



Formal Minutes of the Liaison 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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Thursday 10 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair ¹

Mr Clive Betts

Chris Bryant

Stephen Crabb

Philip Dunne

Robert Halfon

Meg Hillier

Darren Jones

Ian Mearns

Angus Brendan MacNeil

Catherine McKinnell

Neil Parish

Stephen Timms

Tom Tugendhat

Pete Wishart

William Wragg

1. Remote participation in select committee meetings

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Speaker and to the Leader of the House regarding virtual participation in select committee meetings from 21 June.

2. Role of the Liaison Committee in relation to behaviour in select committees

The Committee considered this matter.

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [20 May 2020].

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 24 June 2021 at 3.00 pm

Thursday 24 June 2021

Members present:

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sir William Cash

Greg Clark

Yvette Cooper

Philip Dunne

Robert Halfon

Dame Meg Hillier

Darren Jones

Angus Brendan MacNeil

Catherine McKinnell

Stephen Timms

Tom Tugendhat

1. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 June 2021 at 12.30 pm

Wednesday 7 July 2021

Members present:

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts
Karen Bradley
Chris Bryant
Sir William Cash
Greg Clark
Philip Dunne
Tobias Ellwood
Robert Halfon
Dame Meg Hillier
Simon Hoare
Darren Jones
Catherine McKinnell
Stephen Timms
Tom Tugendhat
Pete Wishart

1. Evidence from the Prime Minister

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till this day at 3.30 pm

Wednesday 7 July 2021

Members present:

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair
Mr Clive Betts
Karen Bradley
Chris Bryant
Sir William Cash
Greg Clark
Philip Dunne
Robert Halfon

Dame Meg Hillier
Simon Hoare
Caroline Nokes
Catherine McKinnell
Neil Parish
Stephen Timms
Tom Tugendhat
Pete Wishart

1. Evidence from the Prime Minister

Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 5.00 pm

Wednesday 22 September 2021

Members present:

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair
Karen Bradley
Greg Clark
Philip Dunne
Harriet Harman
Dame Meg Hillier
Darren Jones
Angus Brenden MacNeil
Sir Robert Neill
Caroline Nokes
Neil Parish
Stephen Timms
Bill Wiggin
Pete Wishart

1. Ministerial attendance at Committee meetings

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 28 July 2021 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

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

Letter from the Chair to the Leader of the House relating to Ministerial attendance at Committee meetings, dated 8 July 2021

Letter from Kemi Badenoch MP to the Chair relating to Ministerial attendance at Committee meetings, dated 14 July 2021

Letter from the Chair to Kemi Badenoch MP relating to Ministerial attendance at Committee meetings, dated 26 July 2021

2. Evidence from the Prime Minister

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 28 July 2021 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

Ordered, That the letter to the Chair from Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, dated 2 July, be reported to the House for publication.

3. Select Committee Websites

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Speaker in relation to select committee websites.

4. National Policy Statements Sub-Committee

Ordered, That a National Policy Statements Sub-Committee be appointed (Standing Order No. 145(6)).

Ordered, That Sir Bernard Jenkin and Philip Dunne be members of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee in addition to those members of the committee who are for the time being members of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Housing, Communities and Local Government, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Transport and Welsh Affairs Committees, and that Sir Bernard Jenkin

be Chair of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee (Standing Order No. 145(7)(a)(ii)).

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No. 152H, the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee be designated to consider the draft revised Energy National Policy Statement, which was laid before the House on 20 September 2021.

Ordered, That the Chair report this resolution to the main Committee forthwith.

5. COP26

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Attendance of Chair's staff at select committee meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 November at 2.30 pm

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 16 July 2020:

The following overseas visits were approved:

Defence Committee to Washington D.C., in September 2021, in connection with its inquiry into The US, UK and NATO's, at a cost not exceeding £66,081.

International Development Committee, to Geneva, in September 2021, in connection with its inquiry into the philosophy and culture of aid, at a cost not exceeding £16,228.

The following visits in a representative capacity were approved:

Foreign Affairs Committee to Riga, Latvia, in August 2021, to undertake meetings at the invitation of the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Latvian Parliament, at a cost not exceeding £690.

Wednesday 17 November 2021

Members present:

Sir Bernard Jenkin
Karen Bradley
Chris Bryant
Sarah Champion
Greg Clark
Yvette Cooper
Philip Dunne
Tobias Ellwood
Jeremy Hunt
Darren Jones
Julian Knight
Angus Brenden MacNeil
Sir Robert Neill
Caroline Nokes
Neil Parish
Mel Stride
Stephen Timms

1. Evidence from the Prime Minister

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Westminster Hall debates

Resolved, That pursuant to Standing Order No. 10 (7), the Committee has determined that the following report should be set down for debate in Westminster Hall:

The Coroner Service, First Report from the Justice Committee, HC68, and the Government Response, HC 675 (28 October 2021)

3. Evidence from the Prime Minister

Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February at 5.00 pm

Annex

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 16 July 2020:

The following overseas visits were approved:

Transport Committee to Berlin, in November 2021, in connection with its inquiry into Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector, at a cost not exceeding £5,897.

The following visits in a representative capacity were approved:

Defence Committee to Warsaw, in October 2021, to attend the Warsaw Security Forum, at a cost not exceeding £260.

Joint Committee on the Draft Online Safety Bill to Paris, in November 2021, to attend the Commission des Affaires Européennes of the French Senate, at a cost not exceeding £600.

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Members present:

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Greg Clark

Philip Dunne

Dame Meg Hillier

Dame Diana Johnson

Darren Jones

Huw Merriman

Catherine McKinnell

Sir Robert Neill

Caroline Nokes

Stephen Timms

Sir Bill Wiggin

Pete Wishart

1. Declaration of Interests

Dame Diana Johnson declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee working practices

Resolved, That Catherine McKinnell replace Yvette Cooper as a member of the informal Working Group to support the Chair with delegated duties and decision making between formal committee meetings.

3. Select Committee Team Developments

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Standards of Service

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Digital Update

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Liaison Committee travel in a representative capacity.

Ordered, That the Chair writes to the Leader of the House regarding this matter.

7. Westminster Hall debates

Resolved, That pursuant to Standing Order No. 10 (7), the Committee has determined that the following report should be set down for debate in Westminster Hall:

Protecting those who protect us: Women in the Armed Forces from Recruitment to Civilian Life, Second Report from the Defence Committee, HC 154, and the Government Response, [expected on 29 November] (9 December 2021)

Rollout and safety of smart motorways, Third Report of the Transport Committee HC 26, and the Government response (13 January 2022).

The work of the Biometrics Commissioner and the Forensic Science Regulator, Nineteenth Report of the Science and Technology Committee, HC (2017–19) 1970, and the Government Response, HC (2019–21) 1319 (20 January 2020).

8. Expectations of Select Committees in relation to Ministerial engagement

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 29 November 2021 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

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

Letter from the Chair to the Leader of the House relating to Expectations of Select Committees in relation to Ministerial engagement, dated 29 November 2021.

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 14 January 2022 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

Letter from the Leader of the House to the Chair relating to Expectations of Select Committees in relation to Ministerial engagement, dated 20 December 2021.

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

Letter from the Chair to the Leader of the House relating to Expectations of Select Committees in relation to Ministerial engagement, dated 14 January 2022.

9. Evidence from the Prime Minister

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 29 November 2021 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, dated 29 November, be reported to the House for publication.

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 5 January 2022 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

Ordered, That the letter to the Chair from the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, dated 15 December, be reported to the House for publication.

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 20 January 2022 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, dated 20 January, be reported to the House for publication.

10. Chair's Staff Attendance at Private Meetings

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

Letter from the Chair of the Procedure Committee, dated 14 December 2021

Letter from the Managing Director, Select Committee Team, dated 24 January 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 30 March at 2.30 pm.

Annex

The following visits were approved:

Foreign Affairs Committee to Kiev, in January 2022, at a cost not exceeding £5,133.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Bosnia & Herzegovina, in January 2022, at a cost not exceeding £12,671.

International Development Committee to Bosnia & Herzegovina, in February 2022, at a cost not exceeding £13,485.

International Trade Committee to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, in February and March 2022, at a cost not exceeding £70,320.

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee to Dublin, in March 2022, at a cost not exceeding £4,278.

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to the USA, in March 2022, at a cost not exceeding £65,193.

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee to South Korea, in May 2022, at a cost not exceeding £70,925

The following visits in a representative capacity were approved:

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee to Barcelona to attend the Mobile World Congress, at a cost not exceeding £3,247.

Wednesday 30 March 2022

Members present:

Clive Betts
Sarah Champion
Greg Clark
Philip Dunne
Dame Diana Johnson
Julian Knight
Catherine McKinnell
Neil Parish
Mel Stride
Stephen Timms
Tom Tugendhat
Sir Bill Wiggin
Pete Wishart

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the chair.

1. Timeliness of Government responses

Ordered, That the letter from the Chair to the Leader of the House, dated 30 March, be reported to the House for publication.

2. Evidence from the Prime Minister

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 2 March 2022 (Order of the Committee, 21 May 2020)

Ordered, That the letter to the Chair from the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, dated 2 February, be reported to the House for publication.

3. Evidence from the Prime Minister

Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June 2022.

Annex

The following visits were approved:

Defence Committee to Berlin and Warsaw, in March 2022, at a cost not exceeding £11,737.

Foreign Affairs Committee to Krakow, Poland, in March 2022, at a cost not exceeding £4,744.

The following visits in a representative capacity were approved:

Defence Committee to Munich, in February 2022, at a cost not exceeding £1,285.

European Scrutiny Committee to Paris to attend the Meeting of Chairpersons of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC), in March, at a cost not exceeding £1,344.

Proceedings of the National Policy Statements Sub- Committee

Wednesday 22 September 2021

Members present:

Sir Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair
Philip Dunne
Darren Jones
Neil Parish

1. National Policy Statements

The Sub-Committee considered the draft revised Energy National Policy Statements, which were laid before the House on 20 September 2021.

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee be designated to consider the draft revised Energy National Policy Statements, laid before the House on 20 September.

Ordered, That the Chair report this recommendation to the main Committee.

Adjournment

Adjourned to a place and time to be fixed by the Chair.

Annex: Members' Interests

Johnson, Dame Diana (Kingston upon Hull North)

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1. Employment and earnings

26 August 2021, received £375 from the University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull HU6 7RX, for speaking at a Centre for British Politics Research online event in July 2021. Hours: 90 mins. (Registered 09 September 2021)

7 February 2022, received £225 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for completing a survey in November 2021. Hours: 90 mins. Fee, net of tax, donated to charity. (Registered 08 February 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

From 11 March 2019, a Commissioner on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). This is a non-salaried position. (Registered 25 March 2019)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my partner, Kevin Morton, as Research and Communications Manager.