme and Postal Policy Team Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland, Lindsey Fussell, Consumer Group Director, Ofcom and David MacKenzie, Trading Standards Manager, Highland Council Trading Standard gave oral evidence.

Lesley Smith, Director of Public Policy, UK & Ireland, Amazon, Laurence Garnett, Head of Home Delivery, Argos and Mike Pitt, Director of UK Shipping and Logistics, eBay gave oral evidence.

Tim Jones, Director of Marketing, DPD, Robert Gordon, Director, JBT and Fraser Maclean, General Manager, Menzies Distribution gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 February at 9:30 a.m.]

Wednesday 28 February 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen
John Lamont

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Sustainable employment in Scotland

Draft Report (*The future of working practices in Scotland*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the publication of the Report are published in the second Report from the Committee, HC 449, Session 2017-19.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 March at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 6 March 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard

Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Brexit and Scotland: Trade and Foreign Investment*.

2. RBS branch closures

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *RBS branch closures* be reported to the House for publication:

- Chair to the Chief Executive of RBS (dated 6 March 2018).

3. Digital connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Digital connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS0008 Mr Tim Ford
- DCS0044 Mr Christopher Mitchell
- DCS0045 Mr William Fraser
- DCS0061 SkyeConnect Ltd
- DCS0074 Cisco Systems
- DCS0082 North Skye Broadband
- DCS0083 Ofcom
- DCS0084 Castletown & District Community Council
- DCS0085 Balquhiddel Community Broadband
- DCS0086 Bower Community Council
- DCS0087 Applecross Community Company
- DCS0088 Rev Stanislaw Pamula
- DCS0089 Mobile UK
- DCS0090 Balquhiddel Community Broadband
- DCS0091 Bill Friell
- DCS0092 Vodafone
- DCS0093 Virgin Media
- DCS0094 Which?
- DCS0095 Aberdeenshire Council
- DCS0096 TalkTalk
- DCS0097 Scottish Chambers of Commerce

- DCS0098 Openreach
- DCS0100 Moira Gallagher
- DCS0101 C.B. Strang Steel
- DCS0102 Mary E.L. Cartwright

Brendan Dick, Director, BT Scotland, Kim Mears, Managing Director, Strategic Infrastructure Development, Openreach, Iain Wood, Director of Corporate Affairs and Regulation, TalkTalk and Daniel Butler, Head of Public Affairs and Policy, Virgin Media gave oral evidence.

Malcolm Corbett, Chief Executive Officer, Independent Networks Cooperative Association, James McClafferty, Head of Regional Development, CityFibre, Floyd Widener, Chief Sales Officer, Hyperoptic and Michael Armitage, Chair, Broadway Partner gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 March at 9:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 13 March 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *the ATM network in Scotland*.

2. Delivery charges in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Delivery charges in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- Chair to Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility (dated 13 March 2018)

3. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- IAS18 – Universities Scotland
- IAS19 – Colleges Scotland
- IAS20 – CBI Scotland

Dr Alasdair Allan, MSP, Minister for International Development and Europe, Scottish Government, Rachel Sunderland, Head of The Migration and Free Movement of People Unit, Scottish Government and Craig Thomson, Migration Strategy Team Leader, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 March at 1:15 p.m.]

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Hugh Gaffney
Ged Killen
John Lamont

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Digital connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Digital connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS103 Highlands Council
- DCS104 Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- DCS105 Mr William Scott

- DCS106 Lothian Broadband Networks Ltd

3. Immigration and Scotland

Professor Manning, Chair, Migration Advisory Committee gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 March at 2:00 p.m.]

Tuesday 27 March 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen
John Lamont

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiry into *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment*

2. Delivery Charges in Scotland

Ordered, That the following relating to *Delivery Charges in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- DCH15 – Royal Mail

3. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Digital connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- IAS22 – Scottish Fisherman's Federation
- IAS23 – The Prince's Trust Scotland
- IAS24 – Scotland Office

The Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland and The Rt Hon Caroline Nokes MP, Minister for Immigration gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 April at 10:30 a.m.]

Tuesday 17 April 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

John Lamont

Paul Masterton

Danielle Rowley

Tommy Sheppard

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee launch the inquiry into *The future of the oil and gas industry*.

2. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Digital Connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- **DCS108: BT supplementary written evidence**
- **DCS109: Ewan Sutherland supplementary written evidence**
- **DCS110: Openreach supplementary written evidence**

Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity, Sara Budge, Programme Director, Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband, Clive Downing, Programme Director, Reaching 100% and Robert McGhee, Head of Digital Connectivity Policy, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 April at 9:15 a.m.]

Tuesday 24 April 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Royal Highlands Show in connection to its inquiry into Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment.

2. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Digital Connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS0111 – Scotland's Rural College

3. Immigration and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Dr Marwan Fayed, Director, High-Speed Universal Broadband Services, and Senior Lecturer, School of Computer Science, University of St Andrews; Richard Wainer, Head of Public Affairs, EE, Simon Miller, Deputy Head of Public Affairs, Three UK, Paul Morris, UK Head of Government Affairs, Vodafone, and Paul James, Head of Public Affairs, O2

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 May at 10.30 a.m.]

Tuesday 1 May 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Aberdeen in connection to its inquiry into *The Future of the Oil and Gas*.

2. Scotland Office Estimate 2018-19

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

- **Explanatory Memorandum for the Scotland Office Estimate for 2018-19**

3. Delivery Charges in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Delivery Charges* be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter to the Chair Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Corporate Responsibility

4. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Immigration and Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- IAS26 – Professor Thom Brooks
- IAS27 – Immigration Law Practitioners' Association

5. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Digital Connectivity in Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter to the Chair from the Federation of Small Businesses on Digital Connectivity, 20 April 2018

Steve Unger, Chief Technology Officer, Jonathan Ruff, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Ofcom; Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 May at 9.30 a.m.]

Tuesday 8 May 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Paul Masterton

Danielle Rowley

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Resolved, That the Chair would write to the Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to invite a response to correspondence received from the Scottish Government.

3. RBS Branch Closures

Ross McEwan, Chief Executive, Les Matheson, Chief Executive, Personal & Business Banking, and Jane Howard, Managing Director, Personal Banking, RBS; David Pickering, Chief Executive, and Liz Thompson, Head of Compliance, LSB gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 May at 9.30 a.m.]

Tuesday 15 May 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. ATM Network in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the ATM Network in Scotland be reported to the House for publication:

- ATM 1— ATMIA
- ATM 2 – Cardtronics UK
- ATM 3 – NoteMachine
- ATM 4 – LINK ATM Scheme
- ATM 5 – Which?
- ATM 6- – Scottish Grocers’ Federation
- ATM 7 – Federation of Small Businesses
- ATM 8 – Law Society of Scotland
- ATM 9 – Age Scotland
- ATM 10 – Payment Systems Regulator

3. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Digital Connectivity in Scotland be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS 112 – Citizen’s Advice Scotland
- DCS 113 – High Speed Universal Broadband Services
- DCS 114 – Three (supplementary evidence)
- DCS 115 – Vodafone (supplementary evidence)
- DCS 116 – Which? (supplementary evidence)
- DCS 117 – EE (supplementary evidence)

3. ATM Network in Scotland

Stuart Mackinnon, External Affairs Manager – Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses and Richard Piggan, Head of External Affairs, Which?; Ron Delnevo, Executive Director Europe, ATMIA, Duncan Faithfull, Director of Corporate Affairs, Cardtronics, John Howells, CEO, LINK, and Eric Leenders, Managing Director – Personal Finance, UK Finance; Hannah Nixon, Managing Director, Payment Systems Regulator gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 May at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 22 May 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Paul Masterton

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow, in connection with its inquiry into Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment.

2. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment be reported to the House for publication:

- TFI0001 – The Scottish Whiskey Association
- TFI0002 – Agricultural and Horticulture Development Board (AHDD)
- TFI0003 – St Andrews TTIP Action Group
- TFI0004 – Ms Valerie Brown
- TFI0005 – Mr Leslie Mackay & Mrs Patricia Mackay
- TFI0006 – Trade Justice Dundee
- TFI0007 – Trade Justice Scotland coalition
- TFI0008 – Mrs Agney Ramsay
- TFI0009 – Keep Scotland The Brand

3. The future working practices of Scotland

Draft Special Report (*The future of working practices in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

4. RBS branch closures

Draft Report (RBS branch closures) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the publication of the Report are published in the third Report from the Committee, HC 682, Session 2017-19.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 June at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 5 June 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Paul Masterton

Danielle Rowley

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an evidence session on City Region Deals.

2. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the Digital Connectivity in Scotland inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS119 – Ofcom (supplementary)
- DCS220 – Scottish Government (supplementary)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Professor Andrew Scott, Professor of European Union, and Dr Kristen Hopewell, Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy, University of Edinburgh, Professor Graeme Roy, Director, Fraser of Allander Institute, and Dr Maria Garcia, Senior Lecturer, University of Bath gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 June at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 12 June 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Digital Connectivity in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- DCS0121 – CityFibre (supplementary)

3. Immigration and Scotland

Ordered, That a letter for Dr Alastair Allen relating to *Immigration and Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication.

4. The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- OGI1 – Tom Baxter, Senior Lecturer, Chemical Engineering, University of Aberdeen
- OGI2 – Professor Karen Turner, Director, Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde
- OGI3 – Imes Group Holdings Ltd
- OGI4 - Professor Alex Kemp, University of Aberdeen
- OGI5 – Amplus Engery Service Ltd
- OGI6 – Professor Roy Thompson, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh
- OGI7 – Scottish Labour Party
- OGI8 – Scottish Wildlife Trust
- OGI9 – Oil and Gas Authority
- OGI10 – Oil and Gas UK
- OGI11 – Unite the Union, Scotland
- OGI12 – National Union of Rail Maritime & Transport Workers (RMT)

Deirdre Michie, CEO, Dr. Alix Thom, Workforce Engagement & Skills Manager, and Jenny Stanning, External Affairs Manager, Oil & Gas UK; Sir Ian Wood, Chairman, Opportunity North East and Tommy Campbell, Chair, Offshore Co-Ordinating Group gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 June at 10.30 a.m.]

Monday 25 June 2018

The Chair, Deidre Brock, David Duguid, Hugh Gaffney, Christine Jardine, Ged Killen, John Lamont, Danielle Rowley and Ross Thomson visited Aberdeen in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 1 May 2018.

Monday 25 June 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

John Lamont

David Duguid

Danielle Rowley

Hugh Gaffney

Ross Thomson

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- OGI13 – Professor Tony Mackay,
- OGI14 – Scottish Trade Unions Congress
- OGI15 – Law Society of Scotland

Colette Cohen, CEO, Oil & Gas Technology Centre, Professor Paul de Leeuw, Director of the Oil and Gas Institute at Robert Gordon University, Professor Alex Kemp, Professor of Petroleum Economics at University of Aberdeen and Director of Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance and Willie Reid, Director, Strathclyde Oil and Gas Institute gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 July at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 3 July 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

John Lamont

David Duguid

Paul Masterton

Hugh Gaffney

Tommy Sheppard

Christine Jardine

Ross Thomson

Ged Killen

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland and Brexit: trade and foreign investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- TFI0010 – Scottish Government
- TFI0011 – Universities Scotland

3. The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- OGI0017 – Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

Ruth Watson, Keep Scotland The Brand, Dr Gail Evans, Queen Mary University of London, Lindsay Low, Law Society of Scotland; Tim Allan, President, Scottish Chamber of Commerce, Matthew Lancashire, Director of Policy, Scottish Council for Development and Industry and Allie Renison, Head of Europe & Trade Policy, Institute of Directors gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 4 July 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Immigration and Scotland

Draft Report (*Immigration and Scotland*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.
The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the publication of the Report are published in the fourth Report from the Committee, HC 488, Session 2017-19.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 July at 11.45 a.m.]

Tuesday 10 July 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Alyth, Blairgowrie, in connection with its inquiry into *Immigration and Scotland*.

2. RBS branch closures

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Delivery Charges in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Delivery Charges in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility.

4. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Cllr. Susan Aitken Glasgow City Council, Cllr. Gail Macgregor, and David Martin, Chief Executive, Dundee City Council; Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Dr Morag Watt, Cities Team Leader, and Oonagh Gil, Deputy Director for Enterprise and Cities, Scottish Government; David Mundell, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Gillian McGregor CBE, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 July at 10.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow in connection to its inquiry into Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection to its inquiry into Scotland Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment.

2. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Draft Report (*Digital Connectivity in Scotland*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read. The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the publication of the Report are published in the fifth Report from the Committee, HC 654, Session 2017-19.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 September at 10.15 a.m.]

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Ged Killen
David Duguid	Danielle Rowley
Hugh Gaffney	Tommy Sheppard
Christine Jardine	Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *The relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments*.

2. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- TFI17 – FDF Scotland
- TFI18 – Anne Martin
- TFI19 – Hands Off Scotland
- TFI20 – Quality Meat Scotland
- TFI21 – Shetland Islands Council
- TFI22 – National Sheep Association Scotland
- TFI23 – Law Society of Scotland
- TFI24 – British Veterinary Association
- TFI25 – Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation

3. The renewable energy sector in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Renewable energy sector in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- An update from the Scotland Office on the previous Committee's inquiry into the *Renewable energy sector in Scotland*.

4. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Digital connectivity in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- A note from the Advertising Standards Agency about the advertising of broadband connection relating to the Committee's Report on Digital Connectivity in Scotland

5. City Region Deals

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *City Region Deals* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- A note from Luke Graham MP relating to the Committee's session on City Region Deals.

6. The work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to "Scottish Income Tax Outturn – Impact on Scottish Government Block Grant" be reported to the House for publication:

- A letter from Chief Secretary to the Treasury to the Chair relating to "Scottish Income Tax Outturn – Impact on Scottish Government Block Grant"

7. RBS branch closures: publication of Government response

Draft Special Report (*RBS branch closures: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2017-19*) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

8. The future of the oil and gas industry

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *The future of the oil and gas industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- OGI20 – Shetland Islands Council
- OGI21 – HeliOffshore Ltd
- OGI22 – Decom Energy Limited
- OGI23 – Institution of Chemical Engineers
- OGI24 – Scottish Carbon Capture and Storage
- OGI25 – The Carbon Capture and Storage Association
- OGI26 – Friends of the Earth Scotland
- OGI27 – Scottish Government
- OGI28 – Department for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy
- OGI29 – DNV GL (Quality assurance and risk management company)
- OGI30 – Oil and Gas Sector Deal team.

Trevor Garlick OBE, Director, Opportunity North East, Neil Gordon, CEO, Subsea UK and Stuart Payne, Director of HR and Supply Chain, Oil and Gas Authority gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 September at 10.00 a.m]

Monday 10th September 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Christine Jardine

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland and Brexit: trade and foreign investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *the Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- A letter from Michael Russell Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations on Scotland's Role in the Development of Future UK Trade Arrangements – A Discussion Paper”

3. The future of the oil and gas industry

Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy and Member Services, NFU Scotland, Sarah Baker, Strategic Insight Manager, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, Cat Hay, Policy Manager, Food and Drink Federation Scotland, James Withers, Chief Executive, Scotland Food & Drink; Georgina Wright, Head of Sales, Scottish Salmon Producers, Andrew Charles, Chairman, Scottish Seafood Association, and John Anderson, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Organisation gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 October at 10.00 a.m.]

Wednesday 10th October 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *The Future of Scottish Agriculture Post-Brexit*.

2. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- TFI26 – Scottish Financial Enterprise

3. ATM Network in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *ATM Network in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Correspondence between the Chair and the Payment Systems Regulator relating to the ATM network in Scotland.

4. Digital Connectivity in Scotland: publication of Government response

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

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

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

5. The future of the oil and gas industry

Professor Jim Watson, Director, UK Energy Research Centre, Professor Corinne Le Quéré, Director, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, University of East Anglia and Member, Committee on Climate Change, Professor Stuart Haszeldine, Director of Scottish Carbon Capture and Storage and Professor of Carbon Capture & Storage, University of Edinburgh, and Dr Richard Dixon, Director, Friends of Earth Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 October at 9.45 a.m.]

Tuesday 15th October 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee agreed to hold a one-off session on *BBC Scotland TV Channel*

2. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- TFI27 – Association of British Insurers

Wendy Alexander, Vice Principal of University of Dundee, Universities Scotland, and Professor Richard Williams, Principal of Heriot Watt University, Universities Scotland gave oral evidence.

Alastair Ross, Head of Public Policy Scotland, Association of British Insurers, Conor Lawlor, Principal for International & Brexit Policy, UK Finance and Richard Normington, Senior International Policy Adviser, Investment Association, gave oral evidence.

Polly Purvis, Chief Executive, ScotlandIS, and Svea Miesch, Research & Policy Manager, ScotlandIS gave oral evidence.

Michael Clancy, Law Society of Scotland, and Carolyn Thurston Smith, Law Society of Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 October at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 23 October 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Kirstene Hair
Christine Jardine
John Lamont

Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Declaration of interests

Kirstene declared her interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- TFI28 Scottish Centre on European Relations

Aarti Shankar, Senior Researcher, Open Europe, Maddy Thirmont-Jack, Researcher, Institute for Government, Dr Kirsty Hughes, Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations, and Dr Michael Gasiorsek, Director, UK Trade Policy Observatory gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 October at 1.00 p.m.]

Tuesday 30th October 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Kirstene Hair
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Vicki Swales, RSPB/Scottish Environment LINK, John Kinnaird, National Council of Rural Advisers, Jonnie Hall, National Farmers Union Scotland, and Russell Smith, Scottish Crofting Federation gave oral evidence.

Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy gave oral evidence (via videolink).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 October at 03.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 31st October 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Kirstene Hair

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. The future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

George Eustice, Minister for State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 November at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Kirstene Hair
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Tommy Shepard
Ross Thomson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. BBC Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *BBC Scotland* evidence session be reported to the House for publication:

- BBC01 Gavin Wilson
- BBC02 Andrew Haddow
- BBC03 Pete Dunford

3. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Digital Connectivity in Scotland inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from Ofcom with its response to the Committee's Report on Digital Connectivity

4. Future of the Oil and Gas industry

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Future of the Oil and Gas industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- OGI31 Greenpeace

Graeme Fergusson, Managing Director, Decom Energy, Professor Richard Neilson, School of Engineering, Aberdeen University, Member, National Decommissioning Centre and Jonathan Hughes, CEO, Scottish Wildlife Trust gave oral evidence.

Hedvig Ljungerud, Director of Strategy, Oil and Gas Authority (OGA), Tom Wheeler, Director of Regulation, OGA, Wendy Kennedy, Chief Executive OPRED (Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning), and Pauline Innes, Director of Decommissioning (Offshore Oil and Gas) OPRED gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 November at 1.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	John Lamont
David Duguid	Danielle Rowley
Hugh Gaffney	Tommy Shepard
Kirstene Hair	Ross Thomson
Christine Jardine	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from the Chair to the Scotch Whisky Association
- Letter from the Scotch Whisky Association to the Chair

Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, Steve Sadler, Head of Trade Policy Team, and George Burgess, Head of Trade Policy, Food and Drink Division Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 November at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 20th November 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Kirstene Hair
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. BBC Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *BBC Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- BBC05 – Lewis McCathie

2. The future of Scottish agriculture post Brexit

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity to the Chair Re: WTO and Convergence
- Letter from Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity to the Chair Re: Legal position on post-Brexit payments

3. The work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

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

- Letter from Chief Secretary to the Treasury to the Chair relating to the Scottish Government Block Grant Adjustment

4. Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Akash Paun, Institute for Government, Professor Nicola McEwen, University of Edinburgh, Professor Jim Gallagher, University of Glasgow, Michael Clancy, Law Society of Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 December at 1.45 p.m.]

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		Ged Killen
Hugh Gaffney		Danielle Rowley
Kirstene Hair		Tommy Sheppard
Christine Jardine		Ross Thomson

1. Relationship between the UK and Scottish Government

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- IGR2 – Jim Gallagher
- IGR3 – Centre on Constitutional Change
- IGR4 – Royal Society of Edinburgh
- IGR5 – Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

2. Future of Scottish Agriculture

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from George Eustice, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to the Chair relating to *The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit*.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Isle of Lewis in February in connection with its inquiry into the Future of Scottish Agriculture

3. Work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

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

- Letter from Financial Secretary to the Treasury to the Chair relating to the *Work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland*.

4. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, and George Hollingberry MP, Minister of State for Trade Policy, Department of Trade gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December at 1.45 p.m.]

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		Christine Jardine
David Duguid		Ged Killen
Hugh Gaffney		John Lamont
Kirstene Hair		Danielle Rowley

1. Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- IGR6 – Law Society of Scotland

2. BBC Scotland

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

- BBC6 – PACT

Donalda MacKinnon, Director, BBC Scotland, Gary Smith, Head of News, BBC Scotland, and Steve Carson, Head of Multinational Commissioning, BBC Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 December at 12.45 a.m.]

Tuesday 18th December 2018

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock David Duguid Hugh Gaffney Christine Jardine		John Lamont Danielle Rowley Tommy Sheppard Ross Thomson
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1. Scotland Brexit: trade and foreign investment

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Scotland Brexit: trade and foreign investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from Ivan McKee to the Chair re: UK Government consultation on future trading relationship

2. Future of the oil and gas industry

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of the oil and gas industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- OGI32 – Supplementary evidence from the Scottish Wildlife Trust

Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Kersti Berge, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Claire Perry MP, Minister of State, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Emily Bourne, Director for Energy Development and Resilience, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 January at 09.15 a.m.]

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock David Duguid Hugh Gaffney Kirstene Hair Christine Jardine		Ged Killen John Lamont Tommy Sheppard Ross Thomson
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1. *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment*

Ordered, That the correspondence from David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland relating to Geographical Indications be reported to the House for publication.

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15 a.m.]

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock David Duguid Hugh Gaffney Kirstene Hair		Ged Killen John Lamont Tommy Sheppard Ross Thomson
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1. *Future of Scottish Agriculture Post-Brexit*

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture Post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 2 – Carbon Gold Ltd
- FSA 3 – NFU Scotland
- FSA 4 – Professor Michael Keating

2. *Digital Connectivity in Scotland*

Ordered, That the correspondence from Ofcom relating to the *Digital Connectivity in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

3. *Fisheries Bill*

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Fisheries Bill* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- SFB 1 – National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisations
- SFB 2 – Law Society of Scotland
- SFB 3 – Scottish Environment LINK

Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen’s Federation, Alex Kinninmonth, Head of Marine Policy, RSPB Scotland, Ryan Scattery, Scottish Seafood Association and Barrie Deas, Chief Executive, National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisations gave oral evidence.

Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 2.50 p.m.]

Tuesday 15th January 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock David Duguid Hugh Gaffney Christine Jardine		Ged Killen John Lamont Tommy Sheppard Ross Thomson
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1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on *Immigration and Scotland follow-up*.

2. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 5 – Bread for Good Community Benefit Society
- FSA 6 – Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

3. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Dr Bettina Petersohn, Swansea University, Professor César Colino, University of Distance Education, Madrid, and Dr Sandra León, York University gave oral evidence.

Mr Jan Bayart, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Belgium in the UK gave oral evidence.

Mr George Anderson, former Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Privy Council Office, Canadian Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 January at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

David Duguid Hugh Gaffney Christine Jardine		Ged Killen John Lamont
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1. The future programme

Resolved, That the Committee travel to Aberdeen in connection with its inquiry into the *Future of the Oil and Gas industry*

2. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from UK Finance on mutual recognition of professional qualifications.
- Letter from The Law Society of Scotland on mutual recognition of professional qualifications.
- Letter from Scottish Financial Enterprise on mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

3. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 7 – Law Society of Scotland
- FSA 8 – Mr John Hunt

4. Fisheries Bill

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Fisheries Bill* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- SFB 4 – Greenpeace
- SFB 5 – Letter from National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisation

5. Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office on Ministerial engagement with the devolved administrations.

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6. The future of the oil and gas industry

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of the oil and gas industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- OGI 33 – Supplementary evidence from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 28 January at 9.15 a.m.]

Monday 28th January 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

David Duguid Hugh Gaffney		Danielle Rowley
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1. Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA9 – Scotland’s Rural College (SRUC)

- FSA14 – Scottish Land Estates
- FSA15 – Quality Meat Scotland

Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland, Russell Smith, Chair, Scottish Crofting Federation, Eleanor Kay, Agriculture Policy Adviser, Scottish Land and Estates, and Kate Rowell, Chair, Quality Meat Scotland gave oral evidence.

Professor Michael Keating, Professor of Politics, University of Aberdeen, Dr Ann Bruce, Senior Lecturer, Science Technology and Innovation Studies, Edinburgh University, Paul Flanagan, Director for Scotland, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, and Steven Thomson, Senior Agricultural Economist, Scottish Rural College.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		Ged Killen
David Duguid		John Lamont
Hugh Gaffney		Tommy Sheppard
Christine Jardine		Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 10 – Shetland Islands Council
- FSA 11 – The Royal Society of Edinburgh
- FSA 12 – Food and Drink Scotland
- FSA 13 – National Sheep Association
- FSA 16 – Scottish Wildlife Trust

3. The future of the oil and gas industry

Draft Report, *The future of the oil and gas industry* 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 996, Session 2017-19.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 February at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 5th February 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Ged Killen
David Duguid	John Lamont
Hugh Gaffney	Danielle Rowley
Kirstene Hair	Tommy Sheppard
Christine Jardine	Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 17 – John Kinnaird (Scottish Agriculture Champion)

3. Fisheries Bill

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Fisheries Bill* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- SFB 6 – Scottish ENVIRONMENT Link (supplementary evidence)
- SFB 7 – **Scottish Fishermen's Federation**
- SFB 8 – Scottish Seafood Association

4. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Lord Wallace, former Deputy First Minister of Scotland, Lord McConnell, former First Minister of Scotland, and Sir Peter Housden, former Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

Baroness Liddell, former Secretary of State for Scotland, Alun Evans, former Director of the Scotland Office, and Michael Moore, former Secretary of State for Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 February at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 12th February 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Hugh Gaffney

Kirstene Hair

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 18 – Scottish Environment LINK

3. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- TFI0029 6 – Chartered Insurance Institute

4. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- IGR 7 – David Eiser, Fraser of Allander Institute

5. Immigration and Scotland

Barry McCulloch, Senior Policy Advisor, FSB Scotland, and Gregor Scotland, Principal Policy Advisor, CBI Scotland gave oral evidence.

Angela Coleshill, Director for Competitiveness, Food and Drink Federation, Dr Donald Macaskill, Chief Executive, Scottish Care, and Marc Crothall, Chief Executive, Scottish Tourism Alliance gave oral evidence.

Professor Gerry McCormac, Principal of the University of Stirling and Vice-Convenor of Universities Scotland, and Rachel Sandison, Vice Principal, External Relations, University of Glasgow gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 February at 10.00 a.m.]

Sunday 17 February – Tuesday 19 February

The Chairman, Deidre Brock, David Duguid, John Lamont and Danielle Rowley visited the **Isle of Lewis in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit*, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 4 December 2018.**

Tuesday 26th February 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		John Lamont
Hugh Gaffney		Tommy Sheppard
Kirstene Hair		Ross Thomson
Christine Jardine		

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Access to financial services in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Hutton Institute on Monday 25 March in connection with its inquiry into the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit*.

2. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Note of the Committee’s meeting with former senior Scottish Government officials.

3. The Work of the Scotland Office

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

- Scotland Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 18-19

4. The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 19 – Scottish Association of Crofters
- FSA 20 – Professor Colin Reid
- FSA 21 – WWF Scotland

Bruce Wilson, Public Affairs Manager, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Sheila George, Food and Environment Policy Manager, WWF Scotland, Professor Colin Reid, Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee, and Aoife Behan, Director of Soil Association Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 March at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 5th March 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Hugh Gaffney
Ged Killen
John Lamont

Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Digital Connectivity in Scotland

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Digital Connectivity in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from Ofcom relating to the interaction between the USO and R100 programme.

3. Access to financial services

Resolved, that the Committee invited, pursuant to standing order 137A(e), a Member of the Treasury Committee to attend the meeting on 26 March 2019 relating to this matter.

4. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Chloe Smith MP, Minister for the Constitution gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 10 am.

Wednesday 6th March 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine
John Lamont
Ross Thomson

1. Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment

Draft Report, *Scotland, Trade and Brexit* 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 903, Session 2017-19.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 March at 10am.

Tuesday 12th March 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Tommy Sheppard

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Members of the Treasury Select Committee be invited to participate in the Committee's inquiry into the "Access to Financial Services in Scotland" under the provisions of Standing Order 137A (1)(e).

2. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA 22 – UK Government

3. Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD 1 – Mr Kenneth MacArthur

4. The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of the Oil and Gas Industry* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- The Oil and Gas Authority's response to the Committee's Report

5. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Scottish Government gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 March at 10am.

Tuesday 19th March 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- IGR 8 – Scotland’s Future Forum

3. Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD 2 – Professor Roy Robertson
- UMD 3 – A member of the public

Ordered, That the Committee recruit a specialist adviser.

4. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

John Fyall, former Chair, National Sheep Association Scotland, Willie Campbell, Council Member, First Milk, Scott Henderson, Vice-Chair, Scotch Beef Association, Lorne Watson, Seeds Committee Chair, Agricultural Industries Confederation gave oral evidence.

Professor Julie Fitzpatrick, Royal Society of Edinburgh, John Kinnaird, Council Member, National Council of Rural Advisers, Michael Clancy, Director, Law Society of Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 March at 10am.]

Wednesday 20th March 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Ged Killen

John Lamont
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 March at 10am.]

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
John Lamont
Danielle Rowley
Ross Thomson

Colin Clark, a member of the Treasury Committee was also present, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 March 2019 (Standing Order 137A(e))

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from the Minister for the Constitution

3. Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD 4 – Alternatives-West Dunbartonshire Community Drug Services

4. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA23 – Law Society of Scotland

5. Access to Financial Services

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Access to Financial Services* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- AFS1 – Mr Mark Monie
- AFS2 – Murial Monteith
- AFS3 – Alison Taylor
- AFS4 – Pauling Farrell
- AFS5 – Douglas Pryde
- AFS7 – Lossie Coastal Action Group
- AFS8 – Mr Gregory Carter
- AFS9 – James Edgar
- AFS10 – Wendy Turnball
- AFS11 – Linwood Community Council
- AFS12 – Sue Phillips
- AFS13 – Margaret Robertson
- AFS14 – Ann Green
- AFS15 – J Young
- AFS16 – Wendy Graham
- AFS17 – Shetland Islands Council
- AFS18 – Williams Dunn
- AFS19 – Eliean Malden
- AFS20 – C T Dickinson

Sheena Boyd, Director, Scottish Rural Action, James Daley, Member, Access to Cash Review, Caroline Normand, Director of Advocacy, Which?, and Derek Young, Policy Officer, Citizens' Advice Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 April at 10am.

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Hugh Gaffney

Christine Jardine

Ged Killen

John Lamont

Tommy Sheppard

Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- IGR9 – Jack Seldon, Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge.
- IGR10 – Dr Coree Brown Swan, Centre on Constitutional Change, University of Edinburgh

3. Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD5 – Barbara Bauld (partially redacted)

Resolved, That the Committee visit Cornerstone Centre, St John's , Edinburgh, in connection with its inquiry into the Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland inquiry.

4. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Note on the Committee's meeting with innovation groups

5. Access to Financial Services

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Access to Financial Services* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- AFS21 – Joan Blanchard
- AFS22 – Craiglockhart Community Council
- AFS23 – Mike Prentice
- AFS25 – Glenlyon & Lock Tay Community Council
- AFS26 – Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Community Council
- AFS27 – Kevin Prior
- AFS28 – Miss Michelle Burns-Grieg
- AFS29 – LINK Scheme
- AFS30 – Andrew Pandolfi
- AFS31 – Linda Jones
- AFS32 – Portobello Amenity Society
- AFS33 – Cardtronics
- AFS34 – **Scottish Grocers' Federation**
- AFS35 – Association of Convenience Stores
- AFS36 – NoteMachine
- AFS37 – Which?
- AFS38 – UK Finance
- AFS39 – Scottish Financial Enterprise
- AFS40 – Cambuslang Community Council
- AFS41 – Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council
- AFS42 – **Citizens' Advice Scotland**
- AFS43 – Ruth Thompson
- AFS44 – Payments Systems Regulator

John Howell, Chief Executive, LINK, Eric Leenders, Managing Director, Personal Finance, UK Finance, and Ron Delnevo, Executive Director, Europe, ATMIA gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 April at 1:45 pm.

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Ross Thomson

1. Declaration of interests: First Meeting

Paul Masterton declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

No interests to declare.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Appointment of Specialist Adviser: Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland

Ordered, That Anna Ross be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland. (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix*).

4. The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following documents relating to the *Relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- IGR11 – Secretary of State for Scotland
- Letter from the Minister for the Constitution re: devolution training for civil servants

6. The Future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA24 – SEFARI Gateway
- FSA25 – UK Agri-Tech Centres
- FSA26 – Moredun Research Institute
- FSA27 – Concordia

Sir John Campbell, Glenrath Egg Farms Ltd, James Porter, Angus Growers Ltd, Archie Gibson, Agrico UK Ltd; Stephanie Maurel, Chief Executive, Concordia, and Matthew Jarett, Managing Director, Pro-Force Ltd gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 April at 10am.]

Appendix to the Formal Minutes

Declarations of interests

24 April 2019

Anna Ross (Specialist Adviser)

- Co-convenor of the Scottish Drug Policy Conversations.
- Lived and Living Experience Executive Group for the Scottish Government Advisory structure PADS.
- Lived and Living Experience representative on the Harms Committee of the Scottish Government's advisory structure PADS.

Tuesday 30th April 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Christine Jardine
Ged Killen
John Lamont

Paul Masterton
Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Use and Misuse of Drugs* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD6 – Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
- UMD7 – Alcohol and Drugs Action
- UMD8 – The Hepatitis C Trust
- UMD9 – Crew 2000
- UMD10 – Angus Alcohol & Drug Partnership and Perth & Kinross Alcohol & Drug Partnership
- UMD11 – Dundee Alcohol & Drug Partnership
- UMD12 – National AIDS Trust
- UMD13 – Corra Foundation
- UMD14 – Honorary Professor Sheila Bird, Edinburgh University of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine
- UMD15 – University of the West of Scotland
- UMD16 – Glasgow City Alcohol & Drug Partnership
- UMD17 – Turning Point Scotland
- UMD18 – NHS Shetland
- UMD19 – The Law Society of Scotland
- UMD20 – Addaction
- UMD21 – NHS Health Scotland & NHS National Services Scotland

3. Access to Financial Services

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Access to Financial Services* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- AFS29 – Hannah Gell

Susan Allen, Head of Retail and Business Banking, Santander, Carol Anderson, Scotland Distribution Director, TSB, Ricky Diggins, Network Director, Bank of Scotland, Simon Watson, Managing Director, Personal Banking, Royal Bank of Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 May at 10am.

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney

John Lamont
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Use and Misuse of Drugs in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee's inquiry into "The use and misuse of drugs in Scotland" be renamed "Problem drug use in Scotland".

2. Access to Financial Services

Dave Pickering, Chief Executive, Lending Standards Board, Liz Thompson, Head of Compliance, Lending Standards Board, Chris Hemsley, Co-Managing Director, Payment System Regulator, Matthew Cherry, Chief Economist, Payment System Regulator gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 May at 1:45pm.]

Tuesday 7th May 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine

Ged Killen
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Committee Office Standards of Service

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry

Draft Special Report (*The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth 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 Sixth Report from the Committee in Session 2017-19 was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD22 – Medical Research Council and Scottish Government Chief Scientist Office, Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow
- UMD23 – Law Enforcement Action Partnership UK
- UMD24 – Scottish Drugs Forum
- UMD25 – Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
- UMD26 – Release
- UMD27 – National Pharmacy Association Ltd
- UMD28 – Volteface
- UMD29 – Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs
- UMD30 – PRAXXIS Women
- UMD31 – **Dr Alién O’Gorman**
- UMD32 – Waverley Care
- UMD33 – The Salvation Army
- UMD34 – Recovering Justice
- UMD35 – Lothian Deprivation Interest Group

Professor Catriona Matheson, University of Stirling, Dr Tessa Parkes, Director, Salvation Army Centre, University of Stirling, Dr Emily Tweed, University of Glasgow, and Dr Andrew McAuley, Senior Research Fellow, Glasgow Caledonian University gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 May at 10am.

Tuesday 14th May 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

**Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney
Christine Jardine**

**Ged Killen
John Lamont
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson**

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Powers of the Chair – publication of evidence and correspondence between meetings

Ordered, That in the 2017 Parliament, where the Committee receives evidence or sends or receives correspondence which, in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication on the Internet, provided that:

- i.the evidence or correspondence concerned shall have been circulated to the Committee and
- ii.all members shall have been given the opportunity to object to such publication before it takes place.

3. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD36 – Anyone's Child

4. The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- FSA32 – Angus Growers

Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Scottish Government, David Barnes, National Adviser on Agriculture Policy, and Andrew Watson, Deputy Director for Agricultural Policy Implementation gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 May at 10am.

Tuesday 21st May 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Hugh Gaffney
John Lamont

Danielle Rowley
Tommy Sheppard
Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Welfare in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee inquiry into *Welfare in Scotland*

3. The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following correspondence and written evidence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from the Foreign Office to the Committee re: Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme
- Letter from the Home Office to the Committee re: Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme
- Follow up letter from the Committee to the Home Office re: Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme
- Follow up letters from the Committee to Concordia and Pro Force re: Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme
- FSA33 – British Veterinary Association

4. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD37 – Michael McAndrews

Colin Hepburn, Sharon Webster, Scott Ferguson, Hannah Snow gave oral evidence. Witness A, Witness B, Witness C, Witness D, and Justina Murray, CEO, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs gave oral evidence in private.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 May at 10:30am.

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
David Duguid
Hugh Gaffney

John Lamont
Paul Masterton
Tommy Sheppard

Christine Jardine
Ged Killen

Ross Thomson

1. The Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments

Draft Report, *The Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments* 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 1586, Session 2017-19.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 June at 2:00pm.

Sunday 26 May – Friday 31 May

The Chairman, Deidre Brock, Hugh Gaffney, John Lamont, Danielle Rowley, Tommy Sheppard and Ross Thomson visited Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the *Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments*, and *Problem Drug Use in Scotland*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 22 January 2019.

Tuesday 4th June 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		Danielle Rowley
David Duguid		Tommy Sheppard
Christine Jardine		Ross Thomson
Ged Killen		

Emma Harper MSP, David Stewart MSP, and Brian Whittle MSP, of the Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee were also present in accordance with the Committee's decision of 23 April 2019.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Dr Iain McPhee, University of the West of Scotland, Dr Neil McKeganey, Centre for Substance Use Research, Vicki Craik, Crew 2000, and Dr Angus Bancroft, University of Edinburgh gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 05 June at 2:00pm.

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		John Lamont
David Duguid		Paul Masterton
Hugh Gaffney		Ross Thomson
Christine Jardine		

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD 38 – Dr Emily Tweed

3. The Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- IGR 12 – Supplementary evidence from Secretary of State for Scotland

4. The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to the *Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Letter from Concordia to the Committee re: Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme

Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 June at 10:00am.

Wednesday 12th June 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		Ged Killen
David Duguid		John Lamont
Hugh Gaffney		Paul Masterton
Christine Jardine		Tommy Sheppard

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Appointment of specialist adviser: Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That Professor Catriona Matheson be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Problem Drug Use in Scotland. (*No relevant interests were declared*).

3. Access to Financial Services

Martin Kearsley, Banking Director, Tracy Marshall, Network Development Director, Post Office; John Glen MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and David Raw, Deputy Director, Banking and Credit, HM Treasury gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 June at 10:00am.

Tuesday 18th June 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		John Lamont
David Duguid		Paul Masterton

Hugh Gaffney Christine Jardine Ged Killen		Tommy Sheppard Ross Thomson
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1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD39 – Rosie Hutcheon
- UMD40 – European Federation of Therapeutic Communities
- UMD41 – Crew 2000

Dr John Budd, Edinburgh Access Practice, Norma Howarth, Signpost Recovery, Patricia Tracey, Turning Point Scotland, Iain Clunie, SMART Recovery UK; Elinor Dickie, NHS Health Scotland, and Dr Saket Priyadarshi, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 June at 10:00am.

Tuesday 25th June 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock David Duguid Hugh Gaffney		John Lamont Paul Masterton Ross Thomson
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1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Access to Financial Services in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Future of Scottish Agriculture Post-Brexit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 July at 10:00am.

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Paul Masterton
David Duguid	Danielle Rowley
Hugh Gaffney	Tommy Sheppard
Ged Killen	Ross Thomson
John Lamont	

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future of the Oil and Gas Sector

Ordered, That the correspondence from UK Government about the Committee's Report on the *Future of the Oil and Gas Sector* be reported to the House for publication.

3. Scotland, Trade and Brexit

Draft Special Report (*Scotland, Trade and Brexit: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh 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 Seventh Report from the Committee in Session 2017-19 was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Problem Drug use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD42 – Policing Strategy Unit

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David Liddell, CEO, Scottish Drugs Forum, Martin Powell, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, James Duffy, Law Enforcement Action Partnership; Professor Alex Stevens, University of Kent, Assistant Chief Constable Steve Johnson, Police Scotland, Detective Chief Inspector Jason Kew, Drugs Policy Lead, Thames Valley Police, and Detective Superintendent Kevin Weir, Durham Police gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 July at 10:00am.

Tuesday 9th July 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	John Lamont
David Duguid	Paul Masterton
Hugh Gaffney	Danielle Rowley
Christine Jardine	Tommy Sheppard
Ged Killen	Ross Thomson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments

Draft Special Report (*The Relationship Between the UK and Scottish Governments: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth 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 Eighth Report from the Committee in Session 2017-19 was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Problem Drug use in Scotland

James Wolffe QC, Lord Advocate, and Iain Logan, Principal Procurator Fiscal Depute, Policy Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service; Joe Fitzpatrick MSP, Minister for Public

Health, Sport and Wellbeing, and Beverley Francis, Drug Law and Health Harm Lead, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 July at 2:45pm.

Wednesday 10th July 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		John Lamont
David Duguid		Tommy Sheppard
Hugh Gaffney		Ross Thomson
Ged Killen		

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Gillian McGregor CBE, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 July at 10:00am.

Sunday 14th July – Thursday 18th July 2019

The Chairman, Danielle Rowley, and Tommy Sheppard visited Frankfurt and Lisbon in connection with the Committee's inquiry into *Problem Drug Use in Scotland*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7th May 2019.

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock		John Lamont
David Duguid		Paul Masterton
Hugh Gaffney		Danielle Rowley
Christine Jardine		Tommy Sheppard
Ged Killen		

1. The Future of Scottish Agriculture Post-Brexit

Draft Report, *The Future of Scottish Agriculture Post-Brexit* 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 1637, Session 2017-19.

2. Access to Cash in Scotland

Draft Report, *Access to Cash 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 Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1996, Session 2017-19.

3. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD43 – Transform

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 September 10:00am.

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

David Duguid Hugh Gaffney John Lamont		Paul Masterton Tommy Sheppard Ross Thomson
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1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Ordered, That the following evidence relating to the *Problem Drug Use in Scotland* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UMD 44 – Release

- UMD 45 – Alternatives – West Dunbartonshire Community Drug Service – Supplementary Evidence
- UMD 46 – Department for Work and Pensions, UK Government
- UMD 47 – Dr Ian Oliver
- UMD 48 – National Crime Agency
- UMD 49 – The Lord Advocate
- UMD 50 – Dr Amal Y Beani, Consultant Psychiatrist, Fellow of Royal College of Psychiatry, Honorary Senior Lecturer, Leeds Medical School
- **Summary of the Scottish Affairs Committee’s visit to Canada, 27 – 30 May 2019**

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September at 10:00am.

Monday 9th September 2019

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock David Duguid Hugh Gaffney		Tommy Sheppard Danielle Rowley
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1. Welfare in Scotland

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

- WIS 21 – Frank Field
- WIS 20 – Scottish Government
- WIS 19 – Professor Hayley Bennett
- WIS 18 – Together for Short Lives
- WIS 17 – **Scottish Women’s Convention**
- WIS 16 – StepChange Debt Charity Scotland
- WIS 15 – Department for Work and Pensions
- WIS 14 – Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland
- WIS 13 – Marie Curie
- WIS 12 – Scottish Campaign on Rights to Social Security (SCORSS)
- WIS 11 – Inclusion Scotland
- WIS 10 – **Citizens’ Advice Scotland**
- WIS 9 – **Children’s Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS)**
- WIS 8 – Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
- WIS 5 – NHS Health Scotland

- WIS 4 – The Low Incomes Tax Reform Group
- WIS 2 – Shetland Islands Council

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chairman.]

APPENDIX

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

13 September 2017

Wishart, Pete (Perth and North Perthshire)

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)

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, Turrieff 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

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

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

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)

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

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)

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)

11 October 2017

Killen, Gerard (Rutherglen and Hamilton West)

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)

23 October 2018

Hair, Kirstene (Angus)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Carnoustie Golf Links Ltd

Address of donor: Whitehall House, 33 Yeaman Shore, Dundee DD1 4BJ

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality ticket for The Open Championship, with a value of £810

Date received: 20 July 2018

Donor status: company, registration SC307601

(Registered 31 July 2018)