



House of Commons
Northern Ireland Affairs
Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2019-2021

Formal Minutes of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Wednesday 4 March 2020

Members present:

Mr Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry
Claire Hanna
Bob Stewart

1. Declarations of interest

Members disclosed their interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.*)

2. Chair

Motion made, That Mr Robert Goodwill take the Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the meeting and for the next two meetings.—[*Scott Benton.*]

Resolved, That Mr Robert Goodwill take the Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the meeting and for the next two meetings.

Mr Robert Goodwill accordingly took the Chair.

3. Confidentiality and privilege

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Committee working practices

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 the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the Chair will circulate the agenda for Committee meetings, subject to the right of any Committee member to raise issues for the Committee to consider.

Resolved, That Chair will engage in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature.

Resolved, That the Chair will arrange informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit.

Resolved, That the Chair will authorise the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports.

Resolved, That the Chair will, subject to a degree of prior negotiation, propose reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall.

Resolved, That the Chair will take decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the New Decade, New Approach agreement.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

6. Evidence reported for publication

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

Education funding in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education, dated 3 February 2020.

Health funding in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health, dated 3 February 2020.

Matters raised by the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in the 2017-19 Parliament

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 3 February 2020.

Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive Voluntary Buy-Out arrangements

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary at the Department for the Economy, dated 7 November 2019 and 11 February 2020.

Northern Ireland Office 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates.

7. Any other business

Resolved, That the Committee notes the contribution of former Northern Ireland Affairs Committee members Lady Sylvia Hermon and Kate Hoey.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 9.30 am

Wednesday 11 March 2020

Members present:

Mr Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna
Karin Smyth
Bob Stewart

1. Coronavirus and the Work of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

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

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Guesting between Select Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 March at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 18 March 2020

Members present:

Mr Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry
Ian Paisley

1. Coronavirus and the Work of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 April at 9.30 am

Monday 23 March 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Health Funding in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 20 March.

Matters raised by the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in the 2017-19 Session

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 20 March.

Matters to be raised at the cancelled oral evidence session on Wednesday 25 March

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 20 March.

Parliamentary scrutiny of the Joint Committee on the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 18 March.

Welfare policy in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 20 March.

Thursday 26 March 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Parliamentary scrutiny of the Joint Committee on the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 24 March.

Thursday 2 April 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

New Decade, New Approach Agreement

Dr Clare Rice

Dr Esmond Birnie

Northern Ireland Local Government Association

Paul Mac Flyn

Pivotal Public Policy Forum

Tuesday 14 April 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

New Decade, New Approach Agreement

Dr Sean Haughey

Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action

Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

Centre for Customs and Excise Studies

Colin Murray and Dr Clare Rice

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Friday 17 April 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

FSB Northern Ireland

Wednesday 22 April 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley

1. Coronavirus and the Work of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on Coronavirus and devolution in Northern Ireland.

3. Science and Technology Committee: Guesting on 24 April

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Simon Hoare attend the Science and Technology Committee oral evidence session on 24 April on behalf of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

New Decade, New Approach Agreement

Dr Anthony Soares

Dr Kevin McNicholl

Karen Sweeney

Rebekah McCabe

Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

Northern Ireland Business Brexit Group

Northern Ireland Retail Consortium

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 April at 9.30 am

Monday 27 April 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

Dr Katy Hayward, Professor David Phinnemore, and Dr Milena Komarova

Dr Mike Johnston

Shanker Singham, Lars Karlsson, Tony Smith, Frank Dunsmuir, Des Hiscock, and Dinesh Unadka

Stephen Cox

Wednesday 29 April 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell	Claire Hanna
Scott Benton	Ian Paisley
Stephen Farry	Karin Smyth
Mr Robert Goodwill	Bob Stewart

1. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Science and Technology Committee: Guesting on 24 April

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee: Guesting on 5 May

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Mr Robert Goodwill attend the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee meeting on 5 May on behalf of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 20 April.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Publication of written evidence by the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 30 April at 2.30 pm]

Thursday 30 April 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell	Claire Hanna
Scott Benton	Ian Paisley
Mr Gregory Campbell	Karin Smyth
Stephen Farry	Bob Stewart
Mr Robert Goodwill	

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Matters to be raised at the cancelled oral evidence session on Wednesday 25 March

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 20 April.

Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

Freight Transport Association

2. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Wesley Aston, Chief Executive Officer, Ulster Farmers' Union, Aodhán Connolly, Director, Northern Ireland Retail Consortium, Anne Donaghy, Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, Angela McGowan, Director, CBI Northern Ireland, and Professor David Widdowson, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Customs and Excise Studies.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 May at 9.30 am]

Monday 4 May 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

New Decade, New Approach Agreement

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Professor David Widdowson AM

Wednesday 6 May 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell	Claire Hanna
Scott Benton	Ian Paisley
Stephen Farry	Karin Smyth
Mr Robert Goodwill	Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. New Decade, New Approach agreement

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 7 May at 9.30 am]

Thursday 7 May 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell	Claire Hanna
Scott Benton	Ian Paisley
Mr Gregory Campbell	Karin Smyth
Stephen Farry	Bob Stewart
Mr Robert Goodwill	

1. New Decade, New Approach agreement

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon Julian Smith MP, former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Sir Jonathan Stephens KCB, former Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, and Lilah Howson-Smith, former Specialist Adviser, Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 May at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 13 May 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Mr Gregory Campbell
Scott Benton
Stephen Farry

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 May at 2.30 pm]

Thursday 14 May 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell	Claire Hanna
Mr Gregory Campbell	Ian Paisley
Scott Benton	Karin Smyth
Stephen Farry	Bob Stewart
Mr Robert Goodwill	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took public evidence from Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Madeleine Alessandri, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, Mark Larmour, Director, Northern Ireland Office, and Colin Perry, Director, Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 May at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton	Claire Hanna
Mr Gregory Campbell	Ian Paisley
Stephen Farry	Bob Stewart
Mr Robert Goodwill	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 June at 9.30 am]

Thursday 28 May 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Dr Austen Morgan

NIRPOA Ltd

Robin Horsfall

Monday 1 June 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 1 April.

Wednesday 3 June 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. New Decade, New Approach agreement

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Scoping report by Mr William Shawcross CVO

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, dated 19 May.

Invitation to provide evidence on the scoping report by Mr William Shawcross CVO

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

Matters raised at the oral evidence session on Thursday 14 May

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 22 May.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 June at 9.30 am]

Thursday 4 June 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Axel Schmidt

Christopher Stanley

Dr Conall Mallory, Dr Sean Molloy, and Colin Murray

Janet Maxwell

Karen Jardine

Luke Moffett

Neil Faris, and Peter Smith CBE QC

Peter Mann

Professor Brice Dickson

South East Fermanagh Foundation and Innocent Victims United

The Right Reverend Alan Harper, and Rev. Dr Gary Mason

Trevor Ringland

Monday 8 June 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Birju Kotecha

David Hoey

Healing Through Remembering

John Cubbon

Malone House Group

Northern Catholic Bishops

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Padraig Yeates, and John Green

Pat Finucane Centre and Justice for the Forgotten

Patrick John Roche

Police Federation for Northern Ireland

Professor Siobhan O'Neill, and Professor Brandon Hamber

Rev. David Clements

Stormont House Agreement Model Bill Team

The Ely Centre

Traditional Unionist Voice

Wave Trauma Centre

Wednesday 10 June 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. Declaration of interests

Mary Kelly Foy disclosed her interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.*)

2. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Deputy First Minister in the Northern Ireland Executive on pensions for victims of terrorism.

3. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit: Guesting on 18 June

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Mr Hilary Benn attend the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee meeting on 18 June on behalf of the Future Relationship with the European Union Committee.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 June at 8.45 am]

Thursday 11 June 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Anonymous

Friday 12 June 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Ulster Unionist Party

Wednesday 17 June 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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:

New Decade, New Approach Agreement

Carnegie UK Trust

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 June at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 17 June 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. New Decade, New Approach agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Robin Walker MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, and Mark Larmour, Director, Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Thursday 18 June at 2.30 pm]

Thursday 18 June 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna
Bob Stewart

1. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

Mr Hilary Benn, Chair, Future Relationship with the European Union Committee, attended this meeting as a guest (*NIAC Resolution, 10 June*).

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Colin Perry, Director, Northern Ireland Office, and Brendan Threlfall, Director, Withdrawal Agreement and Northern Ireland Team, Transition Task Force, Cabinet Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 June at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 24 June 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum 2020-21

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum 2020-21 be reported to the House for publication.

2. European Scrutiny Committee notification: VAT collection in Northern Ireland after the UK leaves the EU

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Parliamentary scrutiny of the Joint Committee on the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 27 May.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 June at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 24 June 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee took evidence in public from Judith Thompson, Commissioner for Victims and Survivors, Mary Moreland, Member of the Victims and Survivors Forum, and Emmett McConomy, Member of the Victims and Survivors Forum.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 July at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 1 July 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell	Claire Hanna
Stephen Farry	Ian Paisley
Mary Kelly Foy	Bob Stewart
Mr Robert Goodwill	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. New Decade, New Approach agreement

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Derrick Paul Young

Parliamentary scrutiny of the Joint Committee on the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 1 May.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 July at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 1 July 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee took evidence in public from Sandra Peake, CEO, WAVE Trauma Centre, Cathy Curran, Advocacy Worker, WAVE Trauma Centre, Rev Dr David Clements, Board Member, WAVE Trauma Centre, Kenny Donaldson, Director of Services, South East Fermanagh Foundation, Ken Funston, Advocacy Service Manager, SEFF, and Iona Gallagher, Advocacy Support Worker, SEFF.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 July at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 8 July 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
Bob Stewart

1. Declaration of interests

Stephanie Peacock disclosed her interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.*)

2. Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

Draft Report (*Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 118 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)

3. New Decade, New Approach agreement

Draft Report (*New Decade, New Approach agreement*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 79 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)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 July at 8.45 am

Thursday 9 July 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Amnesty International UK

Tuesday 14 July 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

British Veterinary Association

Wednesday 15 July 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee took evidence in public from Raymond White, Chairman, Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association, Chris Albiston, Executive Committee Member, Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association, Robin Horsfall, Million Veterans March, Harry Wragg, Rolling Thunder for Soldier F, and Paul Young, Justice for Northern Ireland Veterans Original Group.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 September at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 2 September 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Cross-border co-operation on policing, security and criminal justice after Brexit.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire 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:

Government's response to the report by William Shawcross CVO

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, dated 2 September.

3. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee took evidence in public from Simon Byrne, Chief Constable, PSNI, Bobby Singleton, Detective Chief Superintendent, PSNI, and Jon Boutcher, Head, Operation Kenova.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 September at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 9 September 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee took evidence in public from Lord Caine, Lord Empey, Lord Hain, and Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 September at 9.15 am]

Monday 14 September 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit

Draft Special Report (*Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit: Government Response to the Committee's First 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 First Report from the Committee of Session 2019-21 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.

Wednesday 16 September 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock

1. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new proposals

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 11 September.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Northern Ireland.

3. Dunlop Review of UK Government Union Capability

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Correspondence with the Prime Minister, dated 11 September.

4. Shawcross Report

The Committee discussed this matter.

5. Historical Institutional Abuse

The Committee discussed this matter.

6. New Decade New Approach Agreement

Draft Special Report (*New Decade New Approach Agreement: Government Response to the Committee's Second 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 Second Report from the Committee was 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.

7. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

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

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 September at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 23 September 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
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

Dr Graham Gudgin

Government's response to the report by Mr William Shawcross CVO

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, dated 15 September.

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Graham Gudgin, Honorary Research Associate, Centre for Business Research at University of Cambridge, Professor Katy Hayward, Professor, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work at Queen's University Belfast, and Raoul Ruparel, Adviser at Deloitte, Anton Spisak, Policy Lead, Trade and Productivity at Tony Blair Institute.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 October at 9.15 am]

Wednesday 7 October 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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

Bristol Myers Squibb

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

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Police Service of Northern Ireland

UK-Irish Criminal Justice Cooperation Network

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

The Committee took evidence in public from Gemma Davies, Associate Professor of Law at Northumbria University, Dr Rachael Dickson, Birmingham Law School at University of Birmingham, Dr Amanda Kramer, School of Law at Queen's University Belfast, Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Professor of European Criminal Law and Global Security at Queen Mary University of London, and Professor Steve Peers, School of Law at University of Essex.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 October at 9.15 am]

Wednesday 14 October 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee took evidence in public from David Babington, Chief Executive at Action Mental Health, Professor Steve Fothergill, Professor at Sheffield Hallam University, Roger Pollen, Head of External Affairs at Federation of Small Business Northern Ireland, Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive at Belfast City Council, and Bill Pauley, Director, Strategic Policy and Reform at Northern Ireland Department of Finance.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 October at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Caroline Ansell
Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
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:

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

Professor Emeritus Clive Walker

3. Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past: the Government's New Proposals

Draft Report (*Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past: the Government's New Proposals (Interim Report)*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 55 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third 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)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 November at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 4 November 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton	Claire Hanna
Mr Gregory Campbell	Ian Paisley
Stephen Farry	Bob Stewart
Mr Robert Goodwill	

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

Colin Murray (Reader in Public Law at Newcastle University), and Dr Clare Rice (Research Assistant at Newcastle University)

Dr Amanda Kramer (Lecturer in Law at Queen's University Belfast), and Dr Rachael Dickson (Research Fellow at Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham)

Northern Ireland Office

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Correspondence with the Department of Finance (Northern Ireland), dated 8 October.

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

The Committee took evidence in public from Simon Byrne, Chief Constable at Police Service of Northern Ireland, Mark McEwan, Assistant Chief Constable at Police Service of Northern Ireland, Steve Rodhouse, Director General of Operations at National Crime Agency, and Steve Tracey, Assistant Director, Organised Crime Directorate at HMRC.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 November at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 11 November 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton	Claire Hanna
Mr Gregory Campbell	Ian Paisley
Mary Kelly Foy	Bob Stewart
Mr Robert Goodwill	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Colette Goldrick, Executive Director, Strategy and Partnerships at Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, and Dr Richard Greville, Director, Distribution & Supply and ABPI Cymru Wales at Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 November at 8.45 am

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Vice President of the European Commission, UK Chief Negotiator and Chief Negotiator of the UK Task Force, dated 17 November.

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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:

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

Ms Gemma Davies (Associate Professor at Northumbria University)

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

The Committee took evidence in public from Naomi Long MLA, Minister of Justice at Northern Ireland Executive, Linda Hamilton, Deputy Director, EU Exit and Victims Support Division at Northern Ireland Executive Department of Justice.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 November at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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:

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

Ms Gemma Davies (Associate Professor at Northumbria University)

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

The Committee took evidence in public from Mr Robin Walker MP and Mark Larmour, Director at Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 December at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 2 December 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, relating to the Interim Report: Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past the Government's New Proposals, dated 17 November.

Correspondence with the Ambassador of Ireland to the United Kingdom, relating to the Interim Report: Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past the Government's New Proposals, dated 19 November.

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Logistics UK

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Mark Davies, Deputy Director, Transition Task Force Northern Ireland at Cabinet Office, Ian Broadhurst, Deputy Director, VAT Reliefs, Deductions and Financial Services at HM Revenue and Customs, Mark Denney, Director of IT, EU Transition and Covid-19 Chancellor Schemes at HM Revenue and Customs, Aidan Reilly, Director for Customs and Border Design at HM Revenue and Customs, and James Smallbone, Deputy Director, VAT Fraud and Transition Readiness at HM Revenue and Customs.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 December at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 9 December 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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

Correspondence with the Director of Customs and Borders Design, relating to numbers of HMRC staff working on EU transition, dated 8 December.

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Denis McMahon, Permanent Secretary at Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland, Robert Huey, Deputy Secretary, Veterinary Service and Animal Health Group at Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland, Norman Fulton, Deputy Secretary, Food and Farming Group at Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland, Mark Livingstone, Director, Operational Readiness at Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland, Tamara Finkelstein, Permanent Secretary at Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Emma Bourne, Director of Constitution and Borders at Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and John Bourne, Director, Biosecurity and Food Projects at Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 December at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 January at 8.45 am

Thursday 17 December 2020

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Cabinet Office

Correspondence with Edward Argar MP, relating to medicines and the Northern Ireland Protocol, dated 16 December.

Wednesday 6 January 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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

Correspondence with the Minister for Northern Ireland, relating to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, dated 21 December.

Correspondence with Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP, relating to Customs, VAT and Excise EU Exit Statutory Instruments for Northern Ireland, dated 23 December.

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Victor Chestnutt, President at Ulster Farmers Union, Aodhán Connolly, Director at Northern Ireland Retail Consortium, and Seamus Leheny, Policy Manager, Northern Ireland at Logistics UK.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 January at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 13 January 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
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:

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's New Proposals

Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, relating to the Committee's Interim Report on Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: the Government's New Proposals, dated 7 January.

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

The Committee took evidence in public from Gemma Davies, Associate Professor, Northumbria Law School at Northumbria University, Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, School of Law at Queen Mary University of London, Colin Murray, Reader in Public Law, Newcastle Law School at Newcastle University, and Professor Steve Peers, School of Law at University of Essex.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 January at 1.45 pm]

Monday 18 January 2021

Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication [Resolution of the Committee, 11 March]:

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Disabled People, relating to assistance dogs in Northern Ireland, 15 January 2021.

Wednesday 20 January 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy

Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. 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, Colin Perry, Director at Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 January at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 27 January 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna

Fay Jones
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
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:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Northern Ireland, relating to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, dated 11 January.

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Northern Ireland, relating to Cross-Border Security, dated 19 January.

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Northern Ireland, relating to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, dated 19 January.

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

The Committee took evidence in public from Mark McEwan, Assistant Chief Constable at Police Service of Northern Ireland, Paul Morgan CBE, Senior Director, Border Readiness Directorate at Border Force, and Steve Rodhouse, Director General of Operations at National Crime Agency.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 January at 4.30 pm]

Wednesday 27 January 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. 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, and Chris Flatt, Strategy Director at Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 February at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 3 February 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Fay Jones
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
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

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, and Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

3. Work of the Veterans' Commissioner for Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Danny Kinahan, Veterans' Commissioner for Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 February at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 10 February 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill

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

Quay Cargo Services Ltd.

UK Glass Eels Ltd.

Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

Amnesty International UK

Committee on the Administration of Justice

Dr Rachael Dickson and Dr Amanda Kramer

Gemma Davies

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Historical Institutional Abuse

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Work and Pensions, relating to compensation payments for victims of Historical Institutional Abuse, dated 9 February

Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Supplementary Written Evidence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 5 February

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Ian Davies, Head of UK Port Authorities at Stena Line, Sarah Hards, Business Development Manager at AM Nexday, Stephen

McAneney, Managing Director at Allied Fleet Services, and Nick McCullough, Managing Director at DFDS Northern Ireland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 February at 8.45 am

Wednesday 24 February 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Republic of Ireland virtually on 11 March 2021.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Logistics UK

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

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Ulster Unionist Party

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Esmond Birnie, Senior Economist at Ulster University Business School, David Henig, Director, UK Trade Policy Project at European Centre for International Political Economy, and Sam Lowe, Senior Research Fellow at Centre for European Reform.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 March at 1.30 pm]

Wednesday 3 March 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Fay Jones
Ian Paisley
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. William Shawcross

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That William Shawcross attend the Committee on 24 March 2021.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association

Chartered Accountants Ireland

Colin Murray and Clare Rice

Hospitality Ulster

Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co-operative-Society Ltd

Ulster Unionist Party

Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

Dr Austen Morgan

Irish Ambassador

William Shawcross

Correspondence with William Shawcross, relating to a formal summons to attend the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 24 March 2021, dated 3 March.

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

The Committee took evidence in public from Mr Robin Walker MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, and Mark Larmour, Political Director at Northern Ireland Office.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 March at 8.45 am

Wednesday 10 March

2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Robert Goodwill

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:

Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

Retail NI

Ms Lisa Whitten and Dr Viviane Gravey

Democratic Unionist Party

Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

Mr Colin Murray and Dr Clare Rice

Ulster Unionist Party

Professor Bernard Ryan

UK Government

3. Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission; Éilis Haughey, Head of Service to Dedicated Mechanism, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 March at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 17 March

2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Fay Jones
Ian Paisley

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 policy, security and criminal justice after Brexit

Correspondence with Paul Morgan, senior Director at Border Force, relating to passenger locator forms, dated 16 February 2021

Correspondence with Paul Morgan, senior Director at Border Force, relating to passenger locator forms, dated 24 February 2021

Correspondence with Paul Morgan, senior Director at Border Force, relating to passenger locator forms, dated 11 March 2021

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Andrew Lynas, Managing Director, Lynas Foodservice; Colin Neill, Chief Executive, Hospitality Ulster; and Glyn Roberts, Chief Executive, Retail NI.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 March at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 24 March

2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna

Fay Jones
Ian Paisley
Stephanie Peacock
Bob Stewart

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in 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

Tim Ambler

Citizenship and Passport Processes

Emma DeSouza

3. Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA attacks

Resolved, That the Committee take part of the evidence to be given by William Shawcross at this day's sitting in private.

The Committee took evidence in public from William Shawcross CVO (Independent Reviewer of Prevent and former Special Representative on UK victims of Qadhafi-sponsored IRA terrorism at Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

The public withdrew, in accordance with the Committee's Resolution of this day's sitting.

William Shawcross gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 April at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 14 April 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Fay Jones
Ian Paisley

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

Johnson Brothers Ltd.

Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA attacks

Jonathan Ganesh, President of the Docklands Victims' Association

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Lord Hay of Ballyore and Emma DeSouza.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 April at 8.45 am]

Thursday 15 April 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Fay Jones
Ian Paisley

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

ADS

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Phyllis Carrothers MBE; Jonathan Ganesh, President, Docklands Victims Association; Billy O’Flaherty; Kenny Donaldson, Director, South East Fermanagh Foundation; Aileen Quinton.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 April at 8.45 am]

Wednesday 21 April 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna

Fay Jones
Mary Kelly Foy
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

UK Task & Finish Group on UK Livestock Movements

Trader Support Service

Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)

3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Christian Benson, Client Managing Director for HMRC & Senior Responsible Owner for the Trader Support Service, Fujitsu; Mary Scullion, Head of Delivery for the Trader Support Service, Fujitsu; Shanker Singham, Senior Member of the Trader Support Service Consortium & Customs and Trade Policy Lead, Competere.

[Adjourned till Thursday 22 April at 9.30 am]

Thursday 22 April 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mary Kelly Foy
Mr Robert Goodwill
Claire Hanna

Fay Jones
Ian Paisley

Draft Report (Cross-border co-operation on policing, security and criminal justice after Brexit), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 128 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fourth 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).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 April at 8.45am]

Wednesday 28 April 2021

Virtual Committee Meeting

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton
Mr Gregory Campbell
Stephen Farry
Mr Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna
Fay Jones
Mary Kelly Foy
Ian Paisley

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Dunlop Review and Intergovernmental Relations Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Scottish Affairs, Welsh Affairs and Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committees for the purpose of scrutinising the work of the Dunlop review and the Intergovernmental Relations review.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

Emma DeSouza (supplementary)

4. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Daryl McLaughlin, Beef & Sheep/Hill Farming Policy Officer, Ulster Farmers' Union; Neil Shand, CEO, Nation Beef Association; Phil Stocker, Chief Executive, National Sheep Association; John Martin, Field Development Officer, Holstein NI.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 May at 2.15 pm]

Appendix

Declarations of interest

Hoare, Simon (North Dorset)

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)

Ansell, Caroline (Eastbourne)

1. Employment and earnings

23 December 2019, received £386.75 from Eastbourne Borough Council, 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne BN21 4TW, for my role as a Councillor. Hours: 20 hrs since my election to Parliament. (Registered 11 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: Michael Farmer

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 11 January 2020)

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club

Address of donor: New Penderel House, 283 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HF

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 11 January 2020)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Tony Ford

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000

Date received: 25 November 2019

Date accepted: 25 November 2019

Donor status: individual

(Registered 11 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Councillor, Eastbourne Borough Council. As of 1 January 2020, I receive no allowances for this role. (Registered 11 January 2020)

Benton, Scott (Blackpool South)

1. Employment and earnings

13 December 2019, received £1,550.74 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)

27 December 2019, received £249.21 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)

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

Name of donor: IPGL Ltd

Address of donor: 3rd Floor, 39 Sloan Street, London SW1 9LP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: company, registration 02011009

(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: Dukehill Services Ltd

Address of donor: 4 Birchley Estate Birchfield Lane, Oldbury B69 1DT

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: company, registration 06317947

(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: H & C Whitehead Ltd

Address of donor: Prospect Works, Bradford Road, Bailiffe Bridge, Brighouse, West Yorkshire HD6 4DJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: company, registration 00352679

(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: David A Halsall

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel (CFI Ltd)

Address: Blick Rothenberg, 7-10 Chandos Street, London W1G 9DG

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and hospitality with a total value of £2,500

Destination of visit: Israel

Dates of visit: 28 July 2019 – 2 August 2019

Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation to Israel.

(Registered 06 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

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

Campbell, Mr Gregory (East Londonderry)

1. Employment and earnings

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

20 February 2019, payment of £150 for surveys on 22 November 2018 (£75) and 17 January 2019 (£75). Hours: 50 mins (25 mins per survey). (Registered 28 February 2019)

21 May 2019, payment of £150 for surveys in February and March 2019. Hours: 50 mins (25 mins per survey). (Registered 23 May 2019)

12 August 2019, payment of £75 for a survey in April 2019. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 23 August 2019)

9 September 2019, payment of £150 for two surveys undertaken in May and June 2019. Hours: 50 mins. (25 mins per survey). (Registered 20 September 2019)

4 November 2019, payment of £75 for a survey in September 2019. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 13 December 2019)

15 November 2019, payment of £75 for a survey in October 2019. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 17 December 2019)

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 (North Down)

1. Employment and earnings

20 December 2019, received £394 as an outgoing Member of Northern Ireland Assembly, Parliament Buildings, Belfast BT4 3XX. Hours: 16 hrs between 13 and 16 December 2019. (Registered 11 January 2020)

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 (Scarborough and Whitby)

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

Name of donor: John Guthrie OBE

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Scarborough and Whitby Conservative Association Fighting Fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: Nick Thomas MBE

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Scarborough and Whitby Conservative Association Fighting Fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: Toby Glaysher

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Scarborough and Whitby Conservative Association Fighting Fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 January 2020)

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).

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

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 (Belfast South)

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

Name of donor: Battersea & Wandsworth Trades Union Council (BWTUC Trading Ltd)

Address of donor: 68 Clapham Manor Street, London SW4 6DZ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,900 towards General Election campaign

Donor status: trade union (company, registration 01968614)

(Registered 11 January 2020)

McGinn, Conor (St Helens North)

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

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, Holborn, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Racecourse Association Ltd

Address of donor: Winkfield Road, Ascot SL5 7HX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: a metal badge entitling the bearer to admittance to certain horse racing meetings in the UK during 2019. The badge is not available for purchase, but its estimated value is between £0 and £1,000, depending on usage.

Date received: 9 January 2019

Date accepted: 9 January 2019

Donor status: company, registration 93447

(Registered 28 January 2019)

Name of donor: Racecourse Association Ltd

Address of donor: Winkfield Road, Ascot SL5 7HX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: a metal badge entitling the bearer to admittance to certain horse racing meetings in the UK during 2020. The badge is not available for purchase, but its estimated value is between £0 and £1,000, depending on usage.

Date received: 1 January 2020

Date accepted: 1 January 2020

Donor status: company, registration 93447

(Registered 10 January 2020)

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

From 13 November 2017, flat in London, owned jointly with a family member: (i) and (ii).
(Registered 09 November 2017)

Paisley, Ian (North Antrim)

1. Employment and earnings

7 March 2019, received £500 from Intelligence Squared, Newcombe House, 45 Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3LQ, for participation in discussion panel. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 13 March 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: William Hill

Address of donor: 1 Bedford Avenue, London WC18 3AU

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for the English Premiership, and associated hospitality; total value £1,000

Date received: 10 March 2019

Date accepted: 10 March 2019

Donor status: company, registration 04212563

(Registered 15 March 2019)

Name of donor: Royal Automobile Club Motors Association Limited, trading as Motorsports UK

Address of donor: Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: two tickets for British Grand Prix at Silverstone, and associated hospitality, value £1,220

Date received: 13 July 2019

Date accepted: 13 July 2019

Donor status: company, registration 1344829

(Registered 16 July 2019)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Cornerstone Global Associates

Address of donor: 29 Farm Street, London W1J 5RL

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel £550; accommodation £375; total £925

Destination of visit: Paris

Dates of visit: 4-5 July 2019

Purpose of visit: To participate in a panel on the Euro Fatwa App.

(Registered 09 August 2019)

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)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

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

Smyth, Karin (Bristol South) [Left Committee on 8 June 2020]

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London EW1 1YW, for surveys. All fees donated to Bristol South Labour Party:

30 January 2019, payment of £200. Hours: approx. 1 hr. (Registered 01 February 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

From October 2016, Ambassador (unremunerated) for Healthcare Denmark, a body established by the Danish Government in partnership with public and private providers. (Registered 21 October 2016)

Stewart, Bob (Beckenham)

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 (City of Durham) [Member from 8 June 2020]

1. Employment and earnings

Redundancy payment of £1,500 expected from IPSA, 2nd Floor, 85 Strand, London WC2R 0DW, for my role as parliamentary staff to an MP. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 10 January 2020)

15 December 2019, received allowances of £1,328.13 from Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Regent St, Gateshead NE8 1HH, for duties as a councillor. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 10 January 2020)

31 December 2019, received payment of £392.09 from IPSA, 2nd Floor, 85 Strand, London WC2R 0DW, for my role as parliamentary staff to an MP. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 02 March 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: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, Holborn, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,516

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)