



Formal Minutes of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in Session 2021–22

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

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Tuesday 12 May 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair¹

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Holstein NI

Ulster Farmers Union

SMMT

UK Trader Support Service

Citizenship and Passport Processes

Correspondence with Rt Hon Theresa May MP, relating to the Committee's inquiry into citizenship and passport processes in Northern Ireland, dated 26 April 2021.

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [29 January 2020]

Historical Institutional Abuse

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions relating to compensation for GB victims of historical institutional abuse, dated 28 April 2021.

3. Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Kristian Armstrong, Head of Passport and Nationality Policy, Home Office, Kevin Foster MP, Minister for Future Borders and Immigration and Robin Walker MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 May at 9am

Wednesday 19 May 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

Citizenship and Passport Processes

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

3. Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum 2021-22

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum 2021-22 be reported to the House for publication.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 May at 9.40am

Wednesday 19 May 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from David Campbell CBE, Chairman, Loyalist Communities Council, Joel Keys, Member, Loyalist Communities Council, Cllr Russell Watton, Member, Loyalist Communities Council and Jim Wilson, Member, Loyalist Communities Council.

Ian Paisley MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol, namely: involvement in a commercial legal case against the Protocol.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 20 May at 1.20pm

Thursday 20 May 2021

Virtual Meeting

The Committee met concurrently with the Welsh Affairs, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs and Scottish Affairs Committees.

Members present:

Simon Hoare

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

The following Members of the Welsh Affairs Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A).

Geraint Davies

Ben Lake

Robin Millar

The following Members of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A).

Ronnie Cowan

David Mundell

Karin Smith

William Wragg

The following Members of the Scottish Affairs Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A).

Andrew Bowie

Wendy Chamberlain

Pete Wishart

William Wragg was called to the Chair (Standing Order No. 137A (1)(d)).

1. The Dunlop Review and the UK Government's union capability

The Committees considered the brief and allocated questions.

The Lord Dunlop, author of the Dunlop Review, gave oral evidence.

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, and Sue Gray, Second Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 May at 8:45 am.

Wednesday 26 May 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Loyalist Communities Council

Northern Ireland Conservatives

Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA terrorism

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, dated 28 April.

Correspondence with the Minister for the Middle East and North Africa, dated 20 May.

Correspondence with the Minister for the Middle East and North Africa, dated 21 May.

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Cllr John Kyle, Councillor for the Titanic District Electoral Area, Belfast City Council and Peter Sheridan, CEO, Co-operation Ireland.

Ian Paisley MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol, namely: involvement in a commercial legal case against the Protocol.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 9 June at 8.45am

Wednesday 9 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

Women's Centre Derry

Belfast Jewish Community

Craigavon Travellers Support Committee

Northern Ireland Council for Racial Equality, and the All Party Assembly Group on Ethnic Minority Community

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Participation and the Practice of Rights

Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA terrorism

Correspondence with the Minister for the Middle East and North Africa, dated 8 June 2021.

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Cllr Billy Hutchinson, Councillor for the Court District Electoral Area, Belfast City Council and Susan McKay, Journalist and Author.

Ian Paisley MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol, namely: involvement in a commercial legal case against the Protocol.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 June at 8.45am

Thursday 10 June 2021

1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Correspondence with the Minister of State, Cabinet Office, 8 June 2021.

Wednesday 16 June 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

Employers for Childcare

Barnardo's NI

YMCA North Down/YMCA Ethnic Minorities Support

Law Centre NI

The Refugee and Asylum Forum

Equality Commission for NI

National Black Police Association

Migrant Centre NI

The Committee on the Administration of Justice

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Tim Ambler (supplementary written evidence)

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Lord Frost, Minister of State for the Cabinet Office and Mark Davies, Deputy Director, Northern Ireland Protocol, Northern Ireland/Ireland Unit, Cabinet Office.

Ian Paisley MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol, namely: involvement in a commercial legal case against the Protocol.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 June at 8.45am

Monday 21 June 2021

1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Minister for the Economy, 7 June 2021.

Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Minister for the Economy, 18 June 2021.

Wednesday 23 June 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

UNISON

Advice NI

Building Communities Resource Centre

3. Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Brandon Lewis MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mark Larmour, Director (Political), Northern Ireland Office and Colin Perry, Director (Economy), Northern Ireland Office.

Ian Paisley MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol, namely: involvement in a commercial legal case against the Protocol.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 30 June at 9.30am

Wednesday 30 June 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Stephanie Peacock

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Consumer Council

The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

Strabane Ethnic Community Association

North West Migrants Forum

3. Cross-border co-operation on policing, security and criminal justice after Brexit

Draft Special Report (Cross-border co-operation on policing, security and criminal justice after Brexit: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2019-21), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Citizenship and passport processes relating to Northern Ireland

Draft Report (*Citizenship and passport processes relating to Northern Ireland*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 22 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available (Standing Order No.

134).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 July at 8.45am

Wednesday 7 July 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Mary Kelly Foy

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Stephanie Peacock

Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Elaine Crory, Good Relations Co-Ordinator, Women's Resource and Development Agency; Rachel Powell, Women's Sector Lobbyist, Women's Resource and Development Agency; Eileen Weir, Network Co-Ordinator, Shankill Women's Centre; Louise Coyle, Director, NI Rural Women's Network; Kate Clifford, Director, Rural Community Network and Charmain Jones, Senior Cohesion Sharing and Integration Officer, Rural Community Network.

Ian Paisley MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol, namely: involvement in a commercial legal case against the Protocol.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 15 July at 8.45am

Thursday 15 July 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Robert Goodwill

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Rt Hon. Tobias Ellwood MP, of the Defence Committee, be invited to attend the forthcoming meeting relating to legacy issues, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

University of Surrey Trade Policy Observatory

Correspondence with Maroš Šefčovič, EU Vice-President for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight, dated 9 June and 12 July 2021

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Victor Chestnutt, President, Ulster Farmers Union, Aodhán Connolly, Northern Ireland Retail Consortium, Sarah Hards, Business Development Manager, AMNexday, Stephen Kelly, CEO, Manufacturing NI and Riccardo Tonelli, Director of Operations, North Sea and Irish Sea, P&O Ferries

and General Manager, Port of Larne.

Ian Paisley MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol, namely: involvement in a commercial legal case against the Protocol.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 September at 9am

Tuesday 20 July 2021

1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA attacks

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, dated 2 July 2021

Correspondence with the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, dated 15 July 2021

Wednesday 8 September 2021

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Robert Goodwill
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Claire Hanna
Fay Jones

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Cross-border co-operation on policing, security and criminal justice after Brexit

Correspondence with the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, dated 14 July 2021 and 3 August 2021

3. The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Ms. Kendall Bousquet, Migration Justice Advocacy Officer at Migrant Centre NI, Caroline Coleman, Manager, Craigavon Travellers Support Committee, Breidge McPherson, Regional Outreach Worker, Women's Centre Derry, John Patrick Clayton, Policy Officer, UNISON Northern Ireland, Natalie Donnelly, Local Organiser, UNISON Northern Ireland and Patrick Yu, Black and Migrant Workers' Group, UNISON Northern Ireland.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 September at 9am

Wednesday 15 September 2021

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Belfast.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Northern Ireland Protocol

Tim Ambler

3. The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Lilian Seenoi-Barr, Director of Programmes at North West Migrants Forum, Ronnie Vellem, Secretary of the Northern Ireland Community of Refugees and Asylum Seekers (NICRAS), Liz Griffith, Law Centre NI and Refugee and Asylum Forum, Sergeant Richard Williams, local Chair of the Ethnic Minority Police Association, and Andy George, President of the National Black Police Association.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 October at 9am

Sunday 19 September – Wednesday 22 September 2021

Simon Hoare, Scott Benton, Gregory Campbell, Stephen Farry, Mr Robert Goodwill, Claire Hanna, Fay Jones and Ian Paisley visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the Northern Ireland Protocol and Addressing the Legacy of the Troubles: the UK Government's New Proposals, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 May 2021.

Wednesday 20 October 2021

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Ian Paisley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

Traveller Intervention Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Police Service of Northern Ireland
Forward South Partnership

3. The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Michele Janes, Head of Barnardo's NI, Geraldine McGahey OBE, Chief Commissioner, Equalities Commission for NI, and Paul Noonan, Senior Policy Officer on Public Policy and Strategic Engagement Team, Equalities Commission for NI.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 27 October at 2pm

Wednesday 27 October

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Claire Hanna

Scott Benton

Ian Paisley

Stephen Farry

Stephanie Peacock

Robert Goodwill

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past

Tobias Ellwood, Chair, Defence Committee, attended this meeting as a guest (NIAC Resolution, 15 July).

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Madeline Alessandri CMG, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, and Chris Flatt, Strategy Director, Northern Ireland Office.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 November at 10am

Wednesday 3 November

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Claire Hanna

Stephen Farry

Robert Goodwill

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into investment in Northern Ireland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the United States.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 1 December at 2.30pm

Wednesday 17 November – Thursday 18 November 2021

Simon Hoare, Stephen Farry, Mr Robert Goodwill, Claire Hanna and Fay Jones visited Brussels in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Northern Ireland Protocol, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 July 2021.

Tuesday 23 November – Wednesday 24 November 2021

Simon Hoare, Gregory Campbell, Stephen Farry, Mr Robert Goodwill, Claire Hanna, Ian Paisley visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 September 2021.

Friday 26 November 2021

1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Immigration and the Common Travel Area

Correspondence with the Home Secretary, 2 September 2021.

Wednesday 1 December 2021

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Claire Hanna

Stephen Farry

Robert Goodwill

Ian Paisley

Scott Benton

Mary Foy

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Dublin and Northern Ireland.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, relating to the Government's proposals for addressing the legacy of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, dated 30 November 2021

3. The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Cllr Martin Reilly, Derry and Strabane District Council, Godfrey McCartney, Community Development Manager, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, Dolores Donnelly, Good Relations Officer, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, Orla McStravick, Acting Head of Infrastructure and Racial Equality Division, The Executive Office, and Gareth Johnston, Acting Deputy Secretary, Good Relations and Inclusion Directorate, The Executive Office.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 December at 9 am

Wednesday 8 December 2021

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Claire Hanna

Scott Benton

Stephen Farry

Robert Goodwill

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

Gregory Campbell

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Investment in Northern Ireland

Grow the Glens

Northern Ireland Protocol

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, relating to the Northern Ireland Protocol, dated 19 August and 30 November 2021

3. NIO Accounts

Resolved, That the Committee approve the consolidation of Returning Officers' Expenses accounts with NIO Group accounts

4. UK Immigration Policy and the Common Travel Area

The Committee took evidence in public from Kevin Foster MP, Under-Secretary of State for Immigration and Future Borders, and Nigel Farminer, Head of Border Security and Identity Policy Unit, Migration and Borders Group, Home Office.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 9am

Wednesday 12 January 2022

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Gregory Campbell

Claire Hanna

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Investment in Northern Ireland

Minister of Finance MLA

Thales

Wrightbus, Ryze Hydrogen & Hygen Energy

Department for the Economy

Intertrade Ireland

InvestNI

Labour Relations Agency

Queen's University Belfast, Stranmillis University College & St Mary's University College

Tourism Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Screen

Camlin Group

MATRIX

Queen's University Belfast

The experiences of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland
Housing Rights

3. Citizenship and passport processes relating to Northern Ireland

Draft Special Report (Citizenship and passport processes relating to Northern Ireland: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2021-22, the Committee's letter and the Government's reply) 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, the Committee's letter and the Government's reply were appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Investment in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Gareth Hagan, CEO, OCO Global, and Ann Watt, Director, Pivotal Public Policy Forum.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 9am

Wednesday 19 January 2022

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Gregory Campbell

Scott Benton

Claire Hanna

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Investment in Northern Ireland

Belfast City Council

PACT

Cross-border Workers Coalition

Pivotal

3. Investment in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Professor Emma Flynn, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise, Queen's University Belfast; Dr Robert Grundy, Chair, Northern Ireland Science Industry Panel (Matrix) and CEO Anglezarke Life Sciences; and Philip McBride, Managing Director, Thales Belfast.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 8.45am

Wednesday 26 January 2022

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Gregory Campbell

Claire Hanna

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Investment in Northern Ireland

ABPI

FinTech NI Association

HIRANI

NIWBG

Makers Alliance

ICB

UKTPO

4. Australia and New Zealand free trade agreements: effect on NI

The Committee took evidence in public from Michael Bell, Executive Director, Northern Ireland Food and Drink Association, Victor Chestnutt, President, Ulster Farmers Union, Ian Stevenson, Chief Executive, Livestock and Meat Commission, HE Hon. George Brandis QC, Australian High Commissioner to the UK and HE Bede Corry, New Zealand High Commissioner to the UK.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 9am

Thursday 27 January 2022

1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Historical Institutional Abuse compensation

Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery, 8 November 2021 and 17 January 2022.

Monday 31 January 2022

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

The experiences of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

Kenneth Fraser

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Members Present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Sir Robert Goodwill

Ian Paisley

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

UK Immigration Policy and the Common Travel Area

Correspondence from the Minister for Safe and Legal Migration, 27 January 2022

3. Experiences of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Ken Fraser, Head, Racial Equality Unit, The Executive Office.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 February at 9am

Wednesday 2 February 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Sir Robert Goodwill

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Investment in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Peter Cunningham, CEO, Camlin Group and Mark Huddleston, CEO, Makers Alliance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 9am.

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Sir Robert Goodwill

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Ian Paisley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. New Decade, New Approach: two years on

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Conor Burns MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, Paul Flynn, Deputy Director, Political Affairs, Northern Ireland Office and Stephen Rusk, Head of Economy Group, Northern Ireland Office.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 9am.

Wednesday 23 February 2022

Members present:

Scott Benton
Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Sir Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Fay Jones
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Robert Goodwill was called to the chair.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Investment in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Cllr Kate Nicholl, Lord Mayor of Belfast, Damien Martin, Programme Manager, Belfast Region City Deal, Professor Stuart Elborn, Project Lead, Institute of Research Excellence for Advanced Clinical Healthcare (iREACH), Dr Godfrey Gaston, Project Lead, Global Innovation Institute (GII), Queen's University Belfast, Stephen Gillespie, Director for Business & Culture, Invest Derry City & Strabane, Eddie McGoldrick, Director, Grow the Glens and Paddy McLaughlin, Director, Grow the Glens.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 9am.

Wednesday 2 March 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Sir Robert Goodwill
Stephen Farry
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Belfast in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into The experiences of minority ethnic and migrant people.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA terrorism

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, dated 15 November 2021 and 24 February 2022.

Northern Ireland Office 2021-22 Supplementary Estimates

3. The experiences of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland

Draft Report (*The experiences of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 28 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available (Standing Order No.

134).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 March at 9.30am

Tuesday 8 March – Wednesday 9 March 2022

Sir Robert Goodwill, Scott Benton, Gregory Campbell, Mary Kelly Foy, Claire Hanna and Stephanie Peacock visited Dublin in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the Northern Ireland Protocol and Addressing the Legacy of the Past: the UK Government's New Proposals, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 1 December 2021.

Wednesday 16 March 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Investment in Northern Ireland

IBEC.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 March at 8.30am

Tuesday 22 March 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Sir Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Investment in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Gordon Lyons MLA, Minister for the Economy, NI Department for the Economy, Paul Grocott, Head of Economic Strategy Group, NI Department for the Economy, Conor Murphy MLA, Minister of Finance, NI Department of Finance, Laura McDonald, Strategic Policy and Reform, NI Department of Finance and Jeff McGuinness, Acting Head of General Expenditure, NI Department of Finance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 28 March at 4.00pm

Wednesday 23 March 2022

1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

New Decade, New Approach: two years on

Correspondence from the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, relating to cultural package legislation, 23 March 2022.

Monday 28 March 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Scott Benton
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Gregory Campbell
Claire Hanna
Stephen Farry
Sir Robert Goodwill
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Brandon Lewis CBE MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Madeleine Alessandri CMG, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, Colin Perry, Director, Economy and Protocol, Northern Ireland Office

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 April at 9.00am

Tuesday 29 March – Thursday 31 March 2022

Simon Hoare, Scott Benton, Mary Kelly Foy, Claire Hanna, Sir Robert Goodwill and Ian Paisley visited Belfast and Derry/Londonderry in connection with the Committee's inquiry into investment in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 1 December 2021.

Wednesday 20 April 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Scott Benton
Mary Kelly Foy
Claire Hanna
Sir Robert Goodwill
Ian Paisley

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Correspondence with the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating to Regulations on double taxation.

Addressing the legacy of the Troubles

Correspondence from the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, relating to a Police Ombudsman report.

Stroke treatment in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Minister of Health relating to stroke treatment in Northern Ireland.

6. Tourism and the Common Travel Area

The Committee took evidence in public from John McGrillen, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism NI, Shane Clarke, Director of Corporate Services, Policy and Northern Ireland, Tourism Ireland, Dr Joanne Stewart OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Ireland Tourism Alliance, Kevin Foster MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Immigration and Future Borders and Rachel Lloyd, Director, Borders, Visitors and International Migration, Home Office.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April at 3.00pm

Wednesday 27 April 2022

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Scott Benton
Mary Kelly Foy
Claire Hanna
Sir Robert Goodwill
Ian Paisley

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tourism and the Common Travel Area

Tourism NI

NITA

Tourism Ireland Tourism and the Common Travel Area

9. Levelling Up and Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Neil O'Brien MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Sue Gray, Second Permanent Secretary, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Rt Hon. Conor Burns MP, Minister of State for Northern Ireland

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May at 9.30am

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Hoare, Simon MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

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

House in Oxfordshire, owned jointly with my wife: (i) and, since September 2015, (ii). (Registered 21 May 2015; updated 8 January 2018.)

8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated trustee of Bowel and Cancer Research. (Registered 21 August 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Kate Hoare, as Constituency Support Manager. (Registered 29 February 2016; updated 20 December 2019)

Benton, Scott MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

1. Employment and earnings

13 December 2019, received £1,935.75 from Calderdale Council, Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ, for my roles as Councillor and Conservative Group Leader. Hours: 25 hrs. (Registered 06 January 2020; updated 24 September 2020)

27 December 2019, received £311.41 from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority, Oakroyd Hall, Bradford Road, Birkenshaw BD11 2DY, for my role as Local Councillor Representative. Hours: 5 hrs. (Registered 06 January 2020; updated 24 September 2020)

27 December 2019, received payment of £915.82 from IPSA, 2nd floor, 85

Strand, London WC2R 0DW, for work done as a MP's research assistant.
Hours: no hours since my election to Parliament. (Registered 28 February 2020) This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 22 December 2020. Paragraph 15 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

I received the following allowances from Calderdale Council, Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ, for my role as Councillor, to which I committed approx. 8 hrs a month. I ceased to be Councillor on 19 March 2021. (Updated 26 March 2021)

15 January 2020, received £1,550.74. (Registered 25 June 2020; updated 24 September 2020) This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 22 December 2020. Paragraph 15 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

15 February 2020, received £547.12. (Registered 25 June 2020; updated 24 September 2020) This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 22 December 2020. Paragraph 15 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

15 March 2020, received £879.92. (Registered 25 June 2020; updated 24 September 2020) This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 22 December 2020. Paragraph 15 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

15 April 2020, received £879.92. (Registered 25 June 2020; updated 24 September 2020) This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 22 December 2020. Paragraph 15 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

15 May 2020, received £879.92. (Registered 25 June 2020; updated 24 September 2020) This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 22 December 2020. Paragraph 15 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

From 15 June 2020 until 19 March 2021 I received £879.92 a month. (Registered 25 June 2020; updated 24 September 2020 and 26 March 2021)

Payments from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for

surveys:

9 September 2020, received £250 for a survey completed on 21 July 2020. Hours: 1 hr 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2020)

15 December 2020, received £200 for a survey completed in November 2020. Hours: 1 hr 10 mins. (Registered 16 December 2020)

10 December 2020, received £80 for a survey completed in November 2020. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 21 December 2020)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for surveys:

9 February 2021, received £140 for a survey completed in January 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 09 February 2021)

9 February 2021, received £40 for a survey completed in January 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

19 April 2021, received £60 for a survey completed in March 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

30 April 2021, received £100 for a survey completed in April 2021. Hours: 40 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

30 April 2021, received £100 for a survey completed in April 2021. Hours: 40 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

27 May 2021, received £120 for a survey completed in May 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 15 June 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 1 February 2020, member of Blackpool Town Funds Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 24 January 2020)

Campbell, Mr Gregory MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from ComRes, Four Millbank London SW1P 3JA, for opinion surveys. All fees paid direct to East Londonderry DUP:

20 May 2020, payment of £75 for a survey in January 2020.
Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 23 October 2020)

20 May 2020, payment of £75 for a survey in February 2020.
Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 23 October 2020)

9 June 2020, payment of £75 for a survey in April 2020. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 23 October 2020)

5 August 2020, payment of £75 for a survey in May 2020. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 23 October 2020)

26 September, payment of £75 for a survey in June 2020. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 23 October 2020)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for opinion surveys. All fees paid direct to East Londonderry DUP:

21 January 2021, payment of £100 for a survey in January 2021.
Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

10 February 2021, payment of £60 for a survey in February 2021. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

25 February 2021, payment of £100 for a survey in February 2021. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

16 March 2021, payment of £100 for a survey in March 2021.
Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

24 March 2021, payment of £120 for a survey in March 2021. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

28 April 2021, payment of £110 for a survey in April 2021.

Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated interests currently registered on the NI Assembly website register do not appear here as they are not registrable under House of Commons rules.

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Frances Campbell, as part-time Secretary.

Farry, Stephen MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 13 December 2019, Visiting Professor, the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, the Queen's University of Belfast. (Registered 11 January 2020)

From 13 December 2019, Member of the Independent Commission on the College of the Future (Association of Colleges). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Goodwill, Mr Robert MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

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

Southwood Farm, Terrington, York, which is farmed "in hand": (i) and (ii).

Three industrial units at Southwood Farm, Terrington, York: (i) and (ii). Since January 2018, only two of these units are let. (Updated 06 January 2020)

Four houses in Teesside. Administered by R W Goodwill, Property Division: (i) and (ii).

Until 1 October 2020, a residential property in North Yorkshire. Administered by R W Goodwill, Property Division: (i) and, from June 2018, (ii). (Registered 03 April 2012; updated 06 January 2020)

Flat in London. Administered by R W Goodwill, Property Division: (i) and (ii). (Registered 10 April 2012)

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

Mowthorpe (UK) Ltd; cemetery company

From 21 September 2020, 76 Warwick Way Ltd; a company which owns a property freehold. (Registered 23 September 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated managing director of Mowthorpe (UK) Ltd; see entry in Category 7 above. (Updated 13 May 2015)

Farmer; R W Goodwill, Southwood Farm, Terrington, York. I draw no money from the farm. (Updated 13 May 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Maureen Goodwill, as Parliamentary Assistant and Caseworker.

Hanna, Claire MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

Nil

Paisley, Ian MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

1. Employment and earnings

Payment of £200 expected from Catholic Herald, Herald House, off Bunhill Row, 15 Lamb's Passage, London EC1Y 8TQ, for article written on 19 June 2020. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 14 July 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Coco Collection Resorts

Address of donor: Kuda, Hithi Island, Maldives

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): for myself and three family members, accommodation and board costing £4,065,38, with complimentary in-country sea transfers.

Destination of visit: Coco Bodu Hithi Island resort, The Maldives

Dates of visit: 30 October to 4 November 2016

Purpose of visit: family holiday

This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 13 July 2020. Paragraph 15 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules applies. (Registered 28 September 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

From 19 July 2016, unpaid chair of charitable trust established by JTI/Gallaher to support job creation and skills development in Ballymena. (Registered 25 July 2016)

Since 30 April 2021 I have co-ordinated crowdfunding for a legal action by businesses and employers to challenge the Northern Ireland Protocol. (Registered 18 June 2021)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Fiona Paisley, as part time Administrative Assistant. (Registered 12 April 2017)

Stewart, Bob (Beckenham)

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Claire Podbielski-Stewart, as part-time Senior Parliamentary Assistant. (Registered 15 May 2015)

Foy, Mary Kelly MP [Member from 8 June 2020]

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

Nil

Peacock, Stephanie MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

Nil

Jones, Fay MP

Declarations of interest (as of 28 June 2021)

Nil