

Formal Minutes of the Committee on the Future Relationship with the European Union, 2019-21

Wednesday 4 March

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Seema Malhotra
Joanna Cherry	Nigel Mills
Sir Christopher Chope	Nicola Richards
Mark Eastwood	Gary Sambrook
Florence Eshalomi	Jane Stevenson
Mark Fletcher	Wes Streeting
Sally-Ann Hart	Matt Vickers
Antony Higginbotham	Dr Jamie Wallis
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Philippa Whitford
Stephen Kinnock	

1. Declarations of interests

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

2. Committee working methods

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 be 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 not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to agree the circulated agenda for Committee meetings, subject to the right of any Committee member to raise issues for the Committee to consider.

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to respond to correspondence that is routine or not sufficiently significant to require approval.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to arrange informal meetings on matters relating to the Committee's remit.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to authorise press notices in relation to forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to propose reports to the Liaison Committee or Backbench Business Committee for debate or on which there should be a select committee statement.

Resolved, That the Chair have leave to take decisions that are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent.

Ordered, That Mr Nigel Mills take the Chair of the Committee, if present, in the absence of the Chair.

3. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Future Relationship with the European Union.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Mr David Frost, Chief Negotiator, Taskforce Europe, Cabinet Office, on the future relationship negotiations.

4. Departmental Supplementary Estimate 2019-20

Ordered, That the Department for Exiting the European Union Memorandum on the Supplementary Estimate 2019-20 be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 9.30 am

Tuesday 10 March

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry	Dr Rupa Huq
Mark Eastwood	Seema Malhotra
Florence Eshalomi	Nigel Mills
Mark Fletcher	Matthew Pennycook
Sally-Ann Hart	Nicola Richards
Antony Higginbotham	Jane Stevenson
Stephen Kinnock	

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 10.30 am

Wednesday 11 March

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Seema Malhotra
Joanna Cherry	Nigel Mills
Mark Eastwood	Matthew Pennycook
Florence Eshalomi	Nicola Richards
Mark Fletcher	Jane Stevenson
Sally-Ann Hart	Matt Vickers
Antony Higginbotham	Dr Philippa Whitford
Dr Rupa Huq	
Stephen Kinnock	

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the impact of Brexit on aerospace, health, academia, higher education and the business sector.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 9.15 am

Tuesday 17 March

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Florence Eshalomi	Seema Malhotra
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Philippa Whitford
Stephen Kinnock	

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Stephen Booth, Head of the Britain in the World Project, Policy Exchange, Christophe Bondy, Partner at International Trade and Investment Law group of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, London, and Professor Anand Menon, Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs, Kings College London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 April at 9.30 am

Monday 6 April

Evidence reported to the House for publication (Order of the House, 24 March 2020) (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137 and reported to the House on 21 April).

Progress of the negotiations:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster dated 20 March and 31 March 2020.

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Order represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House.

Wednesday 8 April

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Seema Malhotra
Joanna Cherry	Nigel Mills
Florence Eshalomi	Nicola Richards
Mark Fletcher	Gary Sambrook
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Wes Streeting
Dr Rupa Huq	Matt Vickers
Stephen Kinnock	Dr Jamie Wallis

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 23 April at 9.30 am

Thursday 23 April

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Stephen Kinnock
Joanna Cherry	Seema Malhotra
Sir Christopher Chope	Nicola Richards
Mark Eastwood	Gary Sambrook
Mark Fletcher	Jane Stevenson
Sally-Ann Hart	Wes Streeting
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 April at 9.30 am

Monday 27 April

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Stephen Kinnock
Joanna Cherry	Seema Malhotra
Sir Christopher Chope	Nigel Mills
Mark Eastwood	Nicola Richards
Mark Fletcher	Gary Sambrook
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 May at 9.30 am

Wednesday 6 May

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone
Joanna Cherry
Mark Eastwood
Mark Fletcher
Sally-Ann Hart
Dr Rupa Huq

Stephen Kinnock
Nicola Richards
Gary Sambrook
Jane Stevenson
Matt Vickers
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 May at 9.30 am

Wednesday 13 May

Evidence reported to the House for publication (Order of the House, 24 March 2020).

Progress of the negotiations:

Shanker Singham, Competere [FRE0003]
Sir Jonathan Faull, European Public Affairs, Brunswick Group [FRE0004]
Simon Usherwood, Senior Professor of Politics, University of Surrey [FRE0005]
Tim Figures, MakeUK [FRE0006]
Dr Fabian Zuleeg, CEO and Chief Economist, European Policy Centre [FRE0007]
Dr Holger Hestermeyer, Reader in International Dispute Resolution, King's College London [FRE0008]
Dr Kamala Dawar, Senior Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Sussex [FRE0009]

Seraphus Solicitors [FRE0010]

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Order represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House.

Wednesday 20 May

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry	Nigel Mills
Sir Christopher Chope	Nicola Richards
Mark Eastwood	Gary Sambrook
Mark Fletcher	Barry Sheerman
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Stephen Kinnock	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Declaration of Interests

Barry Sheerman disclosed his interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (*For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.*)

2. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Customs Clearance Consortium [FRE0011]
UK Chamber of Shipping [FRE0012]
The Law Society [FRE0013]
Fiona Godfrey and Jane Golding, the British in Europe [FRE0014]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 May at 9.30 am]

Wednesday 27 May

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Seema Malhotra
Joanna Cherry	Nigel Mills
Sir Christopher Chope	Nicola Richards
Mark Eastwood	Barry Sheerman
Mark Fletcher	Jane Stevenson
Sally-Ann Hart	Matt Vickers
Antony Higginbotham	Dr Jamie Wallis
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Philippa Whitford
Stephen Kinnock	

1. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Mr David Frost, Chief Negotiator, Taskforce Europe, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 June at 9:30 am

Thursday 28 May

Evidence reported to the House for publication (Order of the House, 24 March 2020) (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137 and reported to the House on 2 June).

Progress of the negotiations:

Freight Transport Association of Northern Ireland [FRE0015]
Federation of Small Businesses Northern Ireland [FRE0016]
Oliver Garner, Brexit Research Fellow, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law [FRE0017]
Colin Murray, Senior Lecturer in Public Law, University of Newcastle [FRE0018]
Airlines UK [FRE0019]
Customs Services KGH [FRE0020]
ABTA [FRE0021]

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Order represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House.

Wednesday 3 June

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Nigel Mills
Joanna Cherry	Gary Sambrook
Sir Christopher Chope	Barry Sheerman
Mark Fletcher	Jane Stevenson
Sally-Ann Hart	Matt Vickers
Antony Higginbotham	Dr Philippa Whitford
Dr Rupa Huq	

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Michel Barnier, Head of Taskforce for Relations with the UK, European Commission in private.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the devolved administrations.

Resolved, That the Chair write to Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol.

[Adjourned till Monday 8 June at 1:30 pm

Monday 8 June

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Stephen Kinnock
Joanna Cherry	Nigel Mills
Sir Christopher Chope	Nicola Richards
Mark Eastwood	Gary Sambrook
Florence Eshalomi	Barry Sheerman
Mark Fletcher	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Michel Barnier, Head of Taskforce for Relations with the UK, European Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 June at 10:00 am

Wednesday 10 June

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry	Nicola Richards
Sally-Ann Hart	Barry Sheerman
Antony Higginbotham	Jane Stevenson
Dr Rupa Huq	Matt Vickers
Stephen Kinnock	Dr Jamie Wallis
Nigel Mills	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Honda Cars [FRE0002]¹
ABTA [FRE0021]
British Retail Consortium [FRE0028]
Confederation of British Industry [FRE0029]
Airport Operators' Association [FRE0030]

3. Progress of the negotiations on the future relationship with the European Union

Professor Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Union and Labour Law, University of Cambridge, Dr. Anna Jerzewska, Independent Customs and Trade Consultant, and Sam Lowe, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 June at 10:00 am

¹ For administrative reasons, this paper was subsequently published with the reference number FRE0050.

Wednesday 17 June

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry	Nicola Richards
Mark Eastwood	Gary Sambrook
Mark Fletcher	Barry Sheerman
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Wes Streeting
Dr Rupa Huq	Matt Vickers
Stephen Kinnock	Dr Jamie Wallis
Seema Malhotra	Dr Philippa Whitford
Nigel Mills	

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations [FRE0031]
UK Seafood Industry Alliance [FRE0032]
Provision Trade Federation [FRE0033]
Scottish Fishermen's Federation [FRE0034]
Professor Nicola McEwen, University of Edinburgh [FRE0035]
Dr Damian Räss, World Trade Institute, University of Bern [FRE0036]

3. The need for progress in the negotiations

Draft Report (*The need for progress in the negotiations*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 458.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 June at 10.00 am

Friday 19 June

Oral evidence taken on 8 June reported to the House for publication (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137 and reported to the House on 22 June).

Tuesday 23 June

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone
Mark Eastwood
Sally-Ann Hart
Dr Rupa Huq
Stephen Kinnock
Seema Malhotra

Nigel Mills
Nicola Richards
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson
Dr Jamie Wallis
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

George Peretz QC, Monckton Chambers [FRE0037]

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Dr Lars Karlsson, President, KGH Border Services, Tim Reardon, Head of EU Exit at the Port of Dover, and Alex Veitch, Head of International Policy, Freight Transport Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 June at 10.00 am]

Tuesday 30 June

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Dr Rupa Huq
Seema Malhotra

Nigel Mills
Jane Stevenson
Matt Vickers
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future UK-EU interparliamentary relations

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Speaker and Lord Speaker, jointly with the Chair of the House of Lords EU Committee, in relation to future UK-EU interparliamentary relations.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Steven Jolly, Alan Jones, Elaine Merrilees, 180daysvisa-free.org [FRE0038]
Dr Andrew Glencross, Aston University [FRE0039]
Dr Helena Farrand Carrapico, Northumbria University [FRE0040]
Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Queen Mary University [FRE0041]
Professor Steve Peers, University of Essex [FRE0042]
Jayne Simpson, Chartered Institute of Taxation [FRE0043]
Duncan Buchanan, Road Haulage Association [FRE0044]
Elaine Whyte, Communities Inshore Fisheries Alliance [FRE0045]

4. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Jane Golding, British in Europe Co-Chair and Co-Chair of British in Germany, Michael Harris, co-chair of Eurocitizens in Spain, and Kalba Meadows, co-founder of France Rights, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 July at 9.30 am]

Tuesday 7 July

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Stephen Kinnock

Nigel Mills
Barry Sheerman
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the UK-EU future relationship on foreign affairs cooperation.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

British Red Cross [FRE0046]
Hugh Savill, Association of British Insurers [FRE0047]
the3million [FRE0048]
Malcolm Cree CBE, The Bar Council [FRE0049]
Fashion Roundtable [FRE0052]
Jason Langrish, Canada Europe Roundtable for Business [FRE0053]
Paul Tennant OBE, Law Society of England and Wales [FRE0054]
Simon Byrne, Police Service of Northern Ireland [FRE0055]
Richard Martin, National Police Chiefs' Council [FRE0058]

3. Correspondence

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Wendy Morton MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and to the Ambassadors to the UK of EU Member States regarding the rights of EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU.

4. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Barbara Drozdowicz, East European Resource Centre, Dr Kuba Jabłonowski, Research Associate, the3million, and Luke Piper, Head of Policy, the 3million, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 July at 9.30 am

Tuesday 14 July

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Barry Sheerman
Joanna Cherry	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Stephen Kinnock	Dr Jamie Wallis
Nigel Mills	Dr Philippa Whitford
Nicola Richards	

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair seek updates to outstanding written evidence requests.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Alan Jones, 180daysvisa-free.org [FRE0022]
Alan Jones, 180daysvisa-free.org [FRE0056]
Keven Bader, Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys [FRE0057]
R Brooke [FRE0059]
Michael Starling, Michael Starling Consultancy Limited [FRE0060]
Marian Bore [FRE0061]
David Henig, UK Trade Policy Project [FRE0062]
Minako Morita-Jaeger, UK Trade Policy Observatory, University of Sussex Business School [FRE0063]
James Rogers, Henry Jackson Society [FRE0064]
Adam Williams, UK Intellectual Property Office [FRE0065]
Max Hill, Crown Prosecution Service [FRE0066]
Professor Holger Breinlich, University of Surrey [FRE0067]
Lee Davies, Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys [FRE0068]
Richard Barnes, New Economic Foundation [FRE0069]
Aodhan Connolly, Northern Ireland Retail Consortium [FRE0070]

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Richard Martin, Deputy Assistant Commissioner and UK law enforcement lead for Brexit and International Criminality, National Police Chiefs' Council, Professor Steven Peers, Professor of Law at the University of Essex, and Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Professor of European Criminal Law, Queen Mary, University of London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 July at 9.30 am

Tuesday 21 July

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mark Eastwood
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Dr Rupa Huq
Stephen Kinnock
Seema Malhotra

Nigel Mills
Nicola Richards
Barry Sheerman
Matt Vickers
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Deputy Director-General at the Royal United Services Institute, Mikaela Gavass, Co-Director of Development Cooperation in European and Senior Policy Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Professor Richard G Whitman, Director of the Global Europe Centre and Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, gave oral evidence.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Advertising Association [FRE0071]
The Barge Association [FRE0072]
National Grid ESO [FRE0073]
Ofgem [FRE0076]
Nuclear Industry Association [FRE0077]
British Veterinary Association [FRE0078]
Elizabeth Denham, Information Commissioner [FRE0079]

Interparliamentary relations:

Correspondence to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 21 July 2020

Correspondence to the Speaker and the Lord Speaker, dated 21 July 2020

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 September at 9.00 am

Monday 27 July

Evidence reported to the House for publication (Order of the House, 24 March 2020) (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137 and reported to the House on 1 September).

Progress of the negotiations:

Dr Jill Brian [FRE0080]

Bar Council [FRE0081]

National Grid [FRE0083]

British Medical Association [FRE0084]

Welsh Government [FRE0085]

Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales [FRE0086]

Correspondence from Wendy Morton MP, Minister for the European Neighbourhood and the Americas, FCO [FRE0087]

Interparliamentary relations:

Correspondence from the Speaker to the Chair, dated 21 July 2020

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Order represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House.

Wednesday 9 September

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry

Sally-Ann Hart

Antony Higginbotham

Dr Rupa Huq

Stephen Kinnock

Seema Malhotra

Nicola Richards

Barry Sheerman

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Dr. Anna Jerzewska, Independent Customs and Trade Consultant, Richard Burnett, Chief Executive, Road Haulage Association, and Robert Hardy, Founder, Customs Clearance Consortium, gave oral evidence.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

National Police Chief's Council [FRE0058]
National Farmers' Union [FRE0082]
Royal Institute of British Architects [FRE0088]
Professor Philip McCann, Urban and Regional Economics, University of Sheffield [FRE0089]
Ulster Farmers' Union [FRE0090]
British Food Importers and Distributors Association [FRE0091]
Beth Thompson, Wellcome Trust [FRE0092]
Horace Trubridge, Musicians' Union [FRE0093]
James Tooze, Campaign for Science and Engineering [FRE0094]
The Investment Association [FRE0095]
Matthew Jones [FRE0096]
James Jamieson, Local Government Association [FRE0098]
Alistair Jarvis, Universities UK [FRE0099]
BASF Group [FRE0100]
Dr Richard Torbett, ABPI [FRE0102]
Professor Fiona Smith, University of Leeds [FRE0103]
Jacob Duane, Erasmus UK [FRE0104]
ABTA – The Travel Association [FRE0105]
Food and Drink Federation [FRE0106]
Professor Eilis Ferran, University of Cambridge [FRE0107]
TheCityUK [FRE0108]
UK Finance [FRE0109]
Sir Ciarán Devane, British Council [FRE0110]
Professor Richard Brook OBE, Airtel [FRE0111]
Lindsey Barras, PwC [FRE0112]
Ambassador of Romania to the UK [FRE0130]
Ambassador of Hungary to the UK [FRE0125]
Ambassador of Slovenia to the UK [FRE0132]
Ambassador of Austria to the UK [FRE0115]
Ambassador of Slovakia to the UK [FRE0131]
Ambassador of Portugal to the UK [FRE0129]
Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the UK
Ambassador of Lithuania to the UK [FRE0127]
Ambassador of Poland to the UK [FRE0128]
Ambassador of Cyprus to the UK [FRE0118]
Ambassador of Greece to the UK [FRE0124]
Ambassador of Estonia to the UK [FRE0121]
Ambassador of Denmark to the UK [FRE0120]
Ambassador of Sweden to the UK [FRE0134]
Ambassador of Finland to the UK [FRE0122]

Ambassador of Latvia to the UK [FRE0126]
Ambassador of Croatia to the UK [FRE0117]
Ambassador of Germany to the UK [FRE0123]
Ambassador of Spain to the UK [FRE0133]
Ambassador of Bulgaria to the UK [FRE0116]
Ambassador of Belgium to the UK [FRE0137]

Interparliamentary relations:

Correspondence from the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to the Speaker, dated 14 August 2020

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 September at 9.00 am

Tuesday 15 September

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Nigel Mills
Joanna Cherry	Nicola Richards
Mark Eastwood	Barry Sheerman
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Seema Malhotra	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Jeremy Miles AM, Counsel General and Minister for European Transition, Welsh Government, and Mike Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs, Scottish Government, gave evidence.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Mike Russell MSP, Scottish Government [FRE0114]
Ambassador of France to the UK [FRE0135]
Ambassador of Malta to the UK [FRE0136]

Correspondence from the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 9 June 2020

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 September at 9.00 am

Wednesday 23 September

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry
Mark Eastwood
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Dr Rupa Huq

Stephen Kinnock
Nigel Mills
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson
Matt Vickers

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Professor Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Union and Labour Law, University of Cambridge, Shanker Singham, CEO, Competere and Georgina Wright, Senior Researcher, Institute for Government, gave oral evidence.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

TechUK [FRE0138]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 September at 9.00 am

Wednesday 30 September

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone
Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Stephen Kinnock

Nigel Mills
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Paul Everitt, Chief Executive, ADS Group Ltd, Neil Hollis, Regulatory Affairs Manager, BASF, and Dr Richard Torbett, Chief Executive, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, gave oral evidence.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Chemical Industries Association [FRE00139]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 October at 9.00 am

Wednesday 7 October

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Lee Anderson
Mr Peter Bone
Joanna Cherry
Mark Eastwood
Sally-Ann Hart

Seema Malhotra
Nigel Mills
Gary Sambrook
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson

Antony Higginbotham
Dr Rupa Huq

Matt Vickers
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Declaration of interests

Lee Anderson declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. (*For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.*)

2. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into financial services.

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Rt Hon. Michael Gove MP, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Lord David Frost, Chief Negotiator, Taskforce Europe, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Ambassador of Ireland to the UK [FRE00140]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 October at 9.00 am

Wednesday 14 October

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Lee Anderson
Sally-Ann Hart
Dr Rupa Huq

Stephen Kinnock
Barry Sheerman
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of the negotiations:

Bristol Meyers Squibb [FRE0141]

NI Retail Consortium Brexit Working Group [FRE0142]

Preparations for the end of Transition:

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to the Chair, dated 7 October

Good Vehicle Movement Service:

Chair to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster on, dated 24 September

Operation of the Northern Ireland Protocol:

Chair to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 23 September

3. Implementing the Withdrawal Agreement: citizens' rights

Draft Report (*Implementing the Withdrawal Agreement: citizens' rights*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 849.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 October at 9.00 am

Wednesday 21 October

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Lee Anderson

Mr Peter Bone

Joanna Cherry

Sally-Ann Hart

Antony Higginbotham

Dr Rupa Huq

Seema Malhotra

Nigel Mills

Jane Stevenson

Dr Jamie Wallis

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Unfettered access for goods to Northern Ireland:

Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 12 October

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Mr Peter Bone declared an interest as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.

Antony Higginbotham declared an interest as a previous employee of RBS.

Andrew Gray, Global Head of Brexit for Financial Services, PwC, Conor Lawlor, Director, Brexit, Capital Markets & Wholesale, UK Finance, and Neil Ross, Policy Manager, Digital Economy, TechUK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 November at 9.00 am

Wednesday 4 November

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Stephen Kinnock
Nigel Mills

Nicola Richards
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson
Dr Jamie Wallis
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the shape of future parliamentary scrutiny of UK-EU relations.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 23 October
NI Business Brexit Working Group [FRE0145]

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 November at 9.00 am

Wednesday 11 November

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Lee Anderson
Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Stephen Kinnock

Nigel Mills
Nicola Richards
Barry Sheerman
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Aston Chemicals Ltd [FRE0143]
Aston Chemicals Ltd [FRE0144]

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Elizabeth de Jong, Director of Policy, Logistics UK, Steve Bartlett, Chairman, Association of Freight Software Suppliers, and Kevin Bentley, Essex County Council and Chair of the LGA's Brexit Task Force, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 November at 9.00 am

Wednesday 18 November

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone
Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Stephen Kinnock
Nigel Mills

Barry Sheerman
Matt Vickers
Dr Jamie Wallis
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Aodhán Connolly, Director, Northern Ireland Retail Consortium, Stephen Kelly, Chief Executive, Manufacturing NI, and Victor Chestnutt, President, Ulster Farmers' Union, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 December at 9.00 am

Wednesday 2 December

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry
Mark Eastwood
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Dr Rupa Huq

Stephen Kinnock
Nigel Mills
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Office of the City Remembrancer [FRE0146]

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Dr Sara Hagemann, Associate Professor in European Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science, Professor Simon Usherwood, Professor of Politics, University of Surrey and Dr Hannah White, Deputy Director, Institute for Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 December at 9.00 am

Thursday 10 December

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Dr Rupa Huq
Stephen Kinnock
Nigel Mills

Nicola Richards
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Syamantak Saha [FRE0147]
Cllr Roger Gough, Kent Country Council [FRE0148]

Shape of future scrutiny:

Professor Adam Cygan [UFR0001]

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 December at 10.30 am]

Thursday 17 December

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone
Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Antony Higginbotham
Nigel Mills

Nicola Richards
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson
Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence for publication

Progress of the negotiations:

Professor Theodore Konstadinides, Dr Anastasia Karatzia, and Dr Niall O'Connor
[FRE0149]

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Lord Frost, Chief Negotiator, Taskforce Europe, Cabinet Office, gave evidence.

Draft Report (*The UK-EU future relationship: the Trade and Cooperation Agreement*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 1094.

Tuesday 29 December

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Lee Anderson	Seema Malhotra
Mr Peter Bone	Nigel Mills
Joanna Cherry	Nicola Richards
Sir Christopher Chope	Gary Sambrook
Mark Eastwood	Barry Sheerman
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Jamie Wallis
Stephen Kinnock	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Draft Report (*The UK-EU future relationship: the Trade and Cooperation Agreement*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 1094.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 January at 9.00 am

Wednesday 6 January 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone
Joanna Cherry
Sally-Ann Hart
Dr Rupa Huq
Stephen Kinnock

Nigel Mills
Barry Sheerman
Jane Stevenson
Matt Vickers

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Special report

Draft Special Report (*Implementing the Withdrawal Agreement: citizens' rights: 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 First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

3. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Professor Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Union and Labour Law, University of Cambridge, Raoul Ruparel, Deloitte UK, former special adviser to the Prime Minister of Europe, and Sam Lowe, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 January at 9.45 am

Monday 11 January

Evidence reported to the House for publication (Order of the House, 24 March 2020).

Extension to the Committee:

Correspondence with the Leader of the House, dated 10 December, 30 December, 6 January and 7 January

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Order represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House.

Wednesday 13 January

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Lee Anderson	Stephen Kinnock
Joanna Cherry	Nigel Mills
Mark Eastwood	Barry Sheerman
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Dr Jamie Wallis
Dr Rupa Huq	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Committee activities and inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Progress of negotiations:

Dr Marek Laskiewicz [FRE0150]
Urology Trade Association [FRE0151]
British Egg Industry Council [FRE0152]

2. Progress of the negotiations on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU

Andrew Opie, Director of Food & Sustainability, British Retail Consortium, Stephen Phipson, CEO, Make UK and Ian Wright, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 January at 9.30 am

Thursday 14 January

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Hilary Benn, in the Chair

Lee Anderson	Nigel Mills
Mr Peter Bone	Nicola Richards
Joanna Cherry	Gary Sambrook
Mark Eastwood	Barry Sheerman
Sally-Ann Hart	Jane Stevenson
Antony Higginbotham	Matt Vickers
Stephen Kinnock	Dr Jamie Wallis
Seema Malhotra	Dr Philippa Whitford

1. The shape of future parliamentary scrutiny of UK-EU relations

Draft Report (*The shape of future parliamentary scrutiny of UK-EU relations*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 977.

[Adjourned]

Friday 15 January

Order come to under the Chair's power under paragraph 3 of the Order of the House of 24 March:

Preparing for the end of the Transition Period, and The UK-EU future relationship: the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Government Response to the Committee's Third and Fourth Reports

Draft Special Report (*Preparing for the end of the Transition Period, and The UK-EU future relationship: the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Government Response to the Committee's Third and Fourth Reports*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third and Fourth Reports 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 Second Special Report be reported to the House for publication.

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Order represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House.

(Order made under the provisions of SO No 137 and reported to the House on 20 July)

4 March 2020: Declaration of Members' interests

Interests declared in addition to those registered by members of the Committee in the [Register of Members' Financial Interests as of 16 March 2020](#)

Hilary Benn:

Member of Unite

Joanna Cherry:

Non-practicing member of the Faculty of Advocates

Mark Eastwood:

Member of Prospect

Florence Eshalomi:

Member of GMB

Sally-Ann Hart:

Member of the Law Society

A sibling owns businesses in Romania.

Stephen Kinnock:

Member of Community

Member of Unison

Seema Malhotra:

Member of Unite

Member of Cooperative

Wes Streeting:

Member of Unison

Jamie Wallis

Owns businesses that conduct trade with partners in the European Union

Philippa Whitford

Licensed Doctor

Member of the British Medical Association