



Formal Minutes of the Justice Committee in Session 2021–22

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They include:

- the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
- declarations of members' interests;
- details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
- any other formal decisions taken by the committee (recorded as 'orders' or 'resolutions'), for example to begin an inquiry, to report evidence to the House, to make a visit or to appoint a specialist adviser; and
- visits made by the Committee.

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Wednesday 12 May 2021

Virtual meeting¹

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair²

Paula Barker

Rob Butler

Janet Daby

Maria Eagle

Kenny MacAskill

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Covid-19 and the criminal law

Ministry of Justice [COV0012]

Magistrates Association [COV0014]

Transform Justice [COV0013]

Helga Swidenbank, the Executive Director of the Youth Custody Service, Declaration of Interest

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 10 May 2021

Publication of evaluation framework for HMCTS Reform

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, dated 10 May 2021

¹ Virtual meeting' indicates a meeting held pursuant to the Order of the House of 24 March 2020 (as amended) relating to Select Committees (Participation and Reporting). At such meetings, some or all Members participated remotely through approved electronic means.

² Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [18 June 2015].

HM Inspectorate of Prisons: Return to full inspections

Correspondence dated 7 May 2021 from HM Chief Inspector of Prisons

2. Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 18 May 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present

Paula Barker

Maria Eagle

Kenny MacAskill

Dr Kieran Mullan

Sir Robert Neill

Andy Slaughter

In the absence of the Chair, Maria Eagle was called to the chair.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Strengthening Europol's role in operational police cooperation

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Coroner Service

Draft Report (The Coroner Service), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Sir Robert Neill resumed the chair.

Draft Report (The Coroner Service), further read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 68.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 25 May 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Rob Butler

Janet Daby

Ms Sarah Dines

Maria Eagle

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication:

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

18,000 Additional Prison Places Governance

Correspondence with Antonia Romeo, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Justice, dated 14 May 2021

UK response to the Sub-committee on the Prevention of Torture's (SPT) Report

Correspondence with Alex Chalk MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 19 May 2021

3. Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Court Capacity

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Private Prosecutions

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Private Prosecutions submitted by Stephen Wooler CB, Former HM Chief Inspector to the Crown Prosecution Service (1999-2010) be reported to the House for publication.

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and a former consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Helen Pitcher, Chair, Karen Kneller, Chief Executive, and Miles Trent, Case Review Manager, Criminal Cases Review Commission, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Wooler CB, Former HM Chief Inspector to the Crown Prosecution Service (1999–2010), Paul Jarvis, Barrister, 6KBW College Hill, and Andrew Marshall, Partner, Edmonds Marshall McMahon, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 8 June 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Janet Daby

James Daly

Ms Sarah Dines

Maria Eagle

1. Declaration of interests

Angela Crawley 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. Evidence reported for publication

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

Extension to custody time limits:

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 24 May 2021

Uplift in one-off subsistence payment for prison leavers:

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 20 May 2021

Means Test Review Consultation Publication Date:

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 27 May 2021

Changes made to practice directions governing procedure in the First-tier Tribunal, Upper Tribunal and Employment Tribunals

Correspondence from Lord Wolfson of Tredegar, QC, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice

Mental health in prison:

Ms Tamara Pattinson [MHP0002]

Dr Kate Coleman [MHP0003]

Mr. Rameshwar Jamwal [MHP0004]

Professor Dominique Moran [MHP0005]

Prisoner Learning Alliance [MHP0006]

Anonymous [MHP0007]

Dr Philippa Tomczak [MHP0008]

Dr Karen Slade; Richard Pickford [MHP0009]

Royal College of Nursing [MHP0010]

De Profundis LTD [MHP0011]

Think Through Nutrition [MHP0012]

Dr Gillian Buck [MHP0013]

Professor Nicola Padfield [MHP0014]

Practice Plus Group [MHP0016]

VoiceAbility [MHP0017]

Mind in Camden [MHP0018]

BEST [MHP0019]

Rethink Mental Illness [MHP0020]

Claire Weston [MHP0021]

POhWER [MHP0022]

Zahid Mubarek Trust [MHP0023]

Anonymous [MHP0024]

Narul Ismail [MHP0025]

Centre for Mental Health [MHP0026]

CNWL Foundation Trust, Health and Justice Directorate [MHP0027]

CNWL Foundation Trust, Health and Justice Directorate [MHP0028]

CNWL Foundation Trust, Health and Justice Directorate [MHP0029]

Prison Reform Trust [MHP0030]

The Disabilities Trust [MHP0031]

Dr Jay-Marie Mackenzie; Dr Coral Sirdifield [MHP0032]

Prof Paul Bebbington, Prof Traolach Brugha and Sally McManus [MHP0033]

Youth Justice Board [MHP0034]

The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies [MHP0035]
Independent Monitoring Boards [MHP0036]
Dr Maggie Leese; Dr Victoria Bell; Jenniger Ferguson [MHP0037]
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust [MHP0038]
POA [MHP0039]
Swansea Bay University Health Board [MHP0040]
Clinks [MHP0041]
Anonymous [MHP0042]
Asylum Welcome [MHP0043]
Ministry of Justice [MHP0044]
British Psychological Society [MHP0045]
Criminal Justice Alliance [MHP0046]
Royal College of Psychiatrists, Quality Network for Prison MH services [MHP0047]
Parole Board for England and Wales [MHP0048]
Nacro
Takeda UK Ltd [MHP0050]
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists [MHP0051]
Royal College of Psychiatrists [MHP0052]
Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody [MHP0053]
Women in Prison [MHP0054]
Howard League [MHP0055]
Samaritans [MHP0056]
Prison Governors Association [MHP0057]
G4S Custody and Rehabilitation Services [MHP0058]
Royal College of GPs [MHP0059]
Maslaha [MHP0060]
UNGRIPP [MHP0061]
INQUEST [MHP0062]

4. The Future of Legal Aid

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Mental Health in Prison

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service, a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council and a former board member of the Youth Justice Board.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Ms Sarah Dines declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Dr Sarah Allen, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Lead Psychologist for Health and Justice and OPD Services, Dr Sarah Hewitt, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and Dr Russell Green, Medical Director Mental Health and Substance Misuse, Practice Plus Group, gave oral evidence.

Dr Jake Hard, Chair, Secure Environments Group, Royal College of General Practitioners, Dr Josanne Holloway, Chair of the Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatrists, and Simon Newman RN (Registered Nurse), Dip PNS, Cert HP, Head of Healthcare, HMP Berwyn, North Wales. Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Member of the Royal College of Nursing, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 15 June 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Dr Kieran Mullan
Andy Slaughter

1. Declaration of interests

Laura Farris 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. Select Committee powers, Committee of Privileges inquiry

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Future of Legal Aid

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Work of the Crown Prosecution Service

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and formerly a colleague of Max Hill QC.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council, of which Max Hill QC was formerly a member.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Dr Kieran Mullan declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he has a family member who is a senior police officer.

Max Hill QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown Prosecution Service, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 22 June 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Janet Daby

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre

Draft Report (Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre), 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 with the First Report of the Committee, HC 247.

3. Covid-19 and the Criminal Law

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Ministry of Justice: Estimates Memoranda 2021-22

The Committee considered this matter.

5. End-to-end rape review report on findings and actions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Evidence reported for publication

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

New funding for Women's Community Services

Correspondence from Alex Chalk MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, dated 10 June 2021

Outdoor marriages and civil partnerships

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor, dated 20 June 2021

End-to-end rape review report on findings and actions

Correspondence from Minister of State for the Criminal Justice System, dated 17 June 2021

Mental health in prison

Department of Health and Social Care [MHP0062]

Inquest [MHP0063]

HM Chief Inspector of Prisons [MHP0064]

7. Mental health in prison

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service, a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council, and a former member of the independent monitoring board of HMP YOI Feltham.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Dame Anne Owers, Chair, Independent Monitoring Boards, Juliet Lyon, Chair, Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody, and Martin Jones, CEO, Parole Board, gave oral evidence.

Alex Chalk, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Prisons, Ministry of Justice, Kate Davies CBE, Director for Health and Justice, NHS England/Improvement, and Phil Copple, Director General for Prisons, HM Prisons and Probation Service, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 29 June 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Angela Crawley

Janet Daby

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (Specified Proceedings) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021

Correspondence from the Attorney General, dated 21 June 2021

Re-appointment of the HM Chief Inspector of Probation

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 22 June 2021

Legal support online signposting pilot for housing disrepair

Correspondence from Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 24 June 2021.

Probation reform

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 25 June 2021

Limitation period for prosecutions under coronavirus regulations

Correspondence from Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 24 June 2021

3. The future of the Probation Service

Draft Special Report (The future of the Probation Service: Government Response to the Committee's Eighteenth Report of Session 2019-21), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Session 2019-21 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. Women in Prison

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Judicial Diversity

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Lord Kakkar, Chair, Richard Jarvis, Chief Executive, and Sarah Lee, Solicitor and Judicial Appointments Commissioner, Judicial Appointments Commission, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 6 July 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Janet Daby

Ms Sarah Dines

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Funding for not-for-profit providers of legal advice

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 30 June 2021

Mental Health in Prison

A serving prisoner [MHP0066]
A serving prisoner [MHP0067]
A serving prisoner [MHP0068]
A serving prisoner [MHP0069]
A serving prisoner [MHP0070]
A serving prisoner [MHP0071]
A serving prisoner [MHP0072]
A serving prisoner [MHP0073]
A serving prisoner [MHP0074]
A serving prisoner [MHP0075]
A serving prisoner [MHP0065]
A serving prisoner [MHP0076]
A serving prisoner [MHP0077]

Women in Prison

Miss Katherine Malyon [WOP0003]
The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, The Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Anglican Bishop for Prisons in England and Wales, Church of England [WOP0004]
Think Through Nutrition [WOP0005]
Traveller Movement [WOP0006]
Women's Budget Group [WOP0008]
Dr Carly Lightowlers, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Liverpool) [WOP0013]
Keep Prisons Single Sex [WOP0014]
Dr Maggie Leese, Head of Department, Teesside University; Jennifer Ferguson, Lecturer, Teesside University; Dr Victoria Bell, Principal Lecturer, Teesside University [WOP0015]
Dr Natalie Booth, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, Bath Spa University; Dr Isla Masson, Lecturer in Criminology, University of Leicester [WOP0016]
APPEAL [WOP0017]
Dr Jo Turner, Associate Professor of Criminology, Staffordshire University; Dr Arta Jalili-Idrissi, Lecturer in Criminology, Staffordshire University [WOP0019]
anawim Birmingham centre for women [WOP0020]
Unlock [WOP0022]
Working Chance [WOP0023]
Nelson Trust [WOP0024]
Changing Lives [WOP0025]

Hibiscus Initiatives [WOP0032]
Prisoners' Advice Service [WOP0034]
Dr Claire Fitzpatrick, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, Lancaster University; Dr
Katie Hunter, Research Associate, Lancaster University; Dr Julie Shaw, Senior
Lecturer in Criminology, Liverpool John Moores University; Dr Jo Staines, Senior
Lecturer in Childhood Studies and Youth Justice, University of Bristol [WOP035]
Lambeth Council, Southwark Council, Wandsworth Council, Together for Mental
Wellbeing [WOP0037]
Imago Dei Prison Ministry [WOP0038]
Centre for Women's Justice [WOP0042]
Prison Reform Trust [WOP0043]
London Prisons Mission [WOP0045]
Centre for Justice Innovation [WOP0047]
Prisoner Learning Alliance [WOP0048]
Prisoners' Education Trust [WOP0049]
LTE Group (trading as Novus) [WOP0050]
Ms Rona Epstein, Honorary Research Fellow, Coventry Law School, Coventry
University [WOP0051]
Women in Prison [WOP0053]
Prisons & Probation Ombudsman [WOP0054]
The Disabilities Trust [WOP0055]
Independent monitoring boards [WOP0056]
Jenny Talbot, National Women's Prisons Health and Social Care Review,
Independent Chair of the Review at HMPPS & NHSE/I; Charlotte Winter,
Programme manager, NHSE/I [WOP0057]
The Howard League for Penal Reform [WOP0058]
Agenda Alliance [WOP0059]
Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody [WOP0060]
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner [WOP0061]
JENGbA [WOP0062]
INQUEST [WOP0063]
Centre for Criminology, University of Oxford [WOP0064]
Napo [WOP0065]
Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) [WOP0066]
Clinks [WOP0067]
Ministry of Justice [WOP0068]
University of Cambridge [WOP0069]
University of Cambridge and Royal Holloway, University of London [WOP0070]

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons [WOP0071]
Prisons and Probation Ombudsman [WOP0074]

3. Mental Health in Prison

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Women in Prison

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Ms Sarah Dines declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Phil Bowen, Director, Centre for Justice Innovation, Laura Seebohm, Executive Director of External Affairs, Changing Lives, and Katy Swaine Williams, Consultant, Centre for Women's Justice, gave oral evidence.

Dr Kate Paradine, Chief Executive Officer, Women in Prison, Donna Everett, Coordinator of the Wandsworth Hub, part of the Beth Centre and South London Alliance, and Sophie Taylor, Head of Commissioning – Safer Communities, Lambeth Council, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 13 July 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Janet Daby

Ms Sarah Dines

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Consultation on the proposal to align fees for Grants of Probate to cost recovery

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 7 July 2021

Royal Commission on criminal justice processes

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 8 July 2021

Secure Video Calling Service update

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 8 July 2021

Judicial diversity

Judicial Appointments Commission [JAC0001]

3. Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre

Draft Special Report (Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2021-22), 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 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. The future of Secure Training Centres and Secure Schools

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former board member of the Youth Justice Board.

Laura Farris a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Alex Chalk MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, Ministry of Justice, Dr Jo Farrar, Chief Executive Officer, HMPPS, and Helga Swidenbank, Executive Director, Youth Custody Service, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 20 July 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

James Daly

Ms Sarah Dines

Maria Eagle

Kate Hollern

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Medway County and Family Court

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 12 July 2021

Uplift in the one-off subsistence payment for prison leavers

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 15 July 2021

Ministry of Justice: Main Estimate 2021-22

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary. Ministry of Justice, dated 13 July 2021

The Work of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Correspondence from the Director of Public Prosecutions, dated 14 July 2021

Women in Prison

NHS England and NHS Improvement [WOP0072]

Mayor's Office for Police and Crime [WOP0073]

2. Law Commission: 14th Programme on Law Reform

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Sentencing Council Consultations

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Women in Prison

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Ms Sarah Dines declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Kedrina, Lucy, Lisa, women with lived experience of prison, gave oral evidence.

Jessica Mullen, Acting Co-Chief Executive and Director of Influence and Communications, Clinks, Peter Dawson, Director, Prison Reform Trust, and Jemima Olchawski, Chief Executive, Agenda Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 21 July 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Kate Hollern

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Urgent Notification for Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 16 July 2021

HMCIP's Annual Report 2020-21

Correspondence from Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 19 July 2021

Private prosecutions: safeguards

Correspondence from Post Office Ltd, dated 28 June 2021

2. The Future of Legal Aid

Draft Report (The Future of Legal Aid), 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 with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 70.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 7 September 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Janet Daby

James Daly

Ms Sarah Dines

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Constitutional Relationship with the Crown Dependencies

Correspondence from the Governments of Guernsey, Isle of Man and Jersey,
dated 31 August 2021

Note prepared by the Government of Guernsey in advance of 7th September
evidence session

Judicial Review and Courts Bill

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice,
dated 21 July 2021

Judicial Pay Review 2021/22

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice,
dated 22 July 2021

Expiring PFI prisons contracts - intention to launch mini-competitions under the Prison Operator Services Framework

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice,
dated 9 August 2021

Publication of Regional Reducing Reoffending Plans

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 9 August 2021

Report on Children and Young People in Custody (Part 2) – Update

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 31 August 2021

Update from Independent Monitoring Boards during COVID-19 recovery

Correspondence from the Independent Monitoring Boards, dated 22 July 2021

Diversity and inclusion strategy for the judiciary

Correspondence from the Lord Chief Justice, dated 30 July 2021

2. Afghanistan: Judges

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Sentencing Council Guidelines

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the responses to consultations on two Sentencing Council guidelines be sent and reported to the House for publication:

Sexual offences guidelines

Correspondence to the Rt Hon. Lord Justice Holroyde, Chairman of the Sentencing Council, dated 7 September

Firearms importation offences

Correspondence to the Rt Hon. Lord Justice Holroyde, Chairman of the Sentencing Council, dated 7 September

4. HMP Chelmsford: Urgent Notification

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Coroner Service: Government Response

Draft Special Report (The Coroner Service: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2021-2022), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

6. Members' Attendance Statistics

The Committee approved, for publication, its attendance statistics for the last session of Parliament.

7. Constitutional Relationship with the Crown Dependencies

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and formerly a consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practicing solicitor and a partner in a firm of solicitors.

Ms Sarah Dines declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Ian Gorst, Minister for External Relations, Government of Jersey, Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq, Minister for External Relations & Constitutional Affairs, Government of Guernsey, and Howard Quayle CBE, Chief Minister, Isle of Man, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 14 September at 2021 2.00 pm

Tuesday 14 September 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Janet Daby

James Daly

Ms Sarah Dines

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMP Styal and the Manchester Crown Court "Super courtroom", in connection with its inquiries into Women in Prison and Court Capacity.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Publication of the Pet Theft Taskforce Report

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 3 September 2021

Extending Fixed Recoverable Costs in Civil Cases

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 3 September 2021

Laying of the SI to increase selected court fees and help with fees income thresholds by inflation

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 6 September 2021

The HMPPS approach to the management and rehabilitation of people convicted of sexual offences

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 8 September 2021

Manchester 'super courtroom'

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice dated 9 September 2021

3. Pre-appointment hearing Prisons and Probation Ombudsmen

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee launch an inquiry into Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences.

5. Open Justice: Court reporting in the digital age

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Open Justice: Court reporting in the digital age.

6. Women in Prison

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and formerly a consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practicing solicitor and a partner in a firm of solicitors.

Ms Sarah Dines declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Janet Daby declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she formerly worked in child protection.

Dr Cath Durkin, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Central and Northwest London NHS Foundation Trust, Dr Amanda Brown, GP at HMP Bronzefield, and Jenny Talbot, Independent Chair, National Women's Prisons Health and Social Care Review, gave oral evidence.

Francesca Cooney, Head of Policy, Prisoner Education Trust, and Annick Platt, Director of Operations, Novus, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 21 September 2021 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 21 September 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Janet Daby

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern

Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Urgent Notification – HMP/YOI Chelmsford

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 16 September 2021

Women in Prison

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists [WOP0011]

Anonymous [WOP0018]

A serving prisoner [WOP0079]

Mental health in prison

A serving prisoner [MHP0065]

A serving prisoner [MHP0078]

A serving prisoner [MHP0079]

A serving prisoner [MHP0082]

A serving prisoner [MHP0083]

A serving prisoner [MHP0084]

A serving prisoner [MHP0085]

A serving prisoner [MHP0086]

A serving prisoner [MHP0088]

A serving prisoner [MHP0089]

A serving prisoner [MHP0090]

A serving prisoner [MHP0091]

A serving prisoner [MHP0092]

A serving prisoner [MHP0093]

A serving prisoner [MHP0094]

A serving prisoner [MHP0095]

A serving prisoner [MHP0096]

A serving prisoner [MHP0097]

A serving prisoner [MHP0098]

3. The Coroner Service

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Covid-19 and the criminal law

Draft Report (Covid-19 and the criminal law), 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 with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 71.

5. Mental health in prison

Draft Report (Mental health in prison), 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 with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 72.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 19 October 2021 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 19 October 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Dr Kieran Mullan

Andy Slaughter

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the UK Supreme Court in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Court Capacity.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Death of a baby at HMP Bronzefield

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 21 September 2021

Urgent Notification — HMP/YOI Chelmsford

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 24 September 2021

Gender Recognition (Disclosure of Information) (England and Wales) Order 2021

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 6 October 2021

Women in prison

London Prisons Mission [WOP0045]

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) [WOP0080]

3. Oakhill Secure Training Centre

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Women in Prison

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Laura Seebom, Executive Director Innovation and Policy, Changing Lives, Vicky Davis, Eastwood Park Team Manager, The Nelson Trust, Dr Jenny Earle, Adviser to the London Prisons Mission, Safe Homes for Women in Prison initiative, gave oral evidence.

Sandra Fieldhouse, Inspector, Leader of the Women's Inspection Team, HMIP, Juliet Lyon, Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody, and Sue McAllister, Prison and Probation Ombudsman, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 2 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 2 November 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Oakhill STC.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Nightingale Court at Monument, London, in connection with its inquiry into Court Capacity.

2. Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

Resolved, That members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights be invited to attend the meetings on 23 November, 7 and 14 December 2021 relating to IPP sentences, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Outcome of SR21 MoJ Settlement

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 2 November 2021

Government Response to the Prison Service Pay Review Body Recommendations 21/22

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 19 October 2021

Whiplash Reform Programme

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 20 October 2021

Approved Premises (Substance Testing) Private Members Bill

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime and Policing, dated 25 October 2021

Improving the care of pregnant women and babies in prison

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice, dated 28 October 2021

Women in prison:

Safe homes for women leaving prison [WOP0081]

London Assembly Housing Committee [WOP0082]

4. Sentencing Council Guidelines

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the response to the consultation Sentencing Council guidelines be sent and reported to the House for publication:

Burglary offences guidelines

Correspondence to the Rt Hon. Lord Justice Holroyde, Chairman of the Sentencing Council, dated 2 November 2021

5. Women in prison

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Victoria Atkins MP, Minister of State for Prisons and Minister for Afghan Resettlement; Dr Jo Farrar, Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, and Chief Executive Officer, HM Prison & Probation Service; and Kate Davies CBE, Director of Health and Justice, Armed Forces and Sexual Referral Centres, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 9 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 3 November – Thursday 4 November

The Chair, Maria Eagle, and Dr Kieran Mullan visited Manchester Crown Court “Super courtroom”, in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Court Capacity, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 14 September.

Tuesday 9 November 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern
Paul Maynard

1. Declaration of interests

Paul Maynard 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.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Fraud and the justice system.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Women in Prison

Correspondence from the London Prisons Mission, dated 1 November 2021

Open Justice

British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII) [OPJ0001]

Mr David Sarwar [OPJ0002]

Jonathan Hall QC [OPJ0003]

Richard Jones [OPJ0004]

Transform Justice [OPJ0006]

Public Law Project [OPJ0007]

APPEAL [OPJ0008]

Ms Emily Pennick [OPJ0009]

Dr George Julian [OPJ0010]

JUST: Access Sophie Walker [OPJ0011]

Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for England and Wales [OPJ0012]

Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) [OPJ0013]

Lizzie Dearden (Home Affairs and Security Correspondent at The Independent) [OPJ0014]

Scrutiny [OPJ0015]

Dr Sally Reardon; Dr Bernhard Gross); Dr Tom Smith; Marcus Keppel-Palmer [OPJ0016]

Courtsdesk News [OPJ0017]
Ed Owen [OPJ0021]
Duncan Gardham [OPJ0022]
Mr Tristan Kirk [OPJ0023]
Dr Judith Townend [OPJ0024]
The Transparency Project [OPJ0025]
Media Lawyers Association [OPJ0026]
The News Media Association [OPJ0030]

4. The Future of Legal Aid

Draft Special Report (The future of Legal Aid: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2021-22), 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 of Session 2021-22 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.

5. Open Justice

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service, a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council, and a former broadcast journalist.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Paul Maynard declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Justice.

Emily Pennink, Old Bailey Correspondent, Press Association, Maeve McClenaghan, Journalist, The Bureau of Investigative Journalism, and Dr Judith Townend, Senior Lecturer in media and information law, University of Sussex, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 16 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 16 November 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Maria Eagle attend the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on 13 December 2021 relating to backlogs in the criminal courts, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Opening of New HMCTS Super Courtroom in Loughborough

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 9 November 2021

Open Justice

The Chartered Institute of Journalists [OPJ0028]

The Transparency Project [OPJ0029]
The Bureau of Investigative Journalism [OPJ0031]
Spotlight on Corruption [OPJ0032]
The Bar Council [OPJ0033]
Ministry of Justice [OPJ0034]
Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and Senior President of
Tribunals [OPJ0035]

4. The Work of the Lord Chief Justice

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

The Rt Hon. The Lord Burnett, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 23 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 17 November

The Chair, Rob Butler, Janet Daby, James Daly, Paul Maynard and Dr Kieran Mullan visited the Nightingale Court, Monument, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Court Capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 2 November.

Tuesday 23 November 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMP High Down and HMP Downview, Surrey, in connection with its inquiries into IPP Sentences and Women in Prison.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Youth Custody

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 16 November 2021

Mental Capacity: Small payments scheme consultation

Correspondence from the Minister for Justice, dated 16 November 2021

Urgent Notification – Oakhill Secure Training Centre

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 11 November 2021

Women in Prison:

Sue McAllister CB, Prisons and Probation Ombudsman [WOP0083]

IPP Sentences:

Parole Board [IPP0031]

Ministry of Justice [IPP0033]

Shirley Debono [IPP0036]

Donna Mooney [IPP0037]

3. Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Donna Mooney, Campaigner, UNGRIPP, Shirley Debono, Campaigner, UNGRIPP, Dr Dinesh Maganty, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Clinical lead Tamarind Centre and Chief Mental Health Legislation Officer, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust, gave oral evidence.

Peter Dawson, Director, Prison Reform Trust, Dr Mia Harris, Research Officer, Prison Reform Trust, and Russell Webster, Independent Prisons Consultant, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 24 November 2021 at 10.30 am

Wednesday 24 November 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Maria Eagle

Kate Hollern
Paul Maynard

1. Urgent Notification – Rainsbrook and Oakhill Secure Training Centres

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service.

Paul Maynard declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Justice.

Victoria Atkins MP, Minister of State for Prisons, Helga Swidenbank, Executive Director, Youth Custody Service, Jo Farrar, Chief Executive Officer, HMPPS and Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 30 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 30 November 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair
Rob Butler
Angela Crawley
Janet Daby
James Daly
Maria Eagle
Laura Farris
Kate Hollern
Kieran Mullan
Paul Maynard

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Recruitment of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 19 November 2021

Urgent Notification: Chelmsford

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 24 November 2021

New HMCTS service centre in Newport, South Wales

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 24 November 2021

Reforms to the Housing Possession Duty Court Scheme

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 24 November 2021

3. The work of the Lord Chancellor

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Dr Kieran Mullan declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he has a family member who is a senior police officer.

The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 7 December 2021 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 7 December 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Paul Maynard

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Members' Attendance Statistics

The Committee approved, for publication, its attendance statistics to date for the current session of Parliament.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 1 December 2021

Private Prosecutions: safeguards

Correspondence from the Chair to the Secretary of State, dated 25 November 2021

Court Capacity

Correspondence from the Chair to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary, dated 25 November 2021

IPP Sentences

Office of Rt Hon Lord Blunkett [IPP0060]

Sentencing Academy [IPP0067]

Professor Nick Hardwick [IPP0097]

Open Justice

Dr Rebecca Helm [OPJ0036]

His Honour Clifford Bellamy [OPJ0037]

Nuffield Family Justice Observatory [OPJ0038]

Mr Thomas Cliff [OPJ0039]

Jacob Atkins [OPJ0040]

National Union of Journalists [OPJ0041]

The Legal Education Foundation [OPJ0042]

PA Media [OPJ0043]

4. Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

The Rt Hon. The Lord Blunkett, former Home Secretary (2001-2004); and the Rt Hon. the Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales (2013-2017), gave oral evidence.

Professor Nick Hardwick, Professor of Criminal Justice, Royal Holloway, University of London, Professor Graham Towl, Professor of Psychology, Durham University, and visiting clinical professor at Newcastle University, and Dr Jonathan Bild, Deputy Director, Sentencing Academy, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 14 December 2021 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 14 December 2021

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Kate Hollern

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Human Rights Act Reform in response to the Government's consultation.

Resolved, That the Committee invite Sir Christopher Bellamy QC to give evidence on his Independent Review of Criminal Legal Aid.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Law Commission

Correspondence from the Chair to Sir Nicholas Green, dated 7 December 2021

Rainsbrook and Oakhill STC

Correspondence from the Chair to the Minister of State, dated 14 December 2021

Coroners' (Inquests) (Amendments) Rules 2021

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 7 December 2021

Women in Prison

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 1 December 2021

Prisons Strategy White Paper

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 7 December 2021

Publication of Lay Observers National Annual Report 2020-21

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 8 December 2021

Government's consultation on the Victim's Bill

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 8 December 2021

Open Justice

The Guardian News & Media [OPJ0044]

Home Affairs Editor, Evening Standard [OPJ0005]

Home and Legal Correspondent, BBC News [OPJ0027]

IPP Sentences

Dr Harry Annison [IPP0010]

Dr David Peplow [IPP0018]

Prisons and Probation Ombudsman [IPP0040]

Women in Prison [IPP0043]

Mr Eddie Doherty [IPP0047]

Prison Reform Trust [IPP0048]

The Centre for Crime and Justice [IPP0049]

APPEAL [IPP0051]

Independent monitoring boards [IPP0099]

Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody [IPP0101]

Prisoners' Advice Service [IPP0103]

Association of Prison Lawyers [IPP0105]

3. Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a practising barrister.

Caroline Corby, Chair, Parole Board, Mr Martin Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Parole Board, gave oral evidence.

Kit Malthouse MP, Minister for Crime and Policing, Sonia Flynn, Executive Director Chief Probation Officer & Women, HMPPS, Dr Jo Bailey, National Lead Psychologist, HMPPS, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 11 January 2022 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 11 January 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Rob Butler

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Declaration of interests

Diane Abbott 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. Evidence reported for publication

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

Remote hearings

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 5 January 2022

Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 21 December 2021

Visits to Manchester Crown Court and Monument Nightingale Court

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 21 December 2021

Consultation on outdoor weddings and civil partnerships

Correspondence from the Minister for Justice, dated 20 December 2021

Covid 19 YOI Rules SI

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 5 January 2022

PPO report on stillbirth at HMP/YOI Styal

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 10 January 2022

4. Human Rights Act Reform

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Open Justice

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division, gave oral evidence.

John Battle, Head of Legal and Compliance, ITN; Chair of the Media Lawyers Association, Dr Natalie Byrom, Director of Research at The Legal Education Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 18 January 2022 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 18 January 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Rob Butler

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Paul Maynard

Angela Crawley was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 17 January 2022.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the Lord Chancellor

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 13 January 2022

Private Prosecutions: safeguards

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, dated 13 January 2022

Open Justice: court reporting in the digital age

Magistrates' Association [OPJ0045]

3. IPP Sentences

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Human Rights Act Review

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The future of legal aid: the Independent Criminal Legal Aid Review

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Sir Christopher Bellamy QC, Chair of the Independent Criminal Legal Aid Review, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 25 January 2022 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 19 January 2022

The Chair, Rob Butler, Maria Eagle, Laura Farris, Kate Hollern and Dr Kieran Mullan visited the UK Supreme Court, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Court Capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 October 2021.

Tuesday 25 January 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair
Diane Abbott
Rob Butler
Maria Eagle
Laura Farris
Kate Hollern
Paul Maynard
Dr Kieran Mullan

Angela Crawley was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 17 January 2022.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the East London Family Court in connection with its inquiry into Open justice: court reporting in the digital age.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Family Mediation Voucher Scheme Extension

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 17 January 2022

HM Inspectorate of Probation's thematic review on the use of electronic monitoring

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Probation, dated 18 January 2022

Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) sentences

Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Criminal Justice System, dated 16 January 2022

Youth Secure Estate

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice, dated 20 January 2022

3. Supreme Court visit

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future of legal aid

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The work of the Law Officers

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Rt Hon Suella Braverman QC MP, Attorney General for England and Wales and Advocate General for Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Rob Butler

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

Angela Crawley was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 17 January 2022.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Fraud and the justice system

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Mental health in prison

Draft Special Report (Mental health in prison: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2021–22), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fifth Report from the Committee of Session 2021–22 was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Evaluation of remote hearings during the covid-19 pandemic

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 5 and 27 January 2022

Early Legal Advice Pilot Scheme Order 2022

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 21 January 2022

Legal Support for Litigants in Person Grant Scheme

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 26 January 2022

Magistrate recruitment programme

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 24 January 2022

Review of the use of Custodial Remand for Children

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice, dated 25 January 2022

Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice, dated 25 January 2022

Learning from Baby A and Baby B

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Justice, dated 12 and 28 January

Work of the Law Officers

Correspondence to the Attorney General, dated 1 February 2022

5. Human Rights Act Reform

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

James Daly declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a practising solicitor and partner in a firm of solicitors.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Sir Peter Gross QC, Panel Chair, Independent Review of the Human Rights Act, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Rob Butler

James Daly

Maria Eagle

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

Angela Crawley was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 17 January 2022.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Consultation on the Singapore Convention

Correspondence from Lord Wolfson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 3 February 2022

Human Rights Act Reform

Correspondence from the Panel Chair, Independent Review of the Human Rights Act, dated 7 February 2022

Statistics on listing practices in the county courts

Correspondence from the Deputy Director, Head of Insights & Analysis, HMCTS, dated 31 January 2022

Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) Sentences

Progressing Prisoners Maintaining Innocence [IPP0056]

Howard League for Penal Reform [IPP0059]

INQUEST [IPP0064]

The Institute of Now [IPP0068]

Napo [IPP0085]

Victimcare CIC [IPP0089]

Emmersons Solicitors Limited [IPP0090]

Ms Farrhat Arshad and Mr Patrick O'Connor QC, Barristers, Doughty Street Chambers [IPP0100]

Prisoners' Advice Service [IPP0107]

UNGRIPP [IPP0118]

Psy professionals [IPP0123]

Professor Graham Towl [IPP0125]

4. Human Rights Act Reform

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill, Former Justice of the Supreme Court, Professor Richard Ekins, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

Professor Cheryl Thomas QC (Hon), UCL, Kirsty Brimelow QC, Doughty Street Chambers; Vice Chair of the Criminal Bar Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 22 February 2022 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 22 February 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair
Diane Abbott
Rob Butler
Angela Crawley
Laura Farris
Paul Maynard
Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The public understanding of sentencing.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The role of custodial remand.

2. Sentencing Council Consultation: terrorism offences

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Covid-19 and the criminal law

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 7 February 2022

The Coroner Service

Correspondence from the Chief Coroner, dated 17 February 2022

Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Victims' Bill

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, dated 10 February 2022

Fraud and the justice system

Lancashire Constabulary [FRA0005]

Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales [FRA0011]

Stuart Slyman [FRA0013]

Gumtree [FRA0015]

Crown Prosecution Service [FRA0016]

Association of British Insurers [FRA0017]

Victim Support [FRA0018]

City of London Police [FRA0020]

Serious Fraud Office [FRA0021]

CIFAS [FRA0022]

Regional Organised Crime Unit for the West Midlands Region [FRA0024]

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners [FRA0026]

National Economic Crime Centre/National Crime Agency [FRA0027]

4. Fraud and the justice system

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Mike Haley, Chief Executive Officer at CIFAS, Dame Vera Baird DBE QPM, Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales, Wayne Stevens, National Fraud Lead at Victim Support, gave oral evidence.

Temporary Commander Clinton Blackburn, Head of City of London Police's Economic Crime Directorate, Rob Jones, Interim Director General, National Economic Crime Centre, Mark Shelford, Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset and Economic and Cybercrime Lead of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 2.00 pm

Thursday 24 February 2022

The Chair, Paul Maynard and Dr Kieran Mullan visited the East London Family Court in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Open justice: court reporting in the digital age, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 25 January 2022.

Tuesday 1 March 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Maria Eagle

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Sentencing Council Consultation: terrorism offences

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Supplementary Estimates Memoranda

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

2022/23 Prison Service Pay Round

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 23 February 2022

Ministry of Justice Operating Model

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, dated 24 February 2022

Supplementary Estimates Memoranda

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, dated 23 February 2022

Crown Prosecution Service Supplementary Estimate 2021-22

Her Majesty's Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor Supplementary Estimate 2021-22

Judicial Pension Scheme Supplementary Estimate 2021-22

Ministry of Justice Supplementary Estimate 2021-22

The work of the Law Officers

Correspondence from the Attorney General, dated 24 February 2022

Women in Prison

Dr Lucy Baldwin (Senior Lecturer at De Montfort University) [WOP0021]

Youth Secure Estate

Correspondence with the Minister of State, dated 8 and 24 February 2022

5. The work of the Ministry of Justice

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Antonia Romeo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, James McEwen, Chief Operating Officer, Ministry of Justice, Jo Farrar, Second Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive Officer for HMPPS, Kevin Sadler, Acting Chief Executive for HMCTS, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 8 March 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Laura Farris

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Dr Kieran Mullan attend the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee on 15 March 2022 relating to Use of strategic lawsuits against public participation, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Government consultation on the Human Rights Act 1998

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the response to the Government's consultation on reforming the Human Rights Act 1998 be sent and reported to the House for publication.

3. Sentencing Council Guidelines

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the response to the Sentencing Council consultation on changes to guidelines on terrorism offences be sent and reported to the House for publication.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Criminal Legal Aid Independent Review

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State, dated 1 March 2022

New prisons

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 2 March 2022

Nightingale courts

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, dated 2 March 2022

Reporting inspection findings

Correspondence from HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, dated 3 March 2022

5. The work of the Criminal Justice Inspectorates

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service, a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council and a former member of the Youth Justice Board.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Andrew T. Cayley CMG QC, HM Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service, Dr Rosie Benneyworth BM BS BMedSci MRCGP, Chief Inspector of Primary Medical Services and Integrated Care, Care Quality Commission, Justin Russell, HM Chief Inspector of probation, Charlie Taylor, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, and Sir Tom Winsor, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, gave oral evidence.

Andrew T. Cayley, HM Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service and Wendy Williams CBE, HM Inspector of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 15 March 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Laura Farris

Paul Maynard

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fraud and the Justice System

The Bar Council [FRA0030]

HMRC [FRA0036]

Recruitment of a Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 10 March 2022

Royal Assent to the Public Service and Judicial Offices Act

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, dated 11 March 2022

Statistics on listing practices in County Courts

Correspondence with Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 22 February 2022 and 7 March 2022

Statutory Instrument to Merge North Yorkshire (Eastern), North Yorkshire (Western) and York Coroner Areas

Correspondence from the Minister for Justice and Tackling Illegal Migration, dated 11 March 2022

The Future of Legal Aid

Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 14 March 2022

3. Fraud and the Justice System

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Gregor McGill, Director of Legal Services, Crown Prosecution Service, and Mark Fenhalls QC, Chair, Bar Council, gave oral evidence.

Mark Steward, Executive Director of Enforcement and Market Oversight, Financial Conduct Authority, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 2.30 pm

Tuesday 22 March 2022

Members present

Maria Eagle, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Laura Farris

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

Resolved, That, at this day's sitting, Maria Eagle take the Chair of the Committee.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities

Correspondence from the Minister for Levelling Up Communities and Equalities, dated 17 March 2022

Fraud and the Justice System

Home Office [FRA0038]

City of London Police [FRA0039]

Judicial Pensions Regulations

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 17 March 2022

Nightingale Courts

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice, dated 15 March 2022

Outdoor weddings and civil partnerships

Correspondence from the Minister for Justice and Tackling Illegal Migration, dated 15 March 2022

Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 16 March 2022

The work of the Ministry of Justice

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, dated 15 March 2022

3. Fraud and the Justice System

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Lulu Freemont, Head of Digital Regulation, Tech UK, Luke Taylor, Member, Telecommunications UK Fraud Forum, and Katy Worobec, Managing Director for Economic Crime, UK Finance, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, Minister for Security and Borders and Duncan Tessier, Director for Economic Crime, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 March 2022 at 2.00 pm.

Tuesday 29 March 2022

Members present

Maria Eagle, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Laura Farris

Paul Maynard

Resolved, That, at this day's sitting, Maria Eagle take the Chair of the Committee.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Government call for evidence on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus Act 2020

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice, dated 24 March 2022

Fraud and the Justice System

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners [FRA0040]

Victims' funding

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 24 March 2022

4. Fraud and the Justice System

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Lisa Osofsky, Director and Michelle Crotty, Chief Capability Officer, Serious Fraud Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 20 April 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Diane Abbott

Rob Butler

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Paul Maynard

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Court capacity

Draft Report (Court capacity), 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 with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 69.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Call for evidence on dispute resolution

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, dated 29 March 2022

Cross-Government Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan

Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding, dated 30 March 2022

Fraud and the Justice System

Meta [FRA0041]

Local Leadership and Integration Fund

Correspondence from the Minister for Crime, Policing and Probation, dated 11 April 2022

Nightingale Courts

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, dated 29 March 2022

Rape Strategy Update

Correspondence from the Director of Public Prosecutions, dated 31 March 2022

Reference on a point of law

Correspondence from the Attorney General, dated 13 April 2022

The Future of Legal Aid

Max Hill QC, Director of Public Prosecutions [LEG0104]

The work of the Ministry of Justice

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, dated 30 March 2022

4. Fraud and the Justice System

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, Minister for Security and Borders and Duncan Tessier, Director of Economic Crime, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 27 April 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Neill, in the Chair

Rob Butler

Angela Crawley

Maria Eagle

Laura Farris

Dr Kieran Mullan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Fraud and the Justice System

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Government's Root and Branch Review of the Parole System

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fraud and the Justice System

Fedora Investigations [FRA0003]

Steven Maloney [FRA0006]
Steve Payne [FRA0010]
Roger W Lawson [FRA0014]
Peters & Peters LLP [FRA0028]
Adrian Darbshire QC [FRA0031]
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner [FRA0035]
Gregor McGill, Director of Legal Services, CPS [FRA0042]

Open Justice: court reporting in the digital age

Dr Royston Flude [OPJ0046]

Terrorism in prisons

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice,
dated 26 April 2022

4. The Future of Legal Aid

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister and consultant to a law firm.

Rob Butler declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a former non-executive director of HM Prisons and Probation Service and a former magistrate member of the Sentencing Council.

Maria Eagle declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising solicitor.

Laura Farris declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a non-practising barrister.

Mark Fenhalls QC, Chair, Bar Council and Stephanie Boyce, President, Law Society, gave oral evidence.

James Cartlidge MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Jelena Lentzos, Deputy Director for Legal Aid Policy, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 2.00 pm

Appendix: Declaration of interest by members of the Committee

Ms Diane Abbott

11 January 2022: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 February 2022):

1. Employment and earnings

- Payments from the Guardian, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU, for articles:
- 18 March 2021, received £300 for contribution to an article. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 23 March 2021)
- 5 May 2021, received £100 for an article published on 22 April 2021. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 07 June 2021)
- 17 March 2021, received £18,450 from Viking Penguin, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Rd, London SW1V 2SA, via Blake Friedmann Literary, TV & Film Agency Ltd, Ground Floor, 15 Highbury Place, London N5 1QP, by way of an advance for a book. Hours: 80 hrs to date. (Registered 24 March 2021)
- 4 July 2021, received £400 from Operation Black Vote, 18A Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PB, for delivering a presentation on 12 May 2021. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 02 August 2021)

4. Visits outside the UK

- Name of donor: GUBA Foundation
Address of donor: 459 Prince Regent Lane, London E16 3HX
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): International flights £805.07; accommodation £1,461.05; GUBA Awards event ticket £365.39; total value £2,631.51
Destination of visit: Accra, Ghana
Dates of visit: 5-12 November 2021
Purpose of visit: To participate in the GUBA Foundation Yaa Asantewaa Womens Empowerment Awards ceremony and meet other relevant civil society organisations.
(Registered 16 November 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

- Since December 2015, a trustee of the Diane Abbott Foundation, which works to excel and improve education. (Registered 26 October 2016)

Angela Crawley

8 June 2021: Register of Members' Interest (as at 1 June 2021):

Nil

8 June 2021: Additional declarations:

Partner's employment as Regional Head of Advisory Sales, Scotland and Northern Ireland at Schroders plc.

Laura Farris

15 June 2021: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 June 2021):

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation Name of donor: Neville Bowen Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,700 Donor status: individual (Registered 25 May 2021) Name of donor: Sir Christopher Gent Address of donor: private 95 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 25 May 2021)

15 June 2021: Additional declarations:

Practising barrister at Littleton Chambers in the Temple.

Paul Maynard

9 November 2021: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 February 2022)

1. Employment and earnings

From 9 November 2020 until further notice, Consultant to LINK Scheme Ltd (ATM network) as part of LINK's independent Consumer Council. Address: RSM Central Square, 5th Floor, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 4DL. I will receive £6,250 a year, to be paid biannually and direct to charity. Hours: 32 hrs a year (min. 4 days a year). (Registered 16 November 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

From 28 February 2020, a member of the Blackpool Town Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 28 February 2020)