



Formal Minutes of the Joint Committee on Human Rights in Session 2022–23

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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;
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- visits made by the Committee.

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Attendance statistics for members of the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

Tuesday 10 May 2022

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 10 May (Order of the Committee, 4 March 2020):

UK-Rwanda Asylum Partnership Agreement

Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Government's Asylum Partnership Agreement with Rwanda, dated 5 May 2022.

Wednesday 11 May 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry

Lord Dubs

Florence Eshalomi

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Massey of Darwen

Davis Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Human Rights Act Reform

The Baroness Falkner of Margravine, Chair at Equality and Human Rights Commission, Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner at Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Barbara Bolton, Head of Legal and Policy at Scottish Human Rights Commission, gave oral evidence.

Professor Aileen McHarg, Professor of Public Law and Human Rights at Durham Law School, Durham University, Charles Whitmore, Research Associate at Wales, Governance Centre and Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Brian Gormally, Director at Committee on the Administration of Justice, gave oral evidence.

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:

Visiting restrictions in care homes

Correspondence from the Prime Minister regarding visiting restrictions in care homes, dated 9 May 2022.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission

Correspondence with Sex Matters relating to the independence of the EHCR, dated 28 April 2022.

Correspondence with LGB Alliance relating to the independence of the EHCR, dated 28 April 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 18 May 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair
Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen
Joanna Cherry
Lord Dubs
Florence Eshalomi
Lord Henley
Davis Simmonds
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Declaration of Interests

Baroness Chisholm declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

2. Protecting human rights in care settings

Gillian Keegan MP, Minister of State for Care at Department of Health and Social Care, Michelle Dyson, Director General for Adult Social Care at Department of Health and Social Care, Lyn Romeo, Chief Social Worker for Adults at Department of Health and Social Care, gave oral evidence.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the proposal for a remedial in relation to the State immunity Act 1978, dated 19 May.

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to the National Security Bill, dated 11 May.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to the Online Safety Bill, dated 19 May.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International trade relating to post-Brexit trade agreements, dated 18 May.

Protecting human rights in care settings

Department for Health and Social Care NHS England [HCS0064]

Care Quality Commission (CQC) [HCS0065]

Michael King (Chair at Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO)) [HCS0069]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 25 May 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry

Lord Dubs

Florence Eshalomi

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Massey of Darwen

Dean Russell

Davis Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. The right to family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949-1976

Nadhim Zahawi MP, Secretary of State at Department for Education, Sarah Jennings

Deputy Director of Adoption, Family Justice and Care Leavers at Department of Education, gave oral evidence.

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:

Protecting human rights in care settings

Equality and Human Rights Commission [HCS0050]

The Policy Institute at King's College London;

Nightingale Hammerson care home residents [HCS0057]

Anonymous [HCS0058]

Anonymous [HCS0059]

Anonymous [HCS0060]

Judy Laing; Dr Lucy Series [HCS0061]

Access Social Care [HCS0062]

Prof Wayne Martin (Director at The Essex Autonomy Project, University of Essex)
[HCS0063]

**The right to family life: adoption of children of unmarried women
1949-1976**

Nadhim Zahawi (Secretary of State at Department for Education) [ACU0142]

UK-Rwanda Asylum Partnership Agreement

Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Government's Asylum
Partnership Agreement with Rwanda, dated 5 May 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 8 June 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry

Lord Dubs

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Massey of Darwen

Dean Russell

Davis Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. The UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership and Human Rights

Dr Hazel Cameron, Academic Researcher at Pearl International Insights, Colin Yeo, Barrister at Garden Court Chambers, Stephanie Harrison QC, Barrister at Garden Court Chambers, gave oral evidence.

2. Legislative Scrutiny: Public Order Bill

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Public Order Bill), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 351.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Report of the Committee to both Houses.

3. Protecting human rights in care settings

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

The right to family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949-1976

Equality and Human Rights Commission [HCS0050]

Anonymous [ACU0118]

Richard Hart [ACU0120]

Penny Elliot [ACU0121]

Julia Feast [ACU0125]

Dr Alice Driver [ACU0126]

Bernadette Kane [ACU0127]

Caroline Tims [ACU0128]

Anonymous [ACU0129]

Anonymous [ACU0130]

Anonymous [ACU0132]

Anonymous [ACU0133]

Anonymous [ACU0134]

Anonymous [ACU0135]

Eddie Gadd [ACU0137]

Anonymous [ACU0138]

Anonymous [ACU0140]

Anonymous [ACU0141]

Correspondence from the Minister of State for care and mental health relating to the application of the Human Rights Act, dated 1 June 2022.

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for International trade relating to post-Brexit trade agreements, dated 30 May 2022.

Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to pre-legislative scrutiny of the Bill of Rights, dated 27 May 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 June 2022 at 3.00 pm

Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 June 2022

The Acting Chair, Lord Dubs, Lord Henley and David Simmonds visited Strasbourg with the Committee's inquiry into Human Rights Act Reform, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 March 2022.

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen

Joanna Cherry

Lord Dubs

Florence Eshalomi

Davis Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. The right to family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949-1976

The Committee considered this matter.

In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, dated 15 June 2022.

Correspondence with the Minister for Tech and the Digital Economy relating to the Online Safety Bill, 16 June 2022.

Correspondence with Minister of state for Justice relating to the criminal justice system response to rape, 15 June 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 29 June 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair*

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen

Lord Dubs

Florence Eshalomi
Lord Henley
Baroness Ludford
Baroness Massey of Darwen
Davis Simmonds
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair.

1. Human Rights Ombudsperson

Melanie Field, Chief Strategy and Policy Officer at Equality and Human Rights Commission, Rob Behrens CBE, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, Evan Lerwill, Assistant Ombudsman at Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, gave oral evidence.

Dr Richard Kirkham, Senior Lecturer at The University of Sheffield, Professor Robert Thomas, Professor of Public Law at The University of Manchester, gave oral evidence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Legislative Scrutiny: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill:

Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture (QCAT) [NIB0001]
Rights & Security International [NIB0002]
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission [NIB0003]
Law Society of Northern Ireland [NIB0005]
Amnesty International UK [NIB0006]
Bar Council of Northern Ireland [NIB0007]

Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Istanbul Convention.

Bill of Rights

Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to the introduction of a Bill of Rights, dated 22 June 2022.

Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to the introduction of a Bill of Rights, dated 30 June 2022.

Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Bill of Rights human rights memorandum, dated 30 June 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 6 July 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair
Joanna Cherry,
Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen
Lord Dubs
Florence Eshalomi
Lord Henley
Baroness Ludford
Baroness Massey of Darwen
Davis Simmonds
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair.

1. Parliament and human rights

Paul Evans, Former Commons Clerk, Honorary Senior Research Associate at The Constitution Unit, University College London, Murray Hunt, Director at Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, gave oral evidence.

The Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws QC, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, The Lord Pannick QC, gave oral evidence.

Harriet Harman resumed the Chair.

2. Proposal for a draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022: State Immunity & The Right of Access to a Court

Draft Report (Proposal for a draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022: State Immunity & The Right of Access to a Court), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 270.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Report of the Committee to both Houses.

3. The violation of family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949-1976

Draft Report (The violation of family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949-1976), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 270.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Report of the Committee to both Houses.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Proposal for a draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022: State Immunity & The Right of Access to a Court

Anti-Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit ("ATLEU") [DSI0001]

Correspondence with the Minister for Work and Pensions relating to the Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order, dated 7 July 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 13 July 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair*
Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen
Lord Dubs
Florence Eshalomi
Lord Henley
Baroness Ludford
Baroness Massey of Darwen
Davis Simmonds
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair.

1. Protecting human rights in care settings

Draft Report (Protecting human rights in care settings), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 216.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fourth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

2. Human Rights Act Reform

Draft Special Report (Human Rights Act Reform: Government Response to the Committee's Thirteenth Report of 2021–22) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Thirteenth Report of 2021–22 from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Protecting human rights in care settings

Margaret Flynn [HCS0053]

Correspondence with the Minister for Work and Pensions relating to the Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order, dated 7 July 2022.

Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill

Model Bill Team [NIB0008]

Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating his scheduled appearance before the Committee, dated 14 July 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 July 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 20 July 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair
Joanna Cherry
Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen
Lord Dubs
Florence Eshalomi
Lord Henley
Baroness Ludford
Baroness Massey of Darwen
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Election of Chair

Resolved, That Joanna Cherry take the Chair of the Committee in place of Harriet Harman.—(Harriet Harman.)

Joanna Cherry accordingly took the Chair.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Human Rights Ombudsperson

Dr Mark Ryan (Assistant Professor of Law at Coventry University) [HRO0003]
The Pensions Ombudsman [HRO0004]
Rights & Security International [HRO0008]
Scottish Human Rights Commission [HRO0010]
IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice) [HRO0011]
Dr Roger Morgan [HRO0013]
Equality and Human Rights Commission [HRO0014]
LGB Alliance [HRO0016]
Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman [HRO0017]
Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru / Public Services Ombudsman for Wales [HRO0018]

The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland [HRO0019]
Ombudsman Association [HRO0020]

Correspondence from the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Bill of Rights, dated 14 July.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland relating to the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, dated 21 July.

Thursday 21 July 2022

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 22 July (Order of the Committee, 4 March 2020):

Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Government's Asylum Partnership Agreement with Rwanda, dated 21 July 2022.

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen

Lord Dubs

Florence Eshalomi

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

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

Professor Kate O'Regan, Professor of Human Rights Law, The University of Oxford and Director, The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Lord Sumption, Former Judge at Supreme Court, Professor Tom Hickman QC, Professor of Public Law, University College London, Barrister, Blackstone Chambers, gave oral evidence.

2. Legislative Scrutiny: Public Order Bill

Draft Special Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Public Order Bill: Government Response to the Committee's First Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the First Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill & Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Resolved, That the Committee visit Paris in December 2022 in connection with its inquiries into Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill, and Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 29 September 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Thursday 29 September 2022

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 29 September (Order of the Committee, 4 March 2020):

Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 611)

Jenny Kaye [BOR0002]

Angela Waller [BOR0003]

Dr Alan Greene [BOR0006]

Dr Alex Latham-Gambi [BOR0008]

Professor Conor Gearty, Dr Giulia Gentile [BOR0009]

Dr Lewis Graham [BOR0010]

Mr M. R. Reeves [BOR0011]

Child Poverty Action Group [BOR0012]

Mr Michael Lane [BOR0013]

Dr Amanda Spalding [BOR0014]

Professor Jacques Hartmann, Dr Samuel White [BOR0015]

Community Policy Forum [BOR0016]

Helen Bamber Foundation, Asylum Aid [BOR0017]

Women's Equality Network, Wales [BOR0018]

Age UK [BOR0020]

Liberty [BOR0021]

Academics at University of Leeds [BOR0022]

Nigel Stewart Price [BOR0023]

Association of Personal Injury Lawyers [BOR0024]

Relative and Residents Association [BOR0025]

UNISON [BOR0026]

BIHR RITES Committee [BOR0027]

Dr Mark Ryan [BOR0028]

POhWER [BOR0029]

Rights and Security International [BOR0030]

Bail for Immigration Detainees [BOR0031]

Miss Katie Woodland [BOR0032]

Amnesty International UK [BOR0033]

Mencap and Challenging Behaviour Foundation [BOR0034]

All People Wales First [BOR0035]

News Media Association [BOR0036]

British Association of Social Workers [BOR0037]

Learning Disability Wales [BOR0038]

BIHR [BOR0039]

CEMVO Scotland [BOR0040]

Professor Rory O'Connell [BOR0041]

Just for Kids Law and Children Righ's Alliance [BOR0042]
Free Speech Union [BOR0043]
Reach [BOR0044]
Hogan Lovells [BOR0045]
Law Society [BOR0046]
Evangelical Alliance [BOR0047]
Equality Commission for Northern Ireland [BOR0048]
S Lind [BOR0049]
Human Rights Consortium Scotland [BOR0050]
Dr Kyle Murray [BOR0051]
Scottish Government [BOR0052]
Amnesty International UK [BOR0053]
Coventry Citizens Advice [BOR0054]
Centre for Women's Justice [BOR0055]
Prison Reform Trust [BOR0056]
Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland [BOR0057]
Human Rights Consortium [BOR0058]
Humanists UK [BOR0059]
Newcastle Forum for Human Rights [BOR0062]
Trades Union Congress [BOR0063]
MSI Reproductive Choices [BOR0064]
Glasgow loves EU [BOR0065]
English PEN, Article 19, Index on Censorship [BOR0067]
Article 11 Trust [BOR0070]
JUSTICE [BOR0071]
Colm O'Cinneide [BOR0072]
The Children's Society [BOR0073]
Scottish Human Rights Commission [BOR0074]
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission [BOR0075]
Article 39 [BOR0076]

Wednesday 12 October 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen
Lord Dubs
Lord Henley
Baroness Ludford
David Simmonds
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

2. Legislative Scrutiny: National Security Bill

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: National Security Bill), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 297.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Proposal for a Draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022

Resolved, That the Committee inquiry into the Proposal for a Draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with the Chair of the Joint Committee on the draft Mental Health Bill relating to human rights concerns arising from the Mental Health Act, dated 12 October.

Correspondence from the Minister for Northern Ireland relating to Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, dated 11 August.

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to the United Nations Universal Periodic Review, dated 9 August.

Correspondence from the Home Secretary on the Istanbul Convention, dated 27 July.

Correspondence relating to allegations of abuse at the Edenfield Centre in Manchester, dated 12 October.

National Security Bill

The Law Society of England and Wales [NSB0002]

The News Media Association [NSB0003]

Association of Prison Lawyers [NSB0004]

Birnberg Peirce [NSB0005]

Matrix Chambers; Mishcon de Reya; Powerscourt Group [NSB0006]

Adjournment

Adjourned till 19 October 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen

Lord Dubs

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

David Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

5. Legislative Scrutiny: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 311.

Resolved, That the Report be the Sixth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

2. Draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

Unlock [BOR0077]

Human Rights Watch [BOR0078]

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Bill of Rights Bill, dated 17 October

The UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership and Human Rights

Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Government's Asylum Partnership Agreement with Rwanda, dated 14 October.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport relating to the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill, dated 19 October

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 26 October 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dubs

Florence Eshalomi

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

David Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

6. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Jonathan Ellis, Public Affairs and Policy Strategic Lead, Refugee Council, James Fookes, Research and Advocacy Coordinator, Anti-slavery International, Zehrah Hasan, Advocacy Director at Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 3.00 pm

Friday 28 October 2022

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 28 October (Order of the Committee, 4 March 2020):

Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Bill of Rights Bill.

Wednesday 2 November 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dubs

Lord Henley

Florence Eshalomi

Baroness Ludford

Davis Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. SLAPPs: Human Rights Implications

Caroline Kean, Consultation Partner, Wiggins LLP, Nik Williams, Policy and Campaigns Officer, Index on Censorship, Oliver Bullough, Journalist and Author, Sara Mansoori KC, Barrister, Matrix Chambers, gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Lord Henley was called to the chair.

2. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Ordered, That the Chair and Lord Dubs have leave to travel to the Manston Asylum Centre in Kent in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with the Equality and Human Rights Commission relating to the reaccreditation of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, dated 2 November 2022.

Correspondence with Wera Hobhouse MP relating to the Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Bill, dated 2 November 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Tuesday 8 November

The Chair and Lord Dubs visited the Manston Asylum Centre in a representative capacity, with the Home Affairs Committee, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 2 November.

Wednesday 16 November 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dubs

Florence Eshalomi

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Massey of Darwen

David Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

David Jones, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, Pierre Makhlouf, Legal Director, Bail for Immigration Detainees, Rachel Bingham, Clinical Advisor, Medical Justice gave oral evidence.

Charlie Taylor, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, HM Inspectorate of Prisons, gave oral evidence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor relating to the Bill of Rights Bill, dated 14 November

Correspondence from the Trade Union Congress relating to the Transport Links (Minimum Service Levels) Bills, dated 31 October.

Correspondence to the Trade Union Congress relating to the Transport Links (Minimum Service Levels) Bills, dated 17 November.

Correspondence from the CQC relating to the Edenfield Centre in Manchester, dated 3 November

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care relating to the Edenfield Centre in Manchester, dated 8 November

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Henley

Baroness Massey of Darwen

David Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Carolyn Housman, CEO, Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB), Laura Durán, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Research, ECPAT UK (Every Child Protected Against Trafficking), Stewart MacLachlan, Legal & Policy Manager, Coram Children's Legal Centre (CCLC) gave oral evidence.

2. Draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022

Draft Report (Draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022: Second Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 895.

Resolved, That the Report be the Seventh Report of the Committee to both Houses.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022

Christopher Braganza [SIA0001]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 30 November 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dubs

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Massey of Darwen

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

David Simmonds

Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022

Draft Report (Draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 834.

Resolved, That the Report be the Eighth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022

Low Incomes Tax Reform Group of the Chartered Institute of Taxation
[BBO0001]

Childhood Bereavement Network [BBO0002]

Child Poverty Action Group [BBO0003]

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 3.00 pm.

Sunday 11 – Monday 12 December 2022

The Chair, Joanna Cherry, David Simmonds, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Baroness Ludford, Lord Henley and Lord Dubs visited Paris, France, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill and Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7 September 2022.

Wednesday 14 December 2022

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dubs
Lord Henley
Baroness Ludford
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
David Simmonds
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

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

2. Protecting Human Rights in Care Settings

Draft Special Report (Protecting Human Rights in the UK: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman relating to its Focus Report on equal justice, dated 29 November 2022.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 10am.

Tuesday 10 January 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Lord Dubs
Lord Henley
Baroness Massey of Darwen
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

The Committee considered this matter

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

John Creswell Plant [BOR0079]
Equality and Human Rights Commission [BOR0080]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 3pm.

Wednesday 11 January 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Lord Dubs
Lord Henley
Baroness Massey of Darwen
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Polly Glynn, Managing Partner, DPG Law, Maria Stephens, Head of Campaigns, Refugee Action, gave oral evidence.

Roger Gough, Leader, Kent County Council, David Worden, Leader, North Devon Council, Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council, Lesley Storey, Cabinet member responsible for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Newcastle City Council, gave oral evidence.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 9.30am

Tuesday 17 January 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Massey of Darwen

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Bill of Rights Bill), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 611.

Resolved, That the Report be the Ninth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 18 January 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Henley

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Massey of Darwen

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

1. Children's Commissioner

Polly Glynn, Managing Partner, DPG Law, Maria Stephens, Head of Campaigns, Refugee Action, gave oral evidence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence from the Trades Union Congress relating to the Transport Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill, dated 10 January

3. Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service and Levels) Bill

Resolved, That the Committee inquiry into the Strikes (Minimum Service and Levels) Bill.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 25 January 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Lord Singh of Wimbledon
Baroness Ludford
Lord Henley
David Simmonds

1. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Mark Symes, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, Dr Peter Walsh, Senior Researcher, Migration Observatory, gave oral evidence.

Vicky Tennant, UNHCR Representative to the UK, Elizabeth Ruddick, Senior Legal Protection Associate, UNHCR, gave oral evidence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Education relating to the JCHR report 'The Violation of Family Life: Adoption of Children of Unmarried Women 1949 – 1976', dated 26 January

Correspondence with the Trades Union Congress relating to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill, dated 26 January

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley
David Simmonds
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer

1. Declaration of interests

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws, Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon, Lord Alton of Liverpool, Lord Dholakia, Baroness Meyer declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee relating to the Strikes (Minimum Service & Levels) Bill 2022-2023, dated 2 February

Correspondence to the Children's Commissioner relating to asylum-seeking children, dated 2 February 2023

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 8 February 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley
David Simmonds
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

Professor Keith Ewing, Professor of Public Law, King's College London, Michael Ford KC, Barrister, Old Square Chambers, Professor Tonia Novitz, Professor of Labour Law, University of Bristol, gave oral evidence.

2. Human rights at work

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Human rights and assisted dying

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Human rights and assisted dying.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 22 February 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
David Simmonds
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner

Professor Fraser Sampson, Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner, gave oral evidence.

3. Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

Resolved, That the Committee visit Newcastle in May 2023 in connection with its inquiry into Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

Correspondence to the UNHCR relating to human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

Amnesty International UK [ASU0001]

Joint Modern Slavery Policy Unit Justice and Care and
Centre for Social Justice [ASU0002]

Dr Natasha Saunders (Lecturer in International Relations
at University of St Andrews) [ASU0003]

Dr. Olayinka Lewis (Lecturer at Essex Law School,
University of Essex); Prof. Geoff Gilbert (Professor at
Essex Law School, University of Essex) [ASU0004]

Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz (Professor of Law at

Aberystwyth University); Prof. Natalia Szablewska (Professor in Law and Society at The Open University (UK)) [ASU0005]
Stand For All [ASU0006]
Ayesha Riaz (Senior Lecturer in Law/PhD Candidate in Law/Part-time Law Teacher at University of Greenwich/Queen Mary University of London/ London School of Economics and Political Science) [ASU0007]
Dr Sureyya Sonmez Efe (Senior Lecturer in International Relations at University of Lincoln) [ASU0009]
Susannah Paul (Lecturer in Law at University of the West of Scotland); Banaz Kamil (PhD Researcher at University of the West of Scotland) [ASU0010]
SOGICA [ASU0013]
Dr Jo Wilding (Lecturer and researcher at University of Sussex) [ASU0014]
Saphia Fleury (Postgraduate Researcher at University of Hull) [ASU0015]
Furness Refugee Support [ASU0016]
Dr Ermioni Xanthopoulou (Senior Lecturer in Law at Brunel University London); Dr Mohammad Nayyeri (Lecturer in Law at Brunel University London) [ASU0018]
Dr Jelena Obradovic-Wochnik (Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Aston University); Dr Karolina Augustova (Lecturer in Sociology at Northumbria University); Prof Helena Farrand Carrapico (Professor of International Relations and European Politics at Northumbria University); Dr Thom Davies (Associate Professor of Geography at University of Nottingham); Dr Arshad Isakjee (Senior Lecturer in Geography at University of Liverpool) [ASU0020]
Dr Natalie Hodgson (Assistant Professor at School of Law, University of Nottingham) [ASU0021]
Durham Visitors Group [ASU0022]
Privacy International [ASU0023]
Jesuit Refugee Service UK [ASU0025]
Refugee Women Connect [ASU0027]
Refugee and Migrant Children's Consortium [ASU0028]
Migration Yorkshire [ASU0029]

Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB) [ASU0030]
Dr Kay Lalor (Reader in Human Rights Law at
Manchester Metropolitan University); Dr Rossella
Pulvirenti (Senior Lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan
University) [ASU0034]
Migrants Organise Ltd [ASU0035]

Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

Correspondence from the Minister for Business and Trade relating to the Strikes
(Minimum Service Levels) Bill, dated 21 February 2023

Correspondence from three National Human Rights Institutions - EHRC, SHRC,
NIHRC - relating to the UN Periodic Review, dated 13 February 2023

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 1 March 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Lord Henley
David Simmonds
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill 2022-2023

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill 2022-2023), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1088.

Resolved, That the Report be the Tenth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

2. Legislative Scrutiny: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill

Draft Special Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. The Violation of Family Life: Adoption of Children of Unmarried Women 1949–1976

Draft Special Report (The Violation of Family Life: Adoption of Children of Unmarried Women 1949–1976: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence from the Children's Commissioner relating to her oral evidence to the Committee, dated 20 February 2023

Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

UNISON [SMS0003]

Public Law Project [SMS0004]

Trades Union Congress [SMS0005]

Royal College of Nursing [SMS0006]

Employers Lawyers Association [SMS0007]

British Medical Association (BMA) [SMS0008]

British Airline Pilots' Association [SMS0009]

Community Union [SMS0010]

Professor Keith Ewing [SMS0011]

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 9th March 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 1 March 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Henley

David Simmonds

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Meyer

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill 2022-2023

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill 2022-2023), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1088.

Resolved, That the Report be the Tenth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

2. Legislative Scrutiny: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill

Draft Special Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. The Violation of Family Life: Adoption of Children of Unmarried Women 1949–1976

Draft Special Report (The Violation of Family Life: Adoption of Children of Unmarried Women 1949–1976: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence from the Children's Commissioner relating to her oral evidence to the Committee, dated 20 February 2023

Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

UNISON [SMS0003]

Public Law Project [SMS0004]

Trades Union Congress [SMS0005]

Royal College of Nursing [SMS0006]

Employers Lawyers Association [SMS0007]

British Medical Association (BMA) [SMS0008]

British Airline Pilots' Association [SMS0009]

Community Union [SMS0010]

Professor Keith Ewing [SMS0011]

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Lord Henley

David Simmonds

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

Kate Elsayed-Ali, Policy Manager, Anti-Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit, Major Kathy Betteridge, Director, Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery at the Salvation Army, Robyn Phillips, Director of Operations, Human Trafficking Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Professor Dame Sara Thornton, Professor of Practice in Modern Slavery Policy at the University of Nottingham and former Anti-Slavery Commissioner, gave oral evidence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with Good Law Practice and other organisations relating to hotel accommodation for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, dated 3rd March

Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

Love 146 [ASU0024]

Oxford Against Immigration Detention [ASU0037]

Channel Rescue [ASU0038]

Helen Bamber Foundation [ASU0039]

ECPAT UK [ASU0042]

Taskforce on Victims of Trafficking in Immigration Detention [ASU0043]

Labour Exploitation Advisory Group (LEAG) [ASU0044]

Asylum Aid [ASU0045]

Migrants' Rights Network, Migrants at Work [ASU0046]

René Cassin, the Jewish voice for human rights [ASU0047]

Rainbow Migration [ASU0048]

Hope for Justice [ASU0051]

Detention Action, Allies for Justice [ASU0052]

Refugee Action, Asylum Matters [ASU0054]
The Law Society [ASU0059]
Professor Susan Clayton (Professor of Film and Television at Goldsmiths, University of London) [ASU0061]
Welsh Women's Aid [ASU0062]
Bail for Immigration Detainees [ASU0063]
Refugee Action [ASU0064]
Asylum Support Appeals Project [ASU0065]
Coram Children's Legal Centre [ASU0066]
Asylum Matters [ASU0067]
Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit [ASU0069]
The Children's Society [ASU0070]
Human Trafficking Foundation [ASU0071]
Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre [ASU0072]
Wilson LLP Solicitors [ASU0074]
Immigration Law Practitioners' Association [ASU0079]
Central England Law Centre [ASU0080]
Al Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre [ASU0081]
Public Law Project [ASU0083]
Anti Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit (ATLEU) [ASU0084]
Home Office [ASU0116]

Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

Correspondence from the Home Office relating to the Illegal Migration Bill, dated 7th March 2023

Correspondence to the Home Office relating to the Illegal Migration Bill, dated 15th March

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 22 March 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

Jon Featonby, Chief Policy Analyst, Refugee Council, Colin Yeo, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci, Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Christina Marriott, Executive Director of Strategy and Communications, British Red Cross, gave oral evidence.

2. Human Rights Ombudsperson

Draft Report (Human Rights Ombudsperson), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 1241

Resolved, That the Report be the Eleventh Report of the Committee to both Houses.

3. The United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Proposed Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 Remedial Order 2023

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Proposed Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 Remedial Order 2023.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws
Lord Henley
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

Sir Stephen Laws, Senior Fellow, Policy Exchange, Professor Cathryn Costello, Professor of International Refugee and Migration Law, University of Oxford, Dr Peter Walsh, Senior Researcher, Migration Observatory, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 3pm

Friday 31 March 2023

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 31 March (Order of the Committee, 4 March 2020):

Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

Joint letter from the Chair of the JCHR and Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee to the Home Secretary relating to unaccompanied children seeking asylum in the UK, dated 31 March

Christian Action Research and Education (CARE) [ASU0085]
Rights Lab University of Nottingham [ASU0086]
UNHCR [ASU0087]
Migrants Organise, Southwark Law Centre, Islington Law Centre [ASU0088]
Women for Refugee Women [ASU0090]
Rape Crisis England & Wales [ASU0092]
HKC Refugee Rights Hub, Sheffield Hallam University [ASU0093]
Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice [ASU0095]
National AIDS Trust [ASU0098]
Asylum Welcome [ASU0099]
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission [ASU0101]
International Organisation for Migration [ASU0102]
The Salvation Army [ASU0104]
Philomène Uwamaliya [ASU0105]
Doughty Street Chambers [ASU0106]
NACCOM (The No Accommodation Network) [ASU0109]
Scottish Refugee Council [ASU0111]
Medical Justice [ASU0112]
Human Rights Watch [ASU0115]

Correspondence from the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor & Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Victims and Prisoners Bill, dated 29 March

Wednesday 19 April 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Meyer

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 26 April 2023

Virtual meeting

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Lord Henley

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Meyer

Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

Draft Special Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Tenth Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence to Sir Bernard Jenkin relating to the unavailability of the Home Secretary to give Oral Evidence to the JCHR, dated 28th April

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Universal Periodic Review, dated 4th March

Correspondence from the British institute of Human Rights and NGOs relating to Section 3 of the Human Rights Act, dated 19th April

Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

Caitlin Luna (Senior Support Worker at RAIS Lancaster) [IMB0001]

Mrs Isabelle Wood [IMB0007]

Ms Clare Truscott [IMB0070]

Equality and Human Rights Commission [IMB0080]

Sir Stephen Laws (Senior Fellow at Policy Exchange) [IMB0081]

Dr Peter Walsh (Senior Researcher and Departmental Lecturer in Migration Studies at The Migration Observatory) [IMB0082]

Protecting Human Rights in Care Settings

Correspondence from Minister of State for Care relating to the implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards, dated 5th April

4. Hillsborough law

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Virtual Meeting arrangements

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Henley

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lord Dholakia

Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Universal Periodic Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Lord Henley

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Meyer

Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

The Committee considered this matter

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley
David Simmonds
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Human rights and assisted dying

Paul Bowen KC, Barrister at Brick Court Chambers, Dr Stevie Martin, College Lecturer in Law, Fitzwilliam and King's Colleges, University of Cambridge, Professor Richard Ekins, Professor of Law and Constitutional Government at the University of Oxford and Head of the Judicial Power Project at Policy Exchange, James Strachan KC, Barrister at 39 Essex Chambers, gave oral evidence.

2. Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

Resolved, That the Committee visit Rwanda in the Autumn of 2023 in connection with its inquiry into Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence to the Minister of State for Social Care in the UK relating to LPS implementation, dated 26th May 2023

Correspondence to the new Lord Chancellor inviting him to meet with the JCHR, dated 26th May 2023

Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

UNHCR [ASU0119]

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6th June 2023 at 3pm

Tuesday 6 June 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Lord Henley

David Simmonds

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Meyer

Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Annex 'Amendments' brought up and read

Question put that the Annex be added to the Report

The Committee divided.

Content

Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws KC
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP
Joanna Cherry KC MP

Not Content

Lord Henley
Dr Caroline Johnson MP
Baroness Meyer
David Simmonds MP

Annex accordingly agreed

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 297.

Resolved, That the Report be the Twelfth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the Illegal Migration Bill, dated 2 June 2023

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 7 June 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Human rights at work

Professor Sandra Fredman, Professor of the Laws of the British Commonwealth and the United States, University of Oxford, Elaine Banton, Barrister at 7BR, Dr Philippa Collins, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Bristol, gave oral evidence.

2. Proposal for a Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023

Draft Report (Proposal for a Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 1264

Resolved, That the Report be the Thirteenth Report of the Committee to both Houses.

3. Human Rights Ombudsperson

Draft Special Report (Human Rights Ombudsperson: Government Response to the Committee's Eleventh Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman in response to the JCHR's report, Human Rights Ombudsperson, dated 19 May 2023

Human rights at work

Trades Union Congress [HRW0043]

Employment Lawyers' Association [HRW0015]

Dr Joe Atkinson [HRW0044]

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Lord Henley

David Simmonds

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Meyer

Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Human rights at work

Professor Alan Bogg, Professor of Labour Law at The University of Bristol, and Barrister at Old Square Chambers, Andrew Burns, Barrister at Devereaux Chambers, Sarah Fraser Butlin, Barrister at Cloisters Chambers, and Fellow at Selwyn College, University of Cambridge, gave oral evidence.

Amanda Gearing, Senior Organiser at GMB Trade Union, Bruce Robin, Legal Officer at UNISON, Henry Chango-Lopez, General Secretary at Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain (IWGB), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 21 June 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
Dr Caroline Johnson

1. Legislative Scrutiny: Victims and Prisoners Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Written evidence for publication

Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill

KINDUK [IMB0069]

Glasgow City Council – TARA Service/Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership Response [IMB0077]

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Social Care relating to the delay in the roll-out of Liberty Protection Safeguards, dated 14 June 2023

Correspondence to the Secretary of State relating to the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (No. 2) Bill, dated 21 June 2023

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Proceedings relating to the Chair

Resolved, That Harriet Harman take the Chair of the Committee

Harriet Harman accordingly took the Chair

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 July 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 5 July 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair*

Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws

Lord Henley

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Meyer

David Simmonds

*In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair

1. Human rights at work

Anna Thomas, Director at Institute for the Future of Work, Jeremias Adams-Prassl, Professor of Law at Magdalen College at the University of Oxford, and Senior Research Associate at Institute for Ethics in AI, University of Oxford, Sian Mckinley, Senior Associate (Employed Barrister) at Herbert Smith Freehills, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 12 July 2023

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair*
Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws
Lord Henley
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer
David Simmonds

In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair

1. Human rights at work

Anna Thomas, Director at Institute for the Future of Work, Jeremias Adams-Prassl, Professor of Law at Magdalen College at the University of Oxford, and Senior Research Associate at Institute for Ethics in AI, University of Oxford, Sian Mckinley, Senior Associate (Employed Barrister) at Herbert Smith Freehills, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 3pm

Wednesday 19 July 2023

Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair
Joanna Cherry
Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon
Lord Henley
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Meyer

1. Hillsborough Law

Elkan Abrahamson, Director and Head of Major Inquiries, and Family and Child Law Advocate at Jackson Lees, Andy Burnham, Mayor at Greater Manchester, The Right Reverend James Jones KBE, gave oral evidence.

Anna Morris KC, Barrister at Garden Court Chambers, Pete Weatherby KC, Barrister at Garden Court North, gave oral evidence.

2. Written evidence for publication

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor responding to an invitation to provide written evidence to the JCHR, dated 19 June

Correspondence from the Health and Social Care Committee Chair relating to assisted dying/assisted suicide, dated 28 June

Legislative Scrutiny: Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill

Correspondence to the Secretary of State relating to the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill, dated 20 July

Human rights at work

Anonymous [HRW0002]
Professor Ian Clark et al [HRW0003]
National AIDS Trust [HRW0004]
Dr Pier-Luc Dupont [HRW0005]
Dr Caroline Kamau-Mitchell [HRW0006]
Just Fair [HRW0007]
Professor Kirstie Ball [HRW0008]
Protect [HRW0010]
Business School - Human Resource Management and Organisational Behaviour
[HRW0014]
NASUWT [HRW0016]
Community Union [HRW0019]
Civil Society Alliance [HRW0021]
Rights Lab, University of Nottingham [HRW0022]
The Christian Institute [HRW0023]
James Murray, Naomi Waltham-Smith [HRW0024]
Dr Shaila Ahmed, Professor Shahzad Uddin [HRW0025]
The Liminal Space [HRW0026]
Institute of Employment Rights [HRW0028]
Dr Michael Connolly [HRW0030]
Dr Mahlea Babjak [HRW0032]
The Royal College of Nursing [HRW0033]
Dr Inga Thiemann et al [HRW0034]
NIHRC [HRW0035]
The Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre [HRW0037]
JCWI [HRW0038]
Privacy International [HRW0041]
Evangelical Alliance [HRW0042]
Employment Legal Advice Network [HRW0046]
Focus on Labour Exploitation [HRW0047]
Board of Deputies of British Jews [HRW0048]
Waterloo Cybersecurity and Privacy Institute [HRW0049]
Catholic Union of Great Britain [HRW0050]
Solent University [HRW0051]
Equality Commission for Northern Ireland [HRW0053]
TUC [HRW0055]
Sue Kinder [HRW0056]
TUC [HRW0058]

Labour Exploitation Advisory Group [HRW0060]
Kalayaan [HRW0061]
Transform Work [HRW0062]
Police Federation of England and Wales [HRW0064]
Police Superintendents Association [HRW0065]

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 2.45pm

Wednesday 23 August 2023

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 31 March (Order of the Committee, 4 March 2020):

Correspondence to the Home Secretary relating to delays in correspondence, and inviting the Home Secretary to provide oral evidence, dated 23 August

Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to delays in correspondence, dated 24 July

Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to unaccompanied children seeking asylum in the UK, dated 19 April - received 24 July

Correspondence to the Home Secretary relating to delays in correspondence on unaccompanied children seeking asylum in the UK and on the Illegal Migration Bill, dated 18 July

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers

(i) Members of the Committee

Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP (Labour)

Register of Members' Interests (as at 30 November 2022)

None to declare

Lord Dholakia (Liberal Democrat)

Register of Members' Interests (as at 1 February 2023)

1. Executive member of the CPA and British Group of IPU
2. Member (Trustee) of the Police Foundation
3. Member of the National Association of Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies. Former President
4. Involvement in APPGs (Armed Forces; Anti-Semitism; Abolition of the Death Penalty; Bangladesh; Bahai; Beer Group; Bullying; Choice at the End of Life; Cricket; Dalits; Drug Policy Reform; Ethiopia; Film Industry; Gardening and Horticulture; HIV Aids; Honour Based Abuse; Hong Kong; Indo-Britain; Irish in Britain; India; Jains; Hindu; Holocaust Memorial; British Jews; Knife Crime; Nepal; Penal Affairs; Policing; Qatar; Rwanda & Gt Lakes; Save the Pub; Sri Lanka; Street Children; Swimming; Taiwan; Tamils; Tibet; Wine; Zoroastrian)

Lord Alton of Liverpool (Crossbench)

Register of Members' Interests (as at 1 February 2023)

1. Former Trustee of Arise Foundation
2. Co-Chair of APPGs on North Korea, Eritrea, Pakistan Minorities
3. Vice Chair of APPGs on Yazidis, Mazora, Uighurs, Hong Kong and Freedom of Religion or Belief.
4. Visiting Professor, Liverpool Hope University
5. Fellow, Liverpool John Moores University Roscoe Foundation for Citizenship

6. Member, International Advisory Board on Freedom of Religion or Belief, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
7. Patron of Charities; Jubilee Campaign; Right to Life
8. Trustee of Living and Dying Well
9. Occasional income from journalism, writing, talks and speeches

Baroness Meyer (Conservative)

Register of Members' Interests (as at 1 February 2023)

1. Member of APPGs: Freedom of Speech; SexMatters; ERG
2. NGOs: Missing People; Ambassador (unpaid)
3. Founder and President, Action Against Abduction
4. Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Ukraine

No financial interests to declare

Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws (Labour)

Register of Members' Interests (as at 1 February 2023)

1. Practicing barrister (no longer in court but Chairs inquiries and investigations)
2. Director, International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHR)
3. President (formerly Chair), Justice
4. Former member of Lords Justice and Home Affairs Committee until January 31st 2023

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon (Labour)

Register of Members' Interests (as at 1 February 2023)

No relevant interests to declare

Dr Caroline Johnson (MP)

Register of Members' Interests (as at 23 February 2022)

No relevant interests to declare

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen

Register of Members' Interests (as at 18 May 2022)

1. Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

A Baroness in Waiting (Government Whip_

2. Category 4: Shareholdings

Jupiter Fund Management plc

2. Category 10: Non-financial interests

Vice Chair, Specialised Healthcare Alliance