

Formal minutes of the Joint Committee on Human Rights – Session 2019-21

Wednesday 4 March 2020

Members present:

Lord Brabazon of Tara	Fiona Bruce MP
Lord Dubs	Ms Karen Buck MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen	Joanna Cherry MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon	Ms Harriet Harman MP
Lord Trimble	Mrs Pauline Latham MP
	Dean Russell MP

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests (see Appendix).

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

2. Election of Chair

Ms Harriet Harman MP was called to the Chair.

Ordered, That the Chair report her election to the House of Commons.

3. Confidentiality and privilege

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Procedural and administrative matters

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee examine witnesses in public, except where it otherwise orders.

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

Resolved, That where the Committee has evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which, in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication.

5. Publication of submission from Government departments

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March 2020 at 3.00pm]

Appendix

Bruce, Fiona (Congleton)

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1. Employment and earnings

Fiona Bruce and Co LLP; solicitors practice. Address: Justice House, 3 Grappenhall Rd, Stockton Heath, Warrington WA4 2AH. Consultancy fees received:

31 January 2019, received £57,856.71 Hours: 13 hrs. (Registered 26 February 2019)

31 March 2019, received £30,000. Hours: 15 hrs. (Registered 26 April 2019)

30 April 2019, received £5,000. Hours: 13 hrs. (Registered 24 May 2019)

31 May 2019, received £5,000. Hours: 10 hrs. (Registered 28 June 2019)

30 June 2019, received £5,000. Hours: 7 hrs. (Registered 26 July 2019)

31 July 2019, received £5,000. Hours: 9 hrs. (Registered 27 August 2019)

31 August 2019, received £5,000. Hours: 6 hrs. (Registered 25 September 2019)

30 September 2019, received £5,000. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 25 October 2019)

6 December 2019, received £15,000. Hours: 6 hrs. (Registered 02 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Alliance Defending Freedom International UK

Address of donor: 16 Old Queen St, London SW1H 9HP

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): For my husband and myself, travel £317, two nights' accommodation £490, taxis to and from the airport £60 and a dinner with an estimated value of £60; total value £927

Destination of visit: Vienna

Dates of visit: 14-18 April 2019

Purpose of visit: To speak at a conference.

(Registered 02 May 2019)

5. Gifts and benefits from sources outside the UK

Name of donor: Centre for Law and Religion Studies, J Reuben Clark Law School

Address of donor: Brigham Young University, 452 JRCB, Provo, Utah 84602 USA

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Associated with a speaking engagement in Oxford, hotel accommodation with a value of £200

Date received: 12 August 2019

Date accepted: 12 August 2019

Donor status: other

(Registered 18 September 2019, together with donation received on 3 September 2019)

Name of donor: Centre for Law and Religion Studies, J Reuben Clark Law School

Address of donor: Brigham Young University, 452 JRCB, Provo, Utah 84602 USA

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £179 reimbursement of petrol and parking fees associated with a speaking engagement in Oxford

Date received: 3 September 2019

Date accepted: 3 September 2019

Donor status: other

(Registered 18 September 2019, together with donation received on 12 August 2019)

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

Four residential properties in Warrington, Cheshire: (i) and (ii). The fourth property was purchased on 1 February 2016. (Updated 11 November 2013 and 16 February 2016)

Five commercial properties in Warrington, Cheshire: (i) and (ii). The fifth property became registrable on 1 July 2018. (Updated 02 July 2018)

One commercial property in Knutsford, Cheshire: (i) and (ii). (Registered 31 May 2010)

Member of the Law Society and a member of the Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners (STEP)

Lay Canon of Chester Cathedral.

Indirect interest relating to partners work. Richard Bruce, partner, is a chartered surveyor and works for Fiona Bruce LLP Solicitors.

Chair of the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission.

Chair of the following All-Party Groups – Pro-Life/ Religious Education/ North Korea.

Member of the Backbench Business Committee and the Ecclesiastical Committee in Parliament.

PATRON List

Cheshire Arts for Health	Patron
The Keys Project – Addiction Treatment and Support	Patron
The International Advocacy Programme (IAP)	Patron
Living Waters School, Tanzania	Patron
Carers Trust4all	Patron
Macclesfield & Congleton Scout District	Vice President
Girlguiding Cheshire	Ambassador
Macclesfield Canal Society	Vice President
Sandbach Air Training Corps	Patron
Alsager Air Training Corps	Patron
Congleton Choral Society	President
St Luke's Cheshire Hospice	Vice President
East Cheshire Hospice	Vice President
Evangelical Alliance UK	Council Member
Medcare, Uganda	Patron
The Love Music Trust	Patron
Fodens Band	Life Patron
Visyon (Children's Mental Health Charity)	Patron
Congleton Advanced Motorists	Patron
East Cheshire NSPCC	Patron
Right to Life UK	Patron
Hart-UK (Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust)	Patron

Buck, Ms Karen (Westminster North)

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2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: GMB London Region

Address of donor: John Cope House, 152 Brent Street, London NW4 2DP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Cherry, Joanna (Edinburgh South West)

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1. Employment and earnings

As a QC and member of the Faculty of Advocates, I will continue to receive payments for legal services rendered before my election. (Registered 04 June 2015)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Flagship Media Group

Address of donor: Flagship House, C3 Westbank Drive, Belfast BT3 9LA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 to my election campaign

Donor status: limited liability partnership
(Registered 16 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Franco British Colloque
Address of donor: 86 East Lane, West Horsley, Leatherhead KT24 6LQ
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): food and accommodation with a value of £598
Destination of visit: Versailles, France
Dates of visit: 17-19 January 2019
Purpose of visit: Attending the Franco-British Colloque's 2019 conference.
(Registered 11 April 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

Barrister, non-practising. (Registered 04 June 2015)

Along with Jo Maugham QC and Vince Dale, from 8 September 2019 I have been part of legal action in the Court of Session which is intended to ensure that the Prime Minister complies with the EU Withdrawal (No.2) Act (known as the Benn Act). The action is funded by Vince Dale. (Registered 21 October 2019)

Harman, Ms Harriet (Camberwell and Peckham)

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1. Employment and earnings

17 April 2019, received £246 from Audible Ltd, 26-28 Glasshouse Yard, London EC1A 4JU, through Alexander Aitkin Associates, 291 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8QJ, for narrating the afterword of a book. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 24 May 2019)

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

Part ownership of house in Suffolk: (i).

8. Miscellaneous

From 10 July 2017 to 3 January 2020, unremunerated Chair of Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Contemporary Dance. (Registered 12 July 2017; updated 27 January 2020)

Latham, Mrs Pauline (Mid Derbyshire)

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8. Miscellaneous

From 1 March 2013, unremunerated Board Member of the charity WE (formerly Free the Children). (Registered 01 May 2013; updated 02 February 2016 and 05 April 2017)

From 24 March 2017, unpaid director of Furthest from the Sea, a not-for-profit organisation based in Derbyshire but operating around the country, which supports the development of artistic talent. (Registered 04 April 2017)

Russell, Dean (Watford)

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1. Employment and earnings

2 January 2020, received £5,600 from Symanto Research GMBH & Co KG (psychology artificial intelligence company), Pretzfelder Strasse 15, 90425, Nürnberg, Germany, for consultancy services provided through EPIFNY Consulting Ltd. Hours: 24 hrs. (Registered 10 January 2020)

7 January 2020, received £1,170 from Thwaites Communications (communications agency), 231 Shoreditch High Street, London E1 6PJ, for consultancy services provided through EPIFNY Consulting Ltd. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 10 January 2020)

10 January 2020, received £5,184 from Huit Ashridge Executive Education, Ashridge House, Berkhamsted HP4 1NS, for business education training through EPIFNY Consulting Ltd, most of

which was provided before my election to Parliament. Hours: 4 hrs since my election.
(Registered 30 January 2020)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: IM Group Ltd
Address of donor: The Gate, International Drive, Shirley, Solihull B90 4WA
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500
Donor status: company, registration 03456018
(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Stalbury Trustees
Address of donor: 31 Hill Street, London W1J 4LS
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: company, registration 1430799
(Registered 09 January 2020)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

EPIFNY Consulting Ltd; training consultancy. (Registered 10 January 2020)
Win That Pitch Ltd; training consultancy (dormant). (Registered 10 January 2020)
Pretty Square Picture Company Ltd; greeting cards retailer (dormant). (Registered 10 January 2020)

Wednesday 11 March 2020

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Fiona Bruce MP
 Lord Dubs Ms Karen Buck MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon Dean Russell MP
Lord Trimble

1. Draft Jobseekers (Back to Work Schemes) Act 2013 (Remedial) Order 2019: Second Report

Draft Report (*Draft Jobseekers (Back to Work Schemes) Act 2013 (Remedial) Order 2019: 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 First Report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2019–21, HL Paper 37 / HC 149.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the operation of the Human Rights Act

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on the Government's legislative agenda.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Democracy, Free Speech and Freedom of Association: Threats to MPs

Correspondence from Vicky Fox, Director of Regulation and Insight, Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, dated 5 March 2020

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 March at 3.00pm]

Wednesday 18 March 2020

Lord Brabazon of Tara	Fiona Bruce MP
Lord Dubs	Ms Karen Buck MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen	Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford	Ms Harriet Harman MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon	Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Lord Trimble	Dean Russell MP

1. Draft Human Rights Act 1998 (Remedial) Order: Judicial Immunity: Second Report

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Report represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House of Commons (**Order of the House of Commons of 24 March 2020**), and the House of Lords.

2. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Human Rights and the Government's response to COVID-19

3. Government's response to COVID-19: Human rights implications

Ordered, That Adam Wagner be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters related to Human rights and COVID-19. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

[Adjourned till Monday 20 April, 2.00pm]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **19 March 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- **The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications:**
Written evidence from Ms Harriet Harman MP, Chair

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **26 March 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Justice relating to the *Overseas Operations Bill*: Written evidence, to be published
- *The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications*: Letter to the Leader of the House regarding the Coronavirus Bill

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **31 March 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- *The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications*: Letter to the Leader of the House regarding the Coronavirus Bill

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **6 April 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- *The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications* Letter to Cressida Dick, Commissioner, Metropolitan Police Service, regarding guidance on parks and public spaces – 6 April 2020

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **9 April 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications:

- Letter to Rt Hon Robert Buckland MP, Secretary of State for Justice, regarding comments made by Northamptonshire Chief Constable
- Written evidence from Ms Harriet Harman MP, Chair
- Letter to Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding human rights and the coronavirus lockdown restrictions

Appendix

Adam Wagner: Declaration of Interests

- Chair of Board of Trustees, EachOther, Jan 2018 to present
- Trustee, New North London Synagogue, 2018-2020
- Trustee, Habonim Dror UK (Jewish youth charity), 2012 to present
- Member of the Inquest Lawyers Group
- Member of the Jewish Labour Movement

Monday 20 April 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs Fiona Bruce MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon Dean Russell MP

1. ORAL EVIDENCE: THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, and Andrew Waldren, Deputy Director, Human Rights Team, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

2. Papers for publication

Correspondence with the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee relating to negotiating mandates for the future relationship between the UK and the EU

[Adjourned till 4 May at 2.00pm.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **22 April 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Draft Fatal Accidents Act 1976 (Remedial) Order 2020: Second Report

Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (FA0001)

Professor Helen Fenwick, Law School, University of Durham and Dr Daniel Fenwick, Law School, Northumbria University (FAA0002)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Mr Alex Goodman et al (COV00020)

DILORIO (CONFIDENTIAL) (COV0003)

Boriss Cilvecs (COV0005)

JUSTICE (COV0008)

Sebastian Kornhauser (COV0010)

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (COV0011)

Professor Fiona de Londras et al (COV0012)

Transform Justice (COV0013)

Mr Daley Ricketts (COV0014)

Mr Attila Markus (COV0015)

Oxford University Human Rights Hub (COV0017)

Simon Robert Elder (COV0018)

Parker (CONFIDENTIAL) (COV0019)

Evangelical Alliance UK (COV0020)

Mr Michael Vidal (COV0022)

The Racial Justice Network at al (COV0023)

Mrs Barbara Schaefer (COV0024)

Merris Amos (COV0026)

Mrs Linden Sheffield (COV0030)

Ms Araminta Hall (COV0031)

Yana Appleton (COV0034)

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights (COV0033)

Mrs Nicola Adolphe (COV0036)

Rights Lab, University of Nottingham (COV0037)

Oliver Muller, CONSENT CIO (COV0039)

Mrs Barbara Hendy (COV0040)

Dr Sheahan Bestel (COV0042)

Dr Oliver Lewis and Dr Andrew Kirby (COV0043)

Mr Hugh Goggin (COV0044)

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **23 April 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications: Response from Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding human rights and the coronavirus lockdown restrictions

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **28 April 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications: Letter to Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding Government's plans to use digital technologies

Order of the House of 24 March

Friday 1 May 2020

The Chair reported the following Order/Resolution to the House:

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara	Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs	Fiona Bruce MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen	Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford	Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon	Dean Russell MP
Lord Trimble	

1. THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY (ARTICLE 8) AND THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*The Right to Privacy (Article 8) and the Digital Revolution: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2019: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 313)*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Special Report was agreed to: the formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Special Report are published in the First Special Report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2019–21, HC 313.

[Adjourned till 4 May at 2.00pm.]

Monday 4 May 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs Fiona Bruce MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford Dean Russell MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. ORAL EVIDENCE: THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19: HUMANS RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Dr Orla Lynskey, Associated Professor of Law, London School of Economics, Dr Michael Veale, Lecturer in Digital Rights and Regulation, University College London, gave oral evidence.

Matthew Gould CMG MBE, CEO at NHSX, Department of Health and Social Care, Elizabeth Denham CBE, UK Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner's Office, Simon McDougall, Executive Director, Technology and Innovation, Information Commissioner's Office, and Dr Ian Levy, Technical Director, National Cyber Security Centre, gave oral evidence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **5 May 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's Response to Covid-19: human rights implications

- Response from Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding the Government's plans to use digital technologies
- Response from the Secretary of State for Justice, regarding comments made by Northamptonshire Chief Constable

[Adjourned till 6 May at 2.00pm.]

Wednesday 6 May 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs Fiona Bruce MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford Dean Russell MP
Lord Trimble

1. human rights and the government’s response to covid-19: digital contact tracing and the right to privacy

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Human Rights and the Government’s Response to Covid-19: Digital Contact Tracing*), 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 Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2019–21, HL Paper 59 / HC 343.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Government’s response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Mrs Friday Chidlow (COV0045)
Mr Steven Scrutton (COV0046)
Susan Kirkman (COV0047)
Mrs Jaclyn Dunne (COV0048)
Mrs Penny Parker (COV0049)
Alison Hunter (COV0052)
E M King (COV0053)
Pyke (COV0057)
Mrs Helen Kimball-Brooke (COV0062)
Joann K Jones (COV0064)
Amnesty International & Migrant Voice (COV0067)
Professor David Mead; Dr Joe Purshouse (COV0068)
Dr Joe Purshouse; Professor David Mead (COV0069)
Mr Luke Atkinson (COV0071)

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (COV0072)
Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights (COV00750)
Dr Angus Holford; Dr Dawn Liu (COV0076)
David Meade (COV0077)
Plan International (COV0078)
Mr Jon March (COV0079)
Mr Lesley Hutchings (COV0080)
Eri Mountbatten-O'Malley (COV0086)
Dr Stuart Wallace (COV0087)
Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland (COV0088)
The Advocacy People (COV0089)
Professor Lorna McGregor et al (COV0090)
Dr Orla Lynskey, and Dr Michael Veale (COV0091)

[Adjourned till 18 May at 2.00pm.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **7 May 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- Response from Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding the Government's plans to use digital technologies
- Response from the Secretary of State for Justice, regarding comments made by Northamptonshire Chief Constable
- Letter to Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, requesting information on people who are autistic and/or who have learning disabilities in mental health inpatient units who have contracted and died from COVID-19
- Response from Cressida Dick, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **11 May 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- Letter from the Information Commissioner's Office regarding the Committee's report on Human Rights and the Government's Response to Covid-19: Digital Contact Tracing
- Letter (and draft Bill) to Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding legislation for contact tracing for Covid-19

13 May

Draft Fatal Accidents Act 1976 (Remedial) Order 2020: Second Report: Fourth Report to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 256) (Ms Harriet Harman) (Order of 24 March).

15 May

Ordered, That Mr Alex Ruck-Keen be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to human rights and the Government's response to COVID-19 (See appendix for interests)

Appendix

Sits on the Law Society's Mental Health and Disability Committee; the ad hoc Court of Protection Rules Committee; and the 'HIVE' group convened by the Vice-President of the Court of Protection.

Monday 18 May 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs Fiona Bruce MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Lord Trimble Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Dean Russell MP

1. HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Adele Green and Andrea Attree, gave oral evidence.

Dr Kevin Cleary, Deputy Chief Inspector of Hospitals (and lead for mental health and community services), Care Quality Commission, Kate Terroni, Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care, Care Quality Commission, Ray James CBE, Director, Learning Disabilities, NHS England and NHS Improvement, and Claire Murdoch, National Director Mental Health, NHS England and NHS Improvement, gave oral evidence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

- Response from Department of Health and Social Care on the number of autistic people and/or people with a learning disability who have contracted and died from Covid-19

[Adjourned till 8 June at 2.00pm.]

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

- Letter from Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding legislation for contact tracing for Covid-19

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **22 May 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19: Brief from Ms Harriet Harman MP, Chair

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **28 May 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- Letter from NHS England and NHS Improvement regarding follow up information mentioned during the meeting on Monday 18 May

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **1 June 2020** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

- Letter (and table) to Rt Hon Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding digital contact tracing protections
- Response from Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg, Leader of the House of Commons, regarding draft Bill on the contact tracing app

The Government’s response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Mr Griver (COV0091)

Liberty (COV0092)

Lord Alton of Liverpool (COV0095)

R Davis (COV0096) CONFIDENTIAL

Neurodivergent Labour (COV0097)

University of London (COV0098)

Information Commissioner’s Office (COV0099)

Professor Kimberley Brownlee Dr David Jenkins Dr Katy Wells (COV0100)

Professor John Harrington; Dr Sharifah Sekalala (COV0102)

Amnesty International UK Director at Migrant Voice (COV0104)

Magistrates Association (COV0105)

Miss Debra Hudson (COV0106)

Dr Audrey Guinchard and Dr Subhajit Basu (COV0108)

Child Poverty Action Group (COV0109)

Mrs Sharon Clarke (COV0112)

Miss Deborah Mahmoudieh (COV0113)

Dr Emily Postan (COV0115)

Age UK (COV0116)

Open Rights Group Article 19 Index on Censorship (COV0117)

Anonymous (COV0118)

Anonymous (COV0091)

Monday 8 June 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Ms Karen Buck MP

Lord Dubs Dean Russell MP

Baroness Massey of Darwen

1. HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19: THE DETENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE AUTISTIC AND/OR HAVE LEARNING DISABILITIES

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Human Rights and the Government's response to COVID-19: The detention of young people who are autistic and/or have learning disabilities*), 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 Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2019–21, HL Paper 72 / HC 395.

2. ORAL EVIDENCE: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Witnesses supported by Children Heard and Seen¹; Lucy Frazer QC MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice, Jo Farrar, Chief Executive Officer, HM Prison and Probation Service, and Naomi Mallick, Legal Director, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

3. EVIDENCE REPORTED FOR PUBLICATION

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

- Easy Read version of Human Rights and the Government's response to COVID-19: The detention of young people who are autistic and/or have learning disabilities
- The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications: Care Quality Commission)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June at 2.00pm.]

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A recording from Children Heard and Seen was played for the first panel. The transcript was subsequently edited in order to remove details that could identify individual.

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **9 June 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Legislative Scrutiny: Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill

Dr Carys Moseley	DDS0001
Ms Albina Kumirova	DDS0003
Mrs Ann Farmer	DDS0004
Matthew Gillman	DDS0005
Mr Chris Elston	DDS0006
Mr Michael George Jutsum	DDS0007
Mrs Joy Wilson	DDS0014
Mr Clive Fane de Salis	DDS0015
Mr Lourens Du Plessis	DDS0016
Rev. Peter Lillicrap	DDS0017
Mr Brian McAteer	DDS0018
Rev. Jess Stubenbord	DDS0020
Mrs Anita Laidlaw	DDS0022
Mrs Sue Piper	DDS0023
Mr Trevor Sidnell	DDS0027
A member of the public	DDS0028
Mrs Jennifer Bentley	DDS0030
Catherine Whitehead	DDS0034
A member of the public	DDS0035
Mr David Kerley	DDS0036
Rev. Dr Andrew Kirk	DDS0037
The Right Reverend Nicholas J G Sykes	DDS0039
Mr Ian Hames	DDS0044
Mr Mik Clayton	DDS0045
H. Williams	DDS0046
Mr Alan Meyer	DDS0049
Emeritus Professor Jonathan Story	DDS0051
Mr Robyn Sones	DDS0054
Mr Stephen Stacey	DDS0055
Mr Niel Deepnarain	DDS0062
A member of the public	DDS0063
Mrs J Thorpe	DDS0065
Dr Michael Buckley	DDS0068
Mr John Flynn	DDS0071
Mr Michael Hall	DDS0072
Mr Philip Gray	DDS0073
Mr Simon Creasey	DDS0074
Mr & Mrs Paul Heawood	DDS0077
A member of the public	DDS0078
Mr Edicula George	DDS0079
A member of the public	DDS0080
Mr Gerrard Davies	DDS0081
Mr Nigel Rowe	DDS0082
A member of the public	DDS0083

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Mr Anthony Crow	DDS0084
Louis Wilson	DDS0087
Dr Francis Sansbury	DDS0088
Mr John King	DDS0090
Mr Russell Hargrave	DDS0091
Miss Elizabeth Wilson	DDS0092
Rev. Michael Dyce	DDS0093
Mr Alan Williams	DDS0094
Mr David Ball	DDS0095
Mr Richard Szczesiak	DDS0097
A member of the public	DDS0098
Mrs Anne Lavers	DDS0099
Mr Martin Morley	DDS0101
The Rev. Philip Seddon	DDS0104
Anthony Trafford	DDS0105
A member of the public	DDS0109
Dianne Howarth	DDS0110
Mr Donald Fleming	DDS0111
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Rec Chris Taylor	DDS0114
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Monday 15 June 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs Fiona Bruce MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon Dean Russell MP

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Unequal Access to Human Rights: Black Lives Matter

[Adjourned till Monday 29 June, 2.00pm.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **16 June 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Legislative Scrutiny: Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill

Law Society of England and Wales	DDS0118
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Evidence reported to the House for publication on **18 June 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Equality and Human Rights Commission COV0131

Monday 29 June 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara	Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs	Fiona Bruce MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen	Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford	Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon	Dean Russell MP

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Human Rights and the Government's response to Covid-19: Children whose mothers are in prison

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Human Rights and the Government's response to Covid-19: Children whose mothers are 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 in the Sixth Report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2019–21, HL Paper 90 / HC 518.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 July, 2.00pm.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **22 June 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Legislative Scrutiny: Domestic Abuse Bill

Jaime Grace (DAB0001)

National Stalking Consortium (DAB0003)

Mr Andrew Todd (DAB0004)

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **24 June 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Letter to Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding the digital contact tracing app, dated 24 June 2020

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **26 June 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Letter to Lucy Frazer QC MP, Minister of State for Justice, regarding information on numbers of women prisoners released, dated 26 June

Monday 6 July 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Brabazon of Tara Ms Karen Buck MP
Lord Dubs Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Dean Russell MP
Baroness Ludford
Lord Singh of Wimbledon

1. Oral evidence: Black people, racism and human rights

Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice, Wendy Williams, HM Inspector of Constabulary and HM Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services, Lord Woolley of Woodford, Chair, Race Disparity Unit's advisory group, and Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon OBE, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 July, 2.00pm.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **30 June 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Legislative Scrutiny: Domestic Abuse Bill

Marion Oswald and Kyriakos Kotsoglou (DAB0005)
Suzy Lamplugh Trust (DAB0006)

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **1 July 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Response from Lucy Frazer QC MP, Minister of State for Justice, regarding information on numbers of women prisoners released, dated 1 July

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **3 July 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Legislative Scrutiny: Counter Terrorism (Sentencing and Release) Bill

Prison Reform Trust (CTB001)

Monday 20 July 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Dubs Ms Karen Buck MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Baroness Ludford Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon Dean Russell MP
Lord Trimble

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Oral evidence: Black people, racism and human rights

Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE, Chief Midwifery Officer, NHS England and NHS Improvement; David Isaac, Chair, Equality and Human Rights Commission and Rebecca Hilsenrath, CEO, Equality and Human Rights Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 7 September, 2.00pm.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **16 July 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Human Rights and the Government's Response to COVID-19: Digital Contact Tracing

Response from the Department of Health and Social Care on the Committee's inquiry into digital contact tracing, dated 16 July

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **20 July 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to abuse and exploitation of workers in the textile industry in Leicester

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

The Law Society of England and Wales (COV0120)

Professor Lillian Edwards (COV0121)

Nikita Malik (COV0122)

Birth Companions (COV0125)
Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (COV0126)
Liberty (COV0130)
Professor Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou (COV0132)
Quakers in Britain (COV0134)
Maternity Action (COV0135)
Mr Stuart Dudley (COV0137)
Mrs Sian Farrell (COV0140)
Pupils 2 Parliament (COV0142)
Children's Commissioner for England (COV0143)
Member of the public (COV0144)
UK National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) (COV0145)
Children's Rights Alliance for England/Just for Kids Law (COV0148)
NYAS (National Youth Advocacy Service) (COV0149)
Dr Sue Parker (COV0150)
Dr Shona Minson (COV0151)
POhWER (COV0152)
Professor Ryszard Piotrowicz (COV0153)
Mrs Mahes KIRBY (COV0154)
National Autistic Society (COV0155)
Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities (COV0156)
Equality and Human Rights Commission (COV0157)
Women's Aid Federation of England (COV058)
Equality and Human Rights Commission (COV0159)
Alliance for Inclusive Education (COV0160)
Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (COV0162)
UK Women's Budget Group (COV0164)
Carnegie UK Trust (COV165)
Royal College of Nursing (COV166)
Alan Prosser (COV168)

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **22 July 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Letter to Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, Home Secretary, regarding the issue of statelessness

Letter from Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP, Secretary of State for Defence, regarding the Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Letter to Lucy Frazer QC MP, Minister of State for Justice, regarding women released from prison during the lockdown period

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **28 July 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Letter to Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding the right to life (Article 2 ECHR)

Evidence reported to the House for publication on **31 July 2019** (Order of the Committee, 5 March 2020)

Human Rights and the Government's response to COVID-19: children whose mothers are in prison

Letter from Lucy Frazer QC MP, Minister of State for Justice, regarding report on the review of operational policy on pregnancy, Mother and Baby Units and maternal separation

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications

Ms Lesley Summerland	(COV0169)
Ms Val O'Dea	(COV0170)
Professor Sandra Walklate; Associate Professor Kate Fitz-Gibbon;	(COV0171)
Associate Professor Marie Segrave	
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	(COV0172)
Professor Kimberley Brownlee; Dr Alexandra Couto; Dr Bouke de Vries;	(COV0173)
Mr Adam Neal; Dr Felix Pinkert	
South England Conference	(COV0174)
Article 39	(COV0175)
Prof Stephanie Lulhe Shaelou (Head, School of Law, the University of	(COV0176)
Central Lancashire, Cyprus at UCLan Cyprus); Ms Andrea Manoli	
(Research Fellow at UCLan Cyprus); Ms Xenia Kalatha (Intern at	
UCLan Cyprus)	
Inclusion Scotland	(COV0177)
Friends Families and Travellers	(COV0178)
Prison Reform Trust	(COV0179)
Professor Derek McAuley (Professor of Digital Economy at University of	(COV0185)
Nottingham); Dr Ansgar Koene (Senior Research Fellow at University	
of Nottingham); Dr Jiahong Chen (Research Fellow at University of	
Nottingham)	
Akt	(COV0186)
Unaccompanied Migrant Children's Court Steering Group	(COV0187)
UNICEF UK	(COV0188)
Mr Omran Belhadi (Barrister at Nexus Chambers)	(COV0191)
Justice Studio, Solace Women's Aid, The University of Greenwich	(COV0194)
Ms Judith Bueno de Mesquita (Co-Deputy Director at Human Rights	(COV0195)
Centre, University of Essex); Dr Claire Lougarre (Lecturer at	
Southampton Law School, University of Southampton); Ms Lisa Montel	
(PhD Candidate at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine);	
Dr Sharifah Sekalala (Associate Professor at School of Law, University	
of Warwick)	
Inclusion London	(COV0196)
ATD Fourth World UK	(COV0198)

Ms Cathy Ashley (Chief Executive at Family Rights Group); Professor Karen Broadhurst (Professor at The Centre for Child and Family Justice Research at Lancaster University)	(COV0200)
Member of the public	(COV0201)
Shared Lives Plus	(COV0202)
Human Rights Consortium Scotland	(COV0203)
Children Heard and Seen	(COV0204)
Protection Approaches	(COV0205)
Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel (a Panel of 14 Disabled People's Organisations advising the GM Mayor)	(COV0206)
SIAA	(COV0207)
The Oxford University Disability Law and Policy Project, The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights	(COV0209)
Relatives & Residents Association	(COV0210)
Prisoner Learning Alliance	(COV0211)
Dr Joelle Grogan (Senior Lecturer in Law at Middlesex University London); Nyasha Weinberg (Research Fellow at Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law)	(COV0212)
Dr Antonio Coco (Lecturer at School of Law, University of Essex); Dr Talita de Souza Dias (Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford); Tsvetelina van Benthem (DPhil Candidate at Faculty of Law, University of Oxford)	(COV0213)
Independent Age	(COV0214)
Wish	(COV0215)
Macmillan Cancer Support	(COV0216)
Liberation	(COV0217)
Detention Action	(COV0218)
National Deaf CAMHS	(COV0219)
Dr Lisa Forsberg (British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Oxford); Dr Isra Black (Lecturer in Law at University of York); Dr Thomas Douglas (Senior Research Fellow at University of Oxford); Dr Jonathan Pugh (Parfit-Radcliffe Richards Senior Research Fellow at University of Oxford)	(COV0220)
Open Rights Group, Big Brother Watch, Privacy International, Deighton Pierce Glyn	(COV0221)
Imkaan	(COV0222)
People First (Self Advocacy)	(COV0223)
Birthrights	(COV0224)
Mr Lynton Orrett (Barrister at Nexus Chambers)	(COV0226)
Mind	(COV0227)
Just Fair	(COV0228)
Muslim Engagement and Development (MEND)	(COV0229)
Professor Robert McCorquodale	(COV0232)
National Survivor User Network	(COV0233)
INQUEST	(COV0234)
The British Institute of Human Rights	(COV0235)
The British Institute of Human Rights	(COV0236)
Anti-slavery International	(COV0237)
Scottish Human Rights Commission	(COV0238)
The British Institute of Human Rights	(COV0239)

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Open Rights Group	(COV0240)
The Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland (CFoIS)	(COV0241)
Mencap and the Challenging Behaviour Foundation	(COV0243)
Medical Justice	(COV0244)
Member of the public	(COV0245)
VoiceAbility	(COV0246)
Dr Matthew White	(COV0247)
CORE Coalition et al	(COV0248)
Stonewall	(COV0249)
Dr Elizabeth Stubbins Bates	(COV0250)
Equality and Human Rights Commission	(COV0251)
Amnesty International UK	(COV0252)
Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody	(COV0253)
Care Quality Commission	(COV0254)
Dr Jonathan Pugh, Dr Lisa Forsberg, and Dr Thomas Douglas	(COV0255)
Member of the public	(COV0256)

Monday 7 September 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Ms Harriet Harman MP, in the Chair

Lord Dubs Ms Karen Buck MP
Baroness Massey of Darwen Joanna Cherry MP
Lord Singh of Wimbledon Mrs Pauline Latham MP
Lord Trimble Dean Russell MP

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Oral evidence: Black people, racism and human rights

Kenny Imafidon, Managing Director & Co-Founder, ClearView Research; Burphy Zumu, Director & Senior Research Executive, ClearView Research; Celine Henry, Research Executive, ClearView Research; Dr Niamh McGarry, Research Director, ClearView Research, gave oral evidence.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Written evidence from ClearView Research

[Adjourned till Monday 14 September, 2.00pm