



House of Commons

Committees on Arms Export Controls

Formal Minutes of the Committees

Session 2019–21

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Monday 6 July 2020

The Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Defence Committee

Tobias Elwood
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
John Spellar

*Foreign Affairs
Committee*

Neil Coyle
Tom Tugendhat
Claudia Webbe

*International Trade
Committee*

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Mark Garnier
Sir Mark Hendrick
Mark Menzies
Taiwo Owatemi
Martin Vickers
Craig Williams

Angus Brendan MacNeil took the chair.

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix and the Formal Minutes of the International Trade, Foreign Affairs and Defence Committees).

2. Chair

Mark Garnier was called to the Chair (Standing Order No. 137A (1)(d)).

3. Working practices, and procedural and administrative matters

The Committees considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Committees examine witnesses in public except where the Committees otherwise order.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committees 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 Committees order otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committees shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to:

- (a) agree the circulated agenda for Committee meetings (subject to the right of any Committee member to raise issues for the Committees to consider);
- (b) engage in correspondence on Committee matters which are not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committees or which is of a routine nature;
- (c) arrange informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committees' remit (for example, with visiting parliamentarians);
- (d) authorise the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;
- (e) propose reports to the Commons Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall, subject to a degree of prior negotiation;
- (f) take decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committees or which are urgent.

Resolved, That the Committees invite members of the International Development Committee to its future public sessions, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e).

4. Committee standards of service

The Committees considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committees considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committees inquire into arms export controls.

Resolved, That the Committees take oral evidence from the Export Control Joint Unit and ministers.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 September at 10.00am.]

Wednesday 16 September 2020

The Defence and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Defence Committee

*International Trade
Committee*

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
John Spellar

Mark Garnier
Sir Mark Hendrick
Mark Menzies
Martin Vickers

Mark Garnier was called to the chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

Claudia Webbe also attended, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e).

1. Future programme

The Committees considered this matter.

Ordered, That the letter to the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to ministerial oral evidence be reported to the House for publication.

Resolved, That the Committees take oral evidence from academics, NGOs, unions, and industry.

2. Declaration of interests

Mark Garnier declared an interest (see Appendix).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 November at 9.15am.

Tuesday 10 November 2020

The Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Defence Committee

*Foreign Affairs
Committee*

*International Trade
Committee*

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Tobias Elwood
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
John Spellar

Neil Coyle
Claudia Webbe

Mark Garnier
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Martin Vickers

Mark Garnier was called to the chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Declaration of interests

Mark Garnier declared an interest (see Appendix).

2. Correspondence

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to ministerial oral evidence be reported to the House for publication.

3. Arms export controls: Initial review

Amanda Brooks CBE, Director General, Trade Relations and Implementation, Chris Chew, Head of Export Control Policy, and Rebecca Peer, Senior Lawyer, Export Control and Sanctions, Department for International Trade gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 December at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 15 December 2020

The Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

<i>Defence Committee</i>	<i>Foreign Affairs Committee</i>	<i>International Development Committee</i>	<i>International Trade Committee</i>
Martin Docherty-Hughes Tobias Elwood Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck	Neil Coyle Claudia Webbe	Sarah Champion Kate Osamor	Mark Garnier Mark Menzies Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Mark Garnier was called to the chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Correspondence

Ordered, That the letter from the Minister for International Trade relating to the Northern Ireland Protocol and export control legislation be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to ministerial oral evidence be reported to the House for publication.

2. Future programme

The Committees considered this matter.

3. Arms export controls: Initial review

Ordered, That the written evidence from Amanda Brooks be reported to the House for publication.

Oliver Feeley-Sprague, Programme Director for work on Arms Control, Amnesty International UK, Roy Isbister, Arms Unit, Saferworld and Dr Sam Perlo-Freeman, Research Coordinator, Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 January at 9.15am.

Tuesday 12 January 2021

The Defence, International Development and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Defence Committee

International

International Trade

Development Committee

Committee

Tobias Elwood
Martin Docherty-
Hughes

Sarah Champion
Theo Clarke
Navendu Mishra

Mark Garnier
Mark Menzies
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Mark Garnier was called to the chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

Claudia Webbe also attended, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e).

1. Future programme

The Committees considered this matter.

2. Arms export controls: Initial review

Paul Everitt, Chief Executive, ADS gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 February at 9.15am.

Tuesday 2 February 2021

The Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Defence Committee

*Foreign Affairs
Committee*

*International Trade
Committee*

Tobias Elwood
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Mrs Lewell-Buck
John Spellar

Neil Coyle
Claudia Webbe

Mark Garnier
Mark Menzies
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Martin Vickers

Mark Garnier was called to the chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

Sarah Champion also attended, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e).

1. Correspondence

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to export licence decisions be reported to the House for publication.

2. Future programme

The Committees considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committees inquire into UK arms exports in 2019

3. Arms export controls: Initial review

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

ADS

Anna Stavrianakis, Professor of International Relations, University of Sussex and Dr Ian J Stewart, Executive Director, Washington DC Office at James Martin Centre for Nonproliferation Studies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 March at 9.15am.

Tuesday 16 March 2021

The Defence, International Development and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Defence Committee

Tobias Elwood
Martin Docherty-
Hughes

*International
Development Committee*

Chris Law
Navendu Mishra
Virendra Sharma

*International Trade
Committee*

Mark Garnier
Mark Menzies
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Martin Vickers

Mark Garnier was called to the chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

Neil Coyle also attended, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e).

1. Arms export controls: Initial review

The Committees considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence from Anna Stavrianakis be reported to the House for publication.

2. Future programme

The Committees considered this matter.

3. UK arms exports in 2019

The Committees considered this matter.

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

Professor Anna Stavrianakis
Action on Armed Violence
HM Government
Campaign against Arms Trade

Dr Sibylle Bauer, Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Dr Andrea Edoardo Varisco, Acting Director, Dual-Use and Arms Trade Control Programme and Mr Kolja Brockmann, Researcher, Dual-Use and Arms Trade Control Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 April at 9.15am.]

Tuesday 20 April 2021

The Defence, International Development and International Trade Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Defence Committee

Martin Docherty-
Hughes
Tobias Elwood
Emma Lewell-Buck

*International
Development Committee*

Sarah Champion
Theo Clarke
Chris Law
Navendu Mishra

*International Trade
Committee*

Mark Garnier
Paul Girvan
Mark Menzies
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Mark Garnier was called to the chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Future programme

The Committees considered this matter.

2. UK arms exports in 2019

The Committees considered this matter.

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

Miss Osman and Miss Ruwadzano Makumbe
Control Arms UK
HM Government
HM Revenue and Customs

Mike Lewis, Head of Enhanced Investigations, Conflict Armament Research, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 May at 9.15am.]

APPENDIX

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE DECLARED TO
INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES

6 July 2020

Neil Coyle

A part-time policy specialist from the Refugee, Asylum & Migration Policy (RAMP) Project based in my Westminster office working on asylum, migration and refugee issues.

Mark Garnier

A co-chair on Conservative Friends of International Development; Parliamentary Under-secretary, Department for International Trade, July 2016 – January 2018, during which time involved in the approval/rejection of some arms export license applications.

Mark Menzies

Prime Minister's trade envoy to Chile, Colombia, Peru and Argentina; Chairman of the Latin America, Argentina, Oman, and Saudi Arabia APPGs; constituency includes BAE facility at Warton.

Claudia Webbe

Vice-Chair of Brazil Solidarity Initiative.

16 September 2020

Mark Garnier

Member of the Advisory Board of Laser Light Communications, a US satellite start-up company.

10 November 2020

Mark Garnier

Chair of the Advisory Board of the Shetland Space Centre (paid).