

Wednesday 25 May 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier

Mr Stephen Hepburn
Chris Law
John Stevenson

1. Scotland Office Supplementary Estimate memorandum 2015-16

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Scotland Office Supplementary Estimates 2015–16 submitted by the Scotland Office be reported to the House for publication.

2. Devolution of welfare in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Devolution of welfare in Scotland* inquiry submitted by Rt Hon Priti Patel MP be reported to the House for publication.

3. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution* be reported to the House for publication:

- National Records Scotland
- Marie Curie

4. The EU referendum and its impact on Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The EU referendum and its impact on Scotland* be reported to the House for publication:

- Scottish Retail Consortium
- Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

John Edward, Senior Campaign Spokesperson, Scotland Stronger in Europe gave oral evidence.

Tom Harris, Director, Vote Leave in Scotland gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe, and Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, UK Government gave oral evidence.

[By video link] Alasdair Allan MSP, Minister for International Development and Europe, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 9 June at 12.00 p.m.]

Thursday 9 June 2016

The Chair, Mr David Anderson, Kirsty Blackman, Margaret Ferrier, Chris Law and John Stevenson visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Renewable energy sector in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 April 2016.

Thursday 9 June 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson
Kirsty Blackman
Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law
John Stevenson

1. Renewable energy sector in Scotland

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

- Save Your Regional Park campaign
- Brenda Herrick
- Mrs Mary Young
- Rumster anti-Windfarm Group
- Lyndsey Ward
- Mr John Edmondson
- Miss Karen Gallagher
- Mrs Aileen Jackson
- Save Straiton for Scotland
- Viking Energy and Crosshill Stratton
- Kirkmichael Community Council (CSKCC)
- Stuart Young
- No Wind Turbines at Flemington
- RSPB Scotland

Lindsay McQuade, Policy and Innovation Director, ScottishPower Renewables gave oral evidence.

Kersti Berge, Head of Scotland, Ofgem, Phil Sheppard, Director of System Operator Operations, National Grid, Andrew Huthwaite, Director of Commercial and Connections, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSEPD) gave oral evidence.

Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, and Chris Stark, Director Energy and Climate Change, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June at 2.45 p.m.]

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mr David Anderson
Kirsty Blackman
Mr Christopher Chope

Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law
Maggie Throup

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Creative Industries in Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Creative industries in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2015-16*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee of Session 2015-16 was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Renewable energy sector in Scotland

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

- Moscow and Waterside Community Council
- Laird David Whannel

Andrea Leadsom MP, Minister of State and Tom Luff, Head of Onshore Electricity Networks, Department of Energy and Climate Change and Lord Dunlop, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland, Scotland Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June at 2.00 p.m.]

Tuesday 29 June 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law
John Stevenson
Maggie Throup

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The renewable energy sector in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Glasgow Centre for Population Health
- Professor James Hunter

Dermot Grenham, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, Fraser Grieve, Scottish Council for Development and Industry, and David Watt, Scotland Regional Director, Institute of Directors gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Kirsty Blackman was called to the chair.

Dermot Grenham, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, Fraser Grieve, Scottish Council for Development and Industry, and David Watt, Scotland Regional Director, Institute of Directors gave oral evidence.

Pete Wishart resumed the chair.

Professor Allan Findley, University of St Andrews and Lorraine Cook, Policy Manager, COSLA, Migration, Population and Diversity Team gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 July at 10.30 a.m.]

Monday 4 July 2016

The Chair, Margaret Ferrier and Chris Law visited Skye in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 April 2016.

Monday 4 July 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law

1. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Professor Jim Hunter, former Director for the University of Highlands and Islands Centre for History gave oral evidence.

Alistair Danter, Highlands and Islands Council, Area Business Manager for the Skye Area, John Norman MacLeod, Vice Principal, and Dr Donnie Munro, Director of Development, Fundraising and the Arts, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig gave oral evidence.

Dr Caroline Gould, Skye and Lochalsh Access Panel, Judy Footit, Advocacy Highland, Sandra Mackenzie, Skye and Lochalsh Mental Health Association and Morag Hannah, Bureau Manager, Skye & Lochalsh, Citizens Advice Bureau gave oral evidence.

Ian Blackford, Member of Parliament for Ross, Skye and Lochaber, Gregg Brain and Kathryn Brain gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 13 July 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman
Mr Christopher Chope
Mr Jim Cunningham
Margaret Ferrier

Mr Stephen Hepburn
Chris Law
John Stevenson
Maggie Throup

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland's place in Europe and the World

Motion made, and Question put, That the Committee inquire into Scotland's place in Europe and the World.—(Mr Christopher Chope).

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3

Mr Christopher Chope
John Stevenson
Maggie Throup

Noes, 5

Kirsty Blackman
Jim Cunningham
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Hepburn
Chris Law

Question accordingly negatived.

3. Scotland's place in Europe

Motion made, and Question put, That the Committee inquire into Scotland's place in Europe. —(Pete Wishart).

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 5

Kirsty Blackman
Jim Cunningham
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Hepburn
Chris Law

Noes, 1

Mr Christopher Chope

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Scotland's place in Europe*.

Motion made, and Question proposed, that the Terms of Reference for the Committee's inquiry into Scotland's place in Europe be, as follows:

“How will the EU referendum result affect Scotland's relationship with Europe?
In light of the way Scotland voted in the EU referendum, what options exist for Scotland to remain a member of the EU?
What role will Scotland have in the process of the UK's withdrawal from the EU?
What future relationship with the EU would be best for Scotland?
How will Scottish interests be represented in the negotiations regarding the UK's withdrawal from, and future relationship with, the EU?
How will the UK's withdrawal from the EU affect Scottish devolution and Scotland's funding settlement?”

Amendment proposed, at the end, to add:

“How does the EU referendum result affect the scope and extent of powers devolved to Scotland and the responsibilities of the Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament?
Is it in the best interests of Scotland for the UK's withdrawal from the EU to be ‘fast tracked’ to reduce the impact of uncertainty?
What scope does UK legislation offer Scotland to have a different trading relationship with the EU from the UK's trading relationship with the EU?”

Could a UK points based immigration system make special provision for Scotland?
What role will Scotland have in the process of negotiating the UK's withdrawal from the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Agricultural Policy?
What impact will restoration of Scotland's sovereignty over its own fishing and agriculture have upon the economy of Scotland?
Which aspects of Scotland's relationship with the EU are not reserved for the UK Parliament?
What powers does the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament have to negotiate separate Scottish trade deals with the rest of the world?
Which possible bilateral trade deals with countries outside the EU are potentially most valuable to Scotland and therefore should be prioritised?
How can expenditure in Scotland attributable to EU programmes be secured after the UK leaves the European Union?"—(Mr Christopher Chope)

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3

Noes, 5

Mr Christopher Chope
John Stevenson
Maggie Throup

Kirsty Blackman
Jim Cunningham
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Hepburn
Chris Law

Question accordingly negatived.

Other amendments made.

Main Question, as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved, that the Terms of Reference for the Committee's inquiry into *Scotland's place in Europe* be, as follows:

“How will the EU referendum result affect Scotland's relationship with Europe?
In light of the way Scotland voted in the EU referendum, what options exist for Scotland to remain a member of the EU?
What role will Scotland have in the process of the UK's withdrawal from the EU?
How will Scotland be included in the Government's Brexit negotiations?
What future relationship with the EU would be best for Scotland?
How will Scottish interests be represented in the negotiations regarding the UK's withdrawal from, and future relationship with, the EU?
How will the UK's withdrawal from the EU affect Scottish devolution and Scotland's funding settlement?
What consequences and opportunities exist for developing Scottish trade in Europe and beyond in light of the EU referendum result?”

4. The renewable energy sector in Scotland

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The renewable energy sector in*

Scotland be reported to the House for publication:

- Department of Energy and Climate Change
- The Scottish Government
- Scotland against Spin
- Sustainable Shetland
- Orkney Renewable Energy Forum
- Save Straiton for Scotland

Draft Report, (*The renewable energy sector in Scotland*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read. The draft report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 83.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 July at 1.45 p.m.]

Tuesday 19 July 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier

Mr Stephen Hepburn
Chris Law
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. English Votes for English Laws

Michael Clancy OBE, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland, Daniel Gover, Research Fellow, Queen Mary University of London, and Dr Daniel Kenealy, Lecturer in Social Policy, University of Edinburgh gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon David Lidington MP gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 7 September 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier
Mr Stephen Hepburn

Chris Law
Ian Murray
John Stevenson

1. Declaration of interests

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

Ian Murray declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Scotland in connection with its inquiry into *Scotland's place in Europe*.

3. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
- Skye and Lochalsh Access Panel
- Gregg Brain

4. Scotland's place in Europe

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Scotland's place in Europe* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Councillor David Bell
- Mike Gasgoigne
- Professor Janeen Carruthers and Professor Elizabeth Crawford
- Professor Michael Keating
- Scotland in Europe
- Dr Nikos Skoutaris
- Dr Tobias Lock
- Dr Jo Murkens
- Scotland Universities Lawyers Network on Europe
- National Farmers' Union Scotland
- The Law Society of Scotland
- The Royal Society of Edinburgh
- The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
- West College Scotland
- Royal College of Nursing Scotland

Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott, Professor of European and Human Rights Law, University of Oxford, Professor Nicola McEwen, Professor of Territorial Politics, University of Edinburgh and Dr Jo Murkens, Associate Professor in Law, London School of Economics gave oral evidence.

Professor Michael Keating, Professor of Politics, University of Aberdeen and Dr Tobias Lock, Lecturer in EU Law, Edinburgh Law School gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 September at 3.15 p.m.]

Wednesday 14 September 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law
Ian Murray

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the *Impact of HMRC's reorganisation in Scotland*.

2. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution submitted by Population Matters be reported to the House for publication.

[By videolink] Dr Alasdair Allan MSP, Minister for International Development and Europe, Nikola Plunkett, Head of Migration Strategy, Scottish Government, and Sarah Mohammed, National Records of Scotland gave oral evidence.

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

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Mr Stephen Hepburn

Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier

Ian Murray

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry into *Devolution of welfare in Scotland*.

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

2. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Ariel Killick
- Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

3. Scotland's place in Europe

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Scotland's place in Europe* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- UK Government
- Women for Independence Midlothian
- Research Councils UK

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 19 October 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law
Ian Murray
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Scotland and the High North*.

3. The renewable energy sector in Scotland

Draft Special Report (*The renewable energy sector in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2016-17*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Scotland's place in Europe

Robert Goodwill MP, Minister of State for Immigration and Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 October at 10.15 a.m.]

Monday 24 October 2016

The Chair, Deidre Brock, Mr Christopher Chope, Margaret Ferrier, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Chris Law, Ian Murray and John Stevenson visited Glasgow in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Scotland's place in Europe, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7 September 2016.

Monday 24 October 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier
Mr Stephen Hepburn

Chris Law
Ian Murray
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Post-work study schemes

Draft Special Report (*Post-study work schemes: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2015-16*), proposed by the Chair, brought up,

read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee session 2016-17 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.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available (Standing Order No. 134).

3. Scotland's place in Europe

Councillor David O'Neill, President, and Anil Gupta, Chief Officer (Communities), Convention of the Scottish Local Authorities, Clare Slipper, Parliamentary Officer, NFU Scotland, and Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation gave oral evidence.

Norman Provan, Associate Director, Royal College of Nursing Scotland, Sir Tim O'Shea, Principal, University of Edinburgh and Convener of Universities Scotland's Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee, and Stephen Boyd, Assistant Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress gave oral evidence.

Colin Borland, Senior Head of External Affairs, Devolved Nations, Federation of Small Businesses, Fraser Grieve, Highlands and Islands Director, Scottish Council for Development and Industry, David Watt, Executive Director, Institute of Directors gave oral evidence.

David Williamson, Director of Public Affairs and Communications, Scotch Whisky Association, and David Thomson, Chief Executive, Scottish Food and Drink Federation gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November at 2:00 p.m.]

Wednesday 2 November 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Impact of HMRC's reorganisation in Scotland

John Davidson, Deputy HMRC Group Secretary, PCS Union and Paul Gallagher, Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland gave oral evidence.

Jim Harra, Director General, Customer Strategy and Tax Design, HMRC and Ravi Chand, Director, Workforce Management, HMRC gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November at 3pm
Monday 14 November 2016

The Chair, Deidre Brock and Chris Law visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Devolution of welfare in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 October 2016.

Wednesday 23 November 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier
Mr Stephen Hepburn

Chris Law
Ian Murray
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Scotland Office
- National Records of Scotland

Draft Report (*The Demography of Scotland and the 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 Second Report from the Committee, HC 82, Session 2016-17.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 November at 2pm

Wednesday 30 November 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Chris Law
Mr Christopher Chope	Ian Murray
Margaret Ferrier	Anna Soubry
Stephen Hepburn	John Stevenson

1. Declaration of interests

Anna Soubry 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 visit Dumfries in connection with its inquiry into *Sustainable employment in Scotland*.

3. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

- Oxfam Scotland

Stephen Boyd, Assistant Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress gave oral evidence.

Francis Stuart, Research and Policy Adviser, Oxfam Scotland, and Dr Roger Cook, Research Director, Scotland Institute gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December at 1pm]

Wednesday 7 December 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Chris Law
Margaret Ferrier	

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland the High North

Resolved, That the Committee visit Norway in connection with its inquiry into *Scotland and the High North*, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Impact of HMRC's reorganisation in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *HMRC's reorganisation in Scotland* submitted by HMRC be reported to the House for publication.

4. Scotland's place in Europe

Michael Russell MSP, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Scottish Government, Ian Mitchell, Deputy Director for EU Strategy and Engagement, Scottish Government and Professor Anton Muscatelli, Chair, Standing Council on Europe, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December at 2pm]

Wednesday 14 December 2016

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law

Ian Murray
Anna Soubry
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland's place in Europe

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

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January at 2pm]

Wednesday 11 January 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Hepburn

Chris Law
Ian Murray
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Jobcentre plus closures in Scotland*.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry into *Devolution of welfare in Scotland*.

2. Scotland's place in Europe

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Scotland's place in Europe* inquiry be reported to the House for publication:

- Scottish Government
- UK Government

3. Scotland and the High North

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

- Polar Research and Policy Initiative
- Dr Rachael Lorna Johnstone
- UK Government

4. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

- UK Government
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Common Weal
- Scottish Retail Consortium
- Co-operatives UK
- Jimmy Reid Foundation
- Oxfam Scotland.

Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling, and Professor

Graeme Roy, Director, Fraser of Allander Institute gave oral evidence.

Robin McAlpine, Director, Common Weal, and Professor Mike Danson, Jimmy Reid Foundation gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 January at 2pm

Monday 16 January 2017

The Chair, Deidre Brock, Margaret Ferrier, Chris Law, Anna Soubry and John Stevenson visited Dumfries in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Sustainable employment in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 November 2016.

Monday 16 January 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law

Anna Soubry
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution

Draft Special Report (*Demography of Scotland and the implications for devolution: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2016-17*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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.

3. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

- STUC

- Scotland Institute

Jack Clark, Convener, Scottish Borders Chamber of Commerce, Bruce Simpson, Communications Director, Scottish Borders Chamber of Commerce and Brian Richardson, Chief Executive, Dumfries and Galloway Chambers of Commerce gave evidence.

Councillor Colin Smyth, Chair, Economy, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Councillor John Mitchell, Deputy Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Alistair McKinnon, Location Director for the South of Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and Linda Hanna, Managing Director for Strategy and Sectors, Scottish Enterprise gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January at 2pm]

Wednesday 25 January 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Mr Christopher Chope

Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law

Anna Soubry

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Sustainable employment in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Aberdeen in connection with its inquiry into Sustainable employment in Scotland.

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

3. Scotland's place in Europe

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Scotland's place in Europe* submitted by Scotland in Union be reported to the House for publication.

4. Scotland and the High North

Professor Rachael Lorna Johnstone, Dr Dwayne Menezes, Director, Polar Research & Policy Initiative, and Rod Downie, Polar Programme Lead, WWF–UK gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February at 2pm

Wednesday 1 February 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Chris Law
Mr Christopher Chope	Ian Murray
Margaret Ferrier	Anna Soubry
Mr Stephen Hepburn	Craig Williams

1. Declaration of interests

Craig Williams declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

Gary Smith, Scotland Secretary, GMB, and Bryan Simpson, Executive Council, Unite gave oral evidence.

Vaughan Hart, Managing Director, Scottish Building Federation, Ewan MacDonald-Russell, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Scottish Retail Consortium, and Donald Macdonald, Executive Chairman, Macdonald Hotels and Resorts gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February at 2pm

Wednesday 8 February 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock	Chris Law
Mr Christopher Chope	Ian Murray
Margaret Ferrier	Anna Soubry

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland and the High North

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Scotland and the High North* inquiry submitted by Professor Rachael Lorna Johnstone be reported to the House for publication.

3. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

4. Jobcentre Plus closures in Scotland

Ian Pope, DWP Group Executive Committee, PCS Union and Stewart Malcolm McDonald MP, Member of Parliament for Glasgow South gave oral evidence.

Frank Mosson, Manager, Glasgow-Bridgeton Citizens Advice Bureau, Reverend Dr Martin Johnston, Minister and Secretary of the Church and Society Council, Church of Scotland, and Carla McCormack, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, The Poverty Alliance gave oral evidence.

Damian Hinds MP, Minister of State for Employment, DWP, Karen Gosden, Director, People and Locations Programme, DWP and Susan Park, Director of Work Services, DWP gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 February at 11 am

Monday 20 February 2017

The Chair, Deidre Brock, Margaret Ferrier, Chris Law, Ian Murray and Anna Soubry visited Aberdeen in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Sustainable employment in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 25 January 2017.

Monday 20 February 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law

Ian Murray
Anna Soubry

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland and the High North

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Scotland and the High North* inquiry submitted by the Scottish Association for Marine Science be reported to the House for publication.

3. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

- Citizens Advice Scotland
- Oil and Gas Authority

Mike Tholen, Director of Upstream Policy, Oil and Gas UK, and John McDonald, Interim Chief Executive, OPITO gave oral evidence.

Gordon Inglis, Director and Principal Consultant, Accord Energy, Fred Bowden, Managing Director, Woollard and Henry, and Carole Leslie, Independent Adviser gave oral evidence.

David Watt, Executive Director, Institute of Directors Scotland, and Barry McCulloch, Senior Policy Adviser, Federation of Small Businesses gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 March at 2.15pm]

Wednesday 1 March 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier

Mr Stephen Hepburn
Chris Law
Ian Murray

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland's Place in Europe

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiry into *Scotland's Place in Europe*.

3. Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General 2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Memorandum

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General 2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Memorandum submitted by the Scotland Office be reported to the House for publication.

4. Sustainable employment in Scotland

Siobhan Mathers, Reform Scotland, and Professor Jeremy Peat OBE, Fellow, Royal Society of Edinburgh gave oral evidence.

Gary Mitchell, Vice President, NFU Scotland gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 March at 1.00pm]

Monday 20 March 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Margaret Ferrier

Anna Soubry
Craig Williams

1. Inter-governmental cooperation on social security

The Committee was joined by the following members of the Social Security Committee of the Scottish Parliament:

Sandra White MSP
Pauline McNeill MSP
George Adam MSP
Alison Johnstone MSP
Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Ruth Maguire MSP
Ben Macpherson MSP
Adam Tomkins MSP

Rt Hon Damian Green MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Mary Pattinson, Senior Responsible Officer for Scottish Devolution Programme and Ageing Society & State Pensions Director, Department for Work and Pensions, Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, and Stephen Kerr, Director of Social Security, Scottish Government gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 March at 2.00pm]

Wednesday 29 March 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Mr Christopher Chope
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law

Ian Murray
Anna Soubry
John Stevenson

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scotland and the High North

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Scotland and the High North* inquiry submitted by Scottish Government be reported to the House for publication.

3. Scotland's place in Europe

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Scotland's place in Europe* inquiry submitted by [name withheld] be reported to the House for publication.

4. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

- Uber
- Unite the Union
- British Hospitality Association

Lesley Smith, Director of Public Policy, Amazon, Andrew Byrne, Head of Public Policy, Uber, and Dan Warne, Managing Director, UK and Ireland, Deliveroo gave oral evidence.

Willie Macleod, Executive Director in Scotland, British Hospitality Association gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 April at 1.30pm]

Wednesday 19 April 2017

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law
Anna Soubry

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Jobcentre Plus closures in Scotland

Draft Report (*Jobcentre Plus closures 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 Third Report from the Committee, HC 979, Session 2016–17.

3. Sustainable employment in Scotland

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

- Carole Leslie
- The British Hospitality Association
- Disability Agenda Scotland
- Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
- Scottish Enterprise

4. Publication of evidence before prorogation

Resolved, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, written evidence received before the prorogation of Parliament shall be reported to the House for publication.

5. Scotland's place in Europe

Professor Alan Page, Professor of Public Law, University of Dundee, and Dr Kirsty Hughes, Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations gave oral evidence.

[The Committee adjourned.]

Evidence Reported to House for Publication, Monday 1 May 2017
(Resolution of the Committee, 19 April 2017)

Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General 2017-18 Main Estimates
Memorandum

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

Inter-governmental co-operation on social security

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Inter-governmental co-operation on social security* inquiry submitted by the Department for Work and Pensions be reported to the House for publication.

Jobcentre Plus closures in Scotland

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Jobcentre plus closures in Scotland* inquiry submitted by the Department for Work and Pensions be reported to the House for publication.

Monday 24 to Tuesday 25 January 2017

The Chair, Mr Christopher Chope, Margaret Ferrier and Chris Law visited Brussels in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Scotland's place in Europe, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 01 March 2017.

APPENDIX

Declarations of Member's interests

7 September 2016

Brock, Deidre (Edinburgh North and Leith)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from City of Edinburgh Council, High St, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ, for work as Depute Lord Provost and Councillor. As a councillor, I also hold an annual bus pass with a value of £630. (Registered 05 June 2015)

£1,393.83 received on 26 June 2015, being final salary payment. Hours: approx. 100 hrs. (Registered 06 August 2015)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Tynwald - Parliament of the Isle of Man Address of donor: Legislative Buildings, Finch Rd, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 3PW Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): accommodation £220 and hospitality £200, total value £420. The cost of flights were met by a non-registrable source. Destination of visit: Douglas, Isle of Man Date of visit: 3-5 July 2016 Purpose of visit: Guest at Tynwald Day celebrations. (Registered 26 July 2016)

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)

7 September 2016

Murray, Ian (Edinburgh South)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments received from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JA.

7 July 2015, £75 for participation in survey during May 2015. Payment donated to local school. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 28 January 2016)

7 July 2015, £75 for participation in a second survey during May 2015. Payment donated to local school. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 28 January 2016)

23 October 2015, £75 for participation in survey during September 2015. Payment donated to local school. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 28 January 2016)

18 December 2015, £75 for participation in survey during October 2015. Payment donated to local school. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 28 January 2016)

Payments from Populus, Northburgh House, 10 Northburgh Street, London EC1V 0AT for participation in opinion surveys. (All fees paid to local organisation.)

26 June 2015, received £50. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 18 December 2015)
23 July 2015, received £50. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 18 December 2015)
31 July 2015, received £50. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 18 December 2015)
1 October 2015, received £50. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 18 December 2015)
19 October 2015, received £50. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 18 December 2015)
27 October 2015, received £50. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 18 December 2015)
9 December 2015, received £50. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 18 December 2015)
5 February 2016, payment of £200 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for completing a survey in December 2015. Hours: 1 hr. Fee paid direct to Edinburgh South Labour Party. (Registered 05 February 2016)

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

Half share in a house in Edinburgh: (i) and (ii). (Registered 29 June 2011)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital
100MPH Events Ltd (event management).

8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated director of Foundation of Hearts, a consortium of supporters purchasing a controlling interest in Heart of Midlothian Football Club. (Registered 6 November 2013; updated 7 January 2015)

Unremunerated director of Heart of Midlothian Football Club plc. (Registered 10 June 2014)

30 November 2016

Soubry, Anna (Broxtowe)

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

From February to August 2016, a residential property in Broxtowe: (i). (Registered 05 August 2016)

8. Miscellaneous

Barrister not currently practising.

1 February 2017

Williams, Craig (Cardiff North)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: All Party Parliamentary China Group (with sponsorship from John Swire & Sons, HSBC, City of London, Cambridge Assessment, and Arup)

Address of donor: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

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

economy class flights (international and domestic) £2,098.33, accommodation £488.29; domestic transport £142.65; food and drink £105.78; meeting and hospitality expenses (inc. interpretation, venue hire) £123.02; total £2,958.06

Destination of visit: China (Chengdu and Kunming)

Date of visit: 30 May - 4 June 2016

Purpose of visit: To maintain and strengthen relations between the UK Parliament and the National People's Congress of China; support British Businesses operating in China; and deepen the knowledge of parliamentarians of China.

(Registered 17 June 2016)

Name of donor: National Council for Resistance in Iran

Address of donor: 83 Victoria St, London SW1H 0HW

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): Eurostar travel and accommodation, with a total approx. value of £430

Destination of visit: France (Paris)

Date of visit: 9-10 July 2016

Purpose of visit: to attend the annual Free Iran Rally organized by the National Council of Resistance of Iran, in my role as a supportive British MP.

(Registered 24 August 2016)

Name of donor: The PCAA Foundation

Address of donor: BM5369, London WC1N 3XX

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £977; hotels £824; transport £388; meals/coffee £130; tours £75; total £2,394

Destination of visit: Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Dates of visit: 2-6 January 2017

Purpose of visit: APPG Against Antisemitism delegation to discuss and seek out good practice in addressing antisemitism and racism in football and on the internet.

(Registered 20 January 2017)