



Formal Minutes of the Work and Pensions Committee in Session 2022–23

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They include:

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

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Wednesday 11 May 2022

Physical meeting

Members present

Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

Siobhan Baillie

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow as part of its inquiry into health assessments for benefits.

2. Evidence reported for publication

Disability Employment Gap

Government Response - Easy Read version

Guaranteed Minimum Pension

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 11 May 2022

Health assessments for benefits

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association (HAB0046)

Nottingham Trent University (HAB0056)

Disability Advice Project (HAB0091)

All Wales People First (HAB0092)

Crohn's and Colitis UK (HAB0093)

Macmillan Cancer Support (HAB0094)

WinVisible (women with visible and invisible disabilities) (HAB0095)

Citizens Advice Service in Three Rivers (HAB0096)

Royal British Legion (HAB0097)

Endometriosis UK (HAB0098)
Dr Ben Baumberg Geige (HAB0099)
JUSTICE (HAB0101)
Marie Curie (HAB0102)
Learning Disability Wales (HAB0103)
Disability Benefits Consortium (HAB0104)
Commission on Social Security (HAB0106)
Trussell Trust (HAB0107)
Young Women's Trust (HAB0109)
Independent Age (HAB0111)
Wiltshire Citizens Advice (HAB0118)
Age UK (HAB0124)
Feeding Britain, the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) and the University of York (HAB0125)
Long Covid Support (HAB0126)
Daniel Wrapson (HAB0127)
Independent Assessment Services (HAB0130)
Capita (HAB0133)

Pension Credit

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 27 April 2022

3. Health assessments for benefits

Dr Kieran Sharrock, Acting Chair of the General Practitioners Committee (GPC), British Medical Association, Minesh Patel, Head of Policy, Macmillan Cancer Support, and Aaron Dryden, Director of Carer Support, Carers UK, Policy Manager, Marie Curie, gave oral evidence.

Daphne Hall, Vice Chair, National Association of Welfare Rights Advisers (NAWRA), Hannah Nicholls-Harrison, Policy Co-Chair, Disability Benefits Consortium, and Caroline Selman, Research Fellow, Public Law Project, gave oral evidence

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 18 May 2022

Members present:

Stephen Timms, in the Chair
Debbie Abrahams
Shaun Bailey
Siobhan Baillie
Steve McCabe
Nigel Mills
Selaine Saxby
Dr Ben Spencer
Chris Stephens
Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Children in Poverty: Child Maintenance Service.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the cost of living.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Data protection legislation and communication with pension scheme members

Correspondence with the Minister for Data Protection, dated 18 May 2022

Health assessments for benefits

Anonymous (HAB0009, HAB0021, HAB0053, HAB0060, HAB0073, HAB0076, HAB0080, HAB0086, HAB0089, HAB0110, HAB0112, HAB0115, HAB0135)
Capita Plc (HAB0133)
Mr Philip Prydderch (HAB0134)
WinVisible (HAB0136)
Martin McGowan (HAB0137)

Protecting pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Anonymous (PSL0049)

Hymans Robertson (PSL0050)

State Pension underpayments

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 16 May 2022

The cost of living

Correspondence to the Prime Minister, dated 18 May 2022

Universal Credit and Managed Migration

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 17 May 2022

Water Companies' Pension Scheme Bristol Water Plc Section

Correspondence with The Water Companies (Pension Fund) Trustee Company, dated 9 May 2022

4. Universal Credit and Managed Migration

Rebecca Rennison, Principal Policy Manager for welfare policy, Citizens Advice, Sophie Corlett, Director of External Relations, MIND, Fran Bennett, Associate Fellow, Dept of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, member of policy advisory group, Women's Budget Group, and Dominic Milne, Parliamentary Co-Chair Legal Rights Officer, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 25 May 2022

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Health assessments for benefits

Maximus (HAB0145)

Protecting pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

B&CE Providers of the People's Pension (PSL0049)

Correspondence with Economic Secretary to the treasury, dated 25 May 2022

Payment of arrears to members of the Financial Assistance Scheme

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 25 May 2022

Universal Credit fraud and Bulgarian families

Correspondence with Minister for Welfare Delivery, dated 25 May 2022

3. Health assessments for benefits

Laura Erskine, Clinical Director, Capita, Antony King, Managing Director and Client Partner of Capita Health & Welfare, Capita, Dr Barrie McKillop, Clinical Director, Independent Assessment Service (Atos), and Stuart Paterson, Client Executive Partner, Independent Assessment Service (Atos), gave oral evidence

Dr Paul Williams, UK Division President, Maximus, Emma-Jane Bannister, Customer Director, Maximus, and Suzie Frew, Lead Nurse and Head of Quality, Maximus, gave oral evidence

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 8 June 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Neil Coyle

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Federation of Small Businesses (PSL0054)

Scottish Widows (PSL0055)

Fraud and error

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to the Fraud and Error Estimates Release, dated 26 May 2022

Data protection legislation and communication with pension scheme members

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Media, Data and Digital Infrastructure, dated 31 May 2022

Closure of DWP offices and claims for industrial injuries

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment, dated 26 May 2022

3. Children in poverty: No Recourse to Public Funds

Draft Special Report (Children in poverty: No Recourse to Public Funds: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2021–22), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2021–22 was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Protecting pension savers - five years on from the Pension Freedoms: Saving for later life

Baroness Ros Altmann, Baroness Jeannie Drake and Sir Steve Webb, gave oral evidence.

Dr Charles Counsell, Chief Executive, The Pensions Regulator, Sarah Pritchard, Executive Director of Markets, Financial Conduct Authority, and Caroline Siarkiewicz, Chief Executive, Money and Pensions Service, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 15 June 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Shaun Bailey

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Health assessments for benefits

Carers UK (HAB0156)

Correspondence to the Independent Assessment Service (Atos) relating to oral evidence given on 25 May 2022, dated 15 June 2022

Correspondence to Capita relating to oral evidence given on 25 May 2022, dated 15 June 2022

Correspondence to Maximus relating to oral evidence given on 25 May 2022, dated 15 June 2022

Norton pension schemes

Correspondence from The Pensions Regulator, dated 14 June 2022

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

TUC - Trades Union Congress (PSL0061)

Money and Pensions Service (PSL0063)

Publication of DWP research and reports

Correspondence to the Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions,
dated 15 June 2022

3. Protecting pension savers - five years on from the Pension Freedoms: Saving for later life

Jack Jones, Campaigns and Policy Officer, TUC, Terry Pullinger, Deputy General Secretary, Communication Workers Union, and Anna Mowbray, Research and Policy Officer Community Trade Union, gave oral evidence.

Tom Blenkinsop, Senior Public Affairs Advisor, Federation of Small Businesses, Jamie Heywood, Regional General Manager for Northern Europe, Uber, Tim Jones, Executive Director of Tata Limited, Tata Group UK, Carol Young, Director, Reward & Employment, Nat West, and Gary Dewin, People Director – Pensions, Reward, Wellbeing and Employee Relations, The Co-op Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 June 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Access to benefits for people with pre-settled status

Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery, Department for Work and Pensions, dated 22 June 2022

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Financial Services Consumer Panel (PSL0064)

The cost of living

Peabody (COL0003)

Anonymous (COL0004, COL0024)

Royal College of Physicians (COL0005)

George Heyes (COL0006)

Social Market Foundation (COL0007)

National Energy Action (COL0008)

Dr Rita Griffiths (COL0009)

Mr D Beale-Cocks (COL0010)

Citizens Advice Sedgemoor (COL0011)
Disability Benefits Consortium (COL0012)
Royal National Institute of Blind People (COL0013)
Shelter (COL0014)
Advice NI (COL0015)
Age UK (COL0016)
Women's Regional Consortium (COL0017)
Lloyd's Bank Foundation for England and Wales (COL0018)
Cystic Fibrosis (COL0019)
Citizens Advice North Lancashire (COL0020)
Rural Issues Group of Citizens Advice (COL0021)
Royal Mencap Society (COL0022)
Carer's UK (COL0023)
Sustainable Food Places (COL0025)
North East Child Poverty Commission (COL0026)
Leonard Cheshire (COL0027)
Disability Rights UK (COL0028)
Public Law Project (COL0029)
Legatum Institute (COL0030)
We are Campaign (COL0033)
Child Poverty Action Group (COL0034)
Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (COL0035)
Zacchaeus 2000 Trust (COL0036)
Citizens Advice Scotland (COL0037)
Ms Society (COL0038)
Save the Children UK (COL0039)
Citizens Advice Bureau (COL0040)
Julian Jessop (COL0041)
The Food Foundation (COL0042)
Sense (COL0043)
Joseph Rowntree Foundation (COL0044)
Inclusion London, Disability Rights UK (COL0045)
Children Against Poverty (COL0046)
Action for Children (COL0047)
Crisis UK (COL0048)
Poverty Alliance (COL0049)
Parkinson's UK (COL0050)

Universal Credit and Managed Migration

Mind (UCM0001)

3. Health assessments for benefits

Professor Ben Barr, Professor in Applied Public Health Research, University of Liverpool, and Dr Ben Baumberg Geiger, Reader in Sociology and Social Policy, University of Kent, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 9.00 am

Monday 27 June 2022

The Chair, Debbie Abrahams, Chris Stephens, Dr Ben Spencer and Nigel Mills visited Glasgow in connection with the Committee's inquiry into *Health assessments for benefits*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 May.

Wednesday 29 June 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair
Debbie Abrahams
Shaun Bailey
Neil Coyle
Nigel Mills
Steve McCabe
Selaine Saxby
Dr Ben Spencer
Chris Stephens
Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

DWP Main Estimate

DWP Main Estimate 2022–2023 memorandum

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Correspondence with the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, dated 29 June 2022

The cost of living

Independent Age (COL0051)

StepChange (COL0052)

Chartered Institute of Housing (COL0053)

3. Health assessments for benefits

Ben Macpherson MSP, Minister for Social Security and Local Government, Scottish Government, Matthew Duff, Disability Benefits Policy Manager, Scottish Government, and Professor Paul Knight OBE, Chief Officer Health and Social Care Operations, Social Security Scotland, gave oral evidence.

4. The cost of living

Rt Hon. Dr Thérèse Coffey MP, Secretary of State and, Peter Schofield, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 6 July 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

Neil Coyle

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Plan for Jobs and employment support.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the USA as part of its inquiry into the Plan for Jobs and employment support, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Guaranteed Minimum Pensions

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 29 June 2022.

Payment of arrears to members of the Financial Assistance Scheme

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 29 June 2022.

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Accessing pension savings

Correspondence from the Money and Pensions Service, dated 29 June 2022.

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

GMB Union (PSL0067)

Universal Credit and childcare costs

Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery and Minister for Employment, dated 29 June 2022.

Universal Credit and supported housing

Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery, dated 28 June 2022

Universal Credit fraud

Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery, dated 29 June 2022

3. Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Guy Opperman MP, Minister for Pensions, and Joanne Gibson, Acting Director of Private Pensions and Arm's Length Bodies, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 13 July 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Neil Coyle

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Federation of Small Businesses (PSL0068)

Baroness Ros Altmann (PSL0069)

3. Appointment of the Pensions Ombudsman

Dominic Harris, the government's preferred candidate for the role of Pension's Ombudsman, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*The appointment of Dominic Harris as the Pensions Ombudsman and the Pension Protection Fund Ombudsman*), 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 465.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 20 July 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Neil Coyle

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. The cost of living

Draft Report (*The cost of living*) 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 Second Report of the Committee, HC 129.

2. The Health and Safety Executive's approach to asbestos management

Draft Special Report (*The Health and Safety Executive's approach to asbestos management: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2021–22*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Sixth Report of Session 2021–22 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.

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:

Access to benefits for people with pre-settled status

Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery, dated 15 July 2022.

Health assessments for benefits

Capita (HAB0157)

Maximus (HAB0158)

Independent Assessment Services (HAB0159)

Pension wise guidance

Correspondence from pension schemes, dated 11 July 2022.

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

TATA limited (PSL0070)

Universities Superannuation Scheme (PSL0071)

The publication of DWP research and reports

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 15 July 2022.

The cost of living

Correspondence with the Prime Minister and Minister for Welfare Delivery, dated 12 July 2022.

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Rachel Round (CMS0001)

Ross McLaughlan (CMS0003)

Mr Michael Forster (CMS0004)

David Lee (CMS0006)

Faye Evans (CMS0007)

Ant Dwyer (CMS0008)

Mr David Dutton (CMS0009)
Suzanne Hamilton (CMS0010)
Mr Rajan Russell (CMS0011)
Mr Richard Barrett (CMS0012)
John Baker (CMS0013)
James (CMS0014)
One Parent Families Scotland (CMS0015)
Gingerbread (CMS0016)
Save the Children (CMS0017)
Dr Jon Symonds, Prof Esther Dermott, Prof Emma Hitching and Dr Eleanor Staples (CMS0019)
Dr Christine Davies (CMS0020)
Families Need Fathers – 'because both parents matter' (CMS0021)

5. Health assessments for benefits

Chloe Smith MP, Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, Gill Holmes, Contract Management and Partner Delivery Director, and Katie Farrington, Director General for Disability, Health and Pensions, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 7 September 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. The cost of living

Draft Special Report (*The cost of living: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2022–23*), 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 Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

British Steel Pension Scheme redress scheme

Correspondence to the Financial Conduct Authority, dated 1 August 2022.

Employment status and employment rights

Correspondence with the Pensions Regulator, dated 1 September 2022.

Equality and Human Rights Commission and reasonable adjustments for disabled people

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 7 September 2022.

Health assessments for benefits

Department for Communities (Northern Ireland Executive) (HAB0160)
Anonymous (HAB0161)
Anonymous (HAB0162)
Anthony Martindale (HAB0163)
Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Social Security Scotland, dated 20 July 2022.
Correspondence from the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, dated 24 August 2022.

Pension credit

Correspondence to Policy in Practice, dated 18 August 2022.

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Uber (PSL0072)
Tesco (PSL0073)
Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 26 August 2022.
Correspondence with the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, dated 31 August 2022.

Universal Credit and childcare costs

Centre for Social Justice (UCC0019)

Way to Work target and use of figures by the government

Correspondence between the UK Statistics Authority and the DWP Permanent Secretary, dated 29 July 2022.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Meghan Meek-O'Conner, Senior Policy Adviser, Save the Children, and Cristina Odone, Head of the Family Policy Unit, Centre for Social Justice, gave oral evidence.

Victoria Benson, Chief Executive Officer, Gingerbread, Caitlin Logan, Policy, Research and Influencing Lead, One Parent Families Scotland, and Michael Lewkowicz, Director of Communications & Business Manager at Families Need Fathers, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 21 September 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair
Steve McCabe
Nigel Mills
Selaine Saxby
Dr Ben Spencer
Chris Stephens
Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Draft Report (*Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life*) 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 Third Report of the Committee, HC 126.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Anonymous (PSL0001)
Peter James Rhys Morgan (PSL0002)
Veronica North (PSL0003)

Helen McDowall (PSL0004)
Anonymous (PSL0005)
Howell (PSL0006)
Susan Morris (PSL0007)
Sara Bull (PSL0008)
Linda Gregory (PSL0009)
Michael Johnson (PSL0074)

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 21 September 2022.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 9.10 am

Wednesday 5 October 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 4 March 2020:

Movements in the financial markets and their impact on defined benefit pensions schemes.

Correspondence with The Pensions Regulator, dated 4 October 2022

Wednesday 12 October 2022

Members present:

Shaun Bailey

Neil Coyle

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

In the absence of the Chair, Nigel Mills was called to the chair.

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:

Movements in the financial markets and their impact on defined benefit pensions schemes.

Correspondence with The Pensions Regulator, dated 10 October 2022

3. Universal Credit and Managed Migration

Dr Stephen Brien, Chair, Charlotte Pickles, Member, and Carl Emmerson, Member, Social Security Advisory Committee, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Neil Coyle

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Benefits and Pensions Uprating 2023

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, dated 19 October 2022.

British Steel Pension Scheme (BSPS) redress scheme

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority, dated 29 September 2022.

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Department for Work and Pensions (CMS0024)

Exempt Accommodation and Housing Benefit

Correspondence with the National Audit Office, dated 28 September 2022.

Pension Credit take up

Correspondence with Policy in Practice, dated 6 September 2022

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority, dated 23 September 2022.

Plan for Jobs and employment support

British Occupational Hygiene Society (JES0001)
Miss Macaroon C.I.C. Ltd (JES0003)
North East Enterprise Agency Ltd (JES0004)
Aspire Charity (JES0005)
Society of Occupational Medicine (JES0006)
Sport and Activity Professionals (JES0007)
Dr Rachel Doern (JES0008)
Bright Blue (JES0009)
Greater Manchester Poverty Action (JES0010)
Centrepont (JES0011)
Shaw Trust (JES0012)
St Mungo's (JES0013)
Momentic Limited (JES0015)
Youth Employment UK (JES0016)
Central London Forward (JES0017)
Communities that Work (JES0018)
Federation of Small Businesses (JES0019)
Get Ready for Work (GRoW) (JES0020)
Career Development Institution (JES0021)
Centre for Ageing Better (JES0022)
MS Society (JES0023)
Prince's Trust (JES0024)
SkillLab (JES0025)
Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) (JES0026)
FIRST Face to Face LTD (JES0027)
Learning and Work (JES0028)
Trades Union Congress (TUC) (JES0029)
Disability@Work (JES0031)
Dr Katy Jones and Dr Calum Carson (JES0032)
National Enterprise Network (JES0033)
Salvation Army (JES0034)
Groundwork UK (JES0035)
Professor David Etherington (JES0036)

Child Poverty Action Group (JES0037)
Reed in Partnership (JES0038)
Dr Prof Görtz, Dr Santosh Koirala and Prof Danny McGowan (JES0040)
London Councils (JES0041)
Office for National Statistics (JES0042)
North of Tyne Combined Authority (JES0043)
Tees Valley Combined Authority (JES0044)
PCS (Public and Commercial Services Union) (JES0045)
Careermap (JES0046)
Association of British Insurers (JES0047)
Work Foundation (JES0048)
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) (JES0049)
Scope (JES0050)
Career Connect (JES0051)
Local Government Association (LGA) (JES0052)
Ambitious about Autism (JES0053)
Sense (JES0054)
Make UK (JES0055)
Carers UK (JES0056)
Government Outcomes Lab (JES0057)
Association of Colleges (JES0058)
Professor Donald Houston and Dr Darja Reuschke (JES0059)
Employment Related Services Association (ERSA) (JES0060)
Recro Consulting (JES0061)
Association of Disabled Professionals (JES0062)
Karbon Homes (JES0063)
Barnardo's (JES0064)
Long Covid Support and Long Covid Work (JES0065)
Department for Work and Pensions (JES0066)

3. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Dr Christine Davies, Honorary Senior Lecturer in Mathematics, Royal Holloway University of London, Professor Esther Dermott, Professor of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Bristol, Dr Jon Symonds, Senior Lecturer in Social Work with Children and Families, University of Bristol, and Dr Mia Hakovirta, Department of Social Research, Turku University, Finland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 26 October 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair
Siobhan Baillie
Nigel Mills
Selaine Saxby
Dr Ben Spencer
Chris Stephens
Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Child Poverty Action Group (CMS0023)

Equality and Human Rights Commission and reasonable adjustments for disabled people

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 10 October 2022.

Pensions

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions and Growth, dated 26 October 2022.

3. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Louise Murphy, Economist, Resolution Foundation, Jonathan Cribb, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

Dr Eleanor Cater, Research Director, Government Outcomes Lab, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, Stephen Evans, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute, Ben Harrison, Director, The Work Foundation, and Tony Wilson, Institute Director, Institute for Employment Studies, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 2 November 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Shaun Bailey

Siobhan Baillie

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Asbestos related research

Correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive, dated 27 October 2022.

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Wired Differently (JES0067)

Centre for Public Data and John Penrose MP (JES0068)

3. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Joshua Reddaway, Director Work and Pensions Value for Money, National Audit Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 9 November 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair
Siobhan Baillie
Neil Coyle
Steve McCabe
Dr Ben Spencer
Chris Stephens
Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Manchester as part of its inquiry into *Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service and Plan for Jobs and employment support*.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Benefits and Pensions Up-rating 2023

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, dated 7 November 2022.

Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 7 November 2022.

3. The work of the Social Security Advisory Committee on separated parents and working age contributory benefits

Dr Stephen Brien, Chair, Liz Sayce, Vice Chair, and Carl Emmerson, Member, Social Security Advisory Committee, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 16 November 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

DWP office closures

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment, dated 16 November 2022.

Health assessments for benefits

Public Law Project (HAB0164)

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Institute for Fiscal Studies (JES0069)

Resolution Foundation (JES0070)

3. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Barry Fletcher, Chief Executive, Career Connect, Billy Harding, Policy and Research Manager, Centrepont, and Richard Rigby, Head of Policy & Public Affairs, The Prince's Trust, gave oral evidence.

James Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy, Impact and Social Change, Scope, Professor Kim Hoque, Founder, Disability@Work, Dr Jenny Ceolta-Smith, Member (Occupational Therapist and Researcher), Long Covid Support and Long Covid Work, and Jane Hunt, Chair, Association of Disabled Professionals, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair
Siobhan Baillie
Nigel Mills
Selaine Saxby
Dr Ben Spencer
Chris Stephens
Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Stephen Tierney (CMS0025)

Defined benefit pensions with liability driven investments

AgeWage (LDI0007)
John Ralfe Consulting (LDI0020)
Prof Iain Clacher & Dr Con Keating (LDI0018)
Association of Consulting Actuaries (LDI0026)
Pension and Lifetime Savings Association (LDI0035)

Jonathan Camfield, Partner, Lane, Clark & Peacock (LDI0023)
Lane, Clark & Peacock (LDI0049)

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Government Outcomes Lab, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford (JES0071)

No recourse to public funds

Correspondence with the Minister for Immigration, dated 23 November 2022.

3. Defined benefit pensions with liability driven investments

Henry Tapper, Executive Chair, AgeWage, John Ralfe, Independent Consultant, John Ralfe Consulting, Dr Con Keating, Head of Research, Brighton Rock Group, and Professor Iain Clacher, Leeds Business School, gave oral evidence.

Steven Taylor, Chair, Association of Consulting Actuaries, Leah Evans, Chair of IFoA Pensions Board, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, Joe Dabrowski, Deputy Director, Policy, Pension and Lifetime Savings Association, and Jonathan Camfield, Partner, Lane, Clark & Peacock, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 9.00am

Wednesday 30 November 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair
Debbie Abrahams
Siobhan Baillie
Shaun Bailey
Nigel Mills
Selaine Saxby
Chris Stephens
Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Cost of living payments

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 30 November 2022.

Defined benefit pensions with liability driven investments

Stephen Pugh (LDI0001)
Eumaeus (LDI0002)
Andrew Macpherson (LDI0003)
Richard Britton (LDI0005)
SOCial ECONomic RESearch, London and Frankfurt (LDI0008)
DALBAR Inc (LDI0009)
Ario Advisory (LDI0010)
Jeffrey Brown (LDI0012)
UK Shareholders' Association (LDI0013)
Simon Willes (LDI0014)
Railways Pension Trustee Company Limited (RPTCL) (LDI0015)
Mr Mark Davies; Mr Masroor Ahmad (LDI0021)
Vedanta Hedging Ltd (LDI0022)
Dalriada Trustees Limited (LDI0024)

Aon (LDI0025)
Association of Professional Pension Trustees (LDI0027)
The Investment Association (LDI0028)
Insight Investment (LDI0029)
AJ Bell (LDI0030)
Pension Protection Fund (LDI0031)
Hymans Robertson (LDI0032)
Columbia Threadneedle Investments (LDI0033)
Cardano (LDI0034)
Barnett Waddingham LLP (LDI0036)
BT Pension Scheme Management (LDI0037)
WTW (LDI0038)
Association of British Insurers (LDI0039)
XPS Pensions Group (LDI0040)
Schroders (LDI0041)
Toby Nangle (LDI0043)
The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (LDI0046)
The Pensions Regulator (LDI0047)
Trade Union Congress (TUC) (LDI0048)
Jonathan Camfield (LDI0050)

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 30 November 2022.

Exempt accommodation and Housing Benefit

Correspondence with the National Audit Office, dated 13 October 2022

3. The Work of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP, Secretary of State, and Peter Schofield, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 9.00am

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

National Audit Office (CMS0026)

Professor Emma Hitchings, Caroline Bryson, Professor Gillian Douglas, Dr Susan Purdon, Dr Jenny Birchall (CMS0027)

Contracted out deduction from a State Pension (GMP)

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 30 November 2022.

Defined benefit pensions with liability driven investments

John Ralfe Consulting (LDI0051)

SOCial ECONomic RESearch (LDI0052)

Prof David Blake (LDI0053)

Financial Conduct Authority (LDI0054)

Dixon International Group (LDI0055)

Prof Iain Clacher & Dr Con Keating (LDI0056)

Correspondence with The Pensions Regulator, dated 7 December 2022.

Electricity Supply Emergency Code

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work and the Minister for Energy and Climate, dated 7 December 2022.

National Disability Strategy

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, dated 1 December 2022.

Pensions

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 7 December 2022.

3. Defined benefit pensions and liability driven investments

David Fogarty, Director, Dalriada Trustees Limited, Harus Rai, Chair, Association of Professional Pension Trustees, and Rod Goodyer, Head of Investment Consulting, Barnett Waddingham LLP, gave oral evidence.

Abdallah Nauphal, CEO, Insight Investment, Kerrin Rosenberg, CEO, Cardano Investment, Charles Prideaux, Group Head of Strategy and Solutions and Chief Executive, Schroders Investment Management Ltd, and Dr Jonathan Lipkin, Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation, Investment Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 9.00am

Wednesday 14 December 2022

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Chris Stephens

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Dr Christine Davies (CMS0028)

Defined Benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

John Ralfe Consulting (LDI0059)

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted (LDI0060)

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 9 December 2022.

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Disability@Work (JES0072)

Prince's Trust (JES0073)

Work of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 14 December 2022.

3. Defined benefit pensions and liability driven investments

Charles Counsell, Chief Executive, David Fairs, Executive Director of Regulatory Policy, Analysis and Advice, The Pensions Regulator, Oliver Morley, Chief Executive, and Evan Guppy, Head of LDI and Credit, Pension Protection Fund, gave oral evidence.

Nikhil Rathi, Chief Executive, and Simon Walls, Wholesale Director, Sell Side, Financial Conduct Authority, gave oral evidence.

4. Universal Credit and childcare costs

Dr Ben Spencer declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Universal Credit and childcare costs, namely that he claims tax free childcare.

Draft Report (*Universal Credit and childcare costs*) 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 127.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 11 January 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Declaration of interests

David Linden declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Split the Difference (CMS0029)

Defined Benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Cardano (LDI0061)

Correspondence with the Government Actuary, dated 14 December 2022.

DWP office closures

Correspondence from the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression, dated 14 December 2022.

Electricity Supply Emergency Code

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Energy and Climate, dated 23 December 2022.

Household energy support

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Energy and Climate, dated 19 December 2022.

No Recourse to Public Funds

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Immigration, dated 29 December 2022.

Personal Independence Payment administrative exercise

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work, dated 15 December 2022.

Universal Credit

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 10 January 2023.

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

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Split the Difference (CMS0029)

4. Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Work and Pensions Committee attendance statistics

The Committee considered this matter.

6. DWP's Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22

Peter Schofield, Permanent Secretary, Catherine Vaughan, Director General, Finance and Neil Couling, Director General, Change and Resilience, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 9.00am

Monday 16 January 2023

The Chair, Debbie Abrahams and Nigel Mills visited Manchester in connection with the Committee's inquiries into *Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service* and *Plan for Jobs and employment support*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 November 2022.

Wednesday 18 January 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Shaun Bailey

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

Peter Grant also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1) (e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee's resolution of 18 January).

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:

Cost of living payments

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 9 January 2023.

DWP's Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, dated 18 January 2023.

Pensions

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 9 January 2023.

3. Protecting pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Draft Special Report (*Protecting pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life: Government, Financial Conduct Authority and Money and Pension Service's Responses to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2022–23*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government, Financial Conduct Authority and Money and Pensions Service's Responses to the Third Report from the Committee were appended to the Report.

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

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

5. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Resolved, That Peter Grant be invited to attend today's meeting relating to Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A (1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Lord Younger, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Hilda Massey, Director, State Pensions, Child Maintenance and Devolution, Arlene Sudgen, Director, Child Maintenance Service, Department for Work and Pensions gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 25 January 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Defined Benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

The 100 Group Pensions Committee (LDI0062)

Pensions and Investment Research Consultants (LDI0063)

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority, dated 19 January 2023.

Correspondence with the Pensions Protection Fund, dated 18 January 2023.

Correspondence with The Pensions Regulator, dated 20 January 2023.

Health assessments for benefits

Neil Carpenter (HAB0007)

Andrew Currie (HAB0017)

Mo Stewart (HAB0020)

Lauren Stonebanks (HAB0023)

Caroline Gale (HAB0042)

Veronica O'Donohue (HAB0044)

Tina Jones (HAB0045)

Jones (HAB0067)

Liverpool Access to Advice Network (HAB0068)
Barbara Harris (HAB0078)
Jane Clout (HAB0081)
Ian Foreman (HAB0082)
Mr William Day, Dr Rachel Shaw, Dr Dan Sheppard (HAB0085)
Anonymous (HAB0087)
Colin Watson (HAB0088)
Oasis Hub Waterloo (HAB0090)
Caroline Richardson (HAB0100)
Rosa Morris (HAB0105)
REACH Community Projects (HAB0119)
Brown (HAB0131)
Anonymous (HAB0140)
The Big Help Project (HAB0142)
Advice NI (HAB0144)
Boinboing Resilience CIC, Grace Advocacy, University of Brighton, University of West London (HAB0146)
T Rees (HAB0148)
Royal Mencap Society (HAB0151)
Vauxhall Community and Information Centre (HAB0153)
Citizens Advice Scotland (HAB0155)

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Stripy Lightbulb CIC (JES0075)

3. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Luke Price Senior Research and Policy Manager, Work, The Centre for Ageing Better, Dr Shriti Pattani, President, Society of Occupational Medicine, Peter Murphy, Director, Wise Age, and Professor Kevin Bampton, Chief Executive Officer, British Occupational Hygiene Society, gave oral evidence.

Graham Whitham, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Manchester Poverty Action, Councillor Kieron Williams, Chair, Central London Forward, and Councillor Toby Savage, Vice Chairman of the City Regions Board, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Declaration of Interests

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to his role as Chair of Trustees, Traidcraft Foundation which had a golden share in Traidcraft PLC that had gone into administration and might possibly enter the Pension Protection Fund.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Correspondence to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 1 February 2023.

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Mr Rob Curtis (LDI0064)

State Pension Age Review

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 1 February 2023.

The work of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 23 January 2023.

4. Defined benefit pensions and Liability Driven Investments

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into *Defined benefit pensions and Liability Driven Investments*, namely as being the Minister for Pensions when the Occupational Pensions (investment) Regulations 2005 were made.

Tim Bush, Head of Governance and Financial Analysis, Pensions and Investment Research Consultants, Professor David Blake, Director, Pensions Institute, Bayes Business School, and Toby Nangle, Independent Economic and Financial Markets Commentator, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Breeden, Executive Director, Financial Stability Strategy and Risk and member of the Financial Policy Committee, Bank of England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 9.00am

Monday 7 February 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 4 March 2020:

Protecting pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 6 February 2023.

Wednesday 8 February 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the House of Lords Industry and Regulators Committee for the purpose of taking oral evidence about defined benefit pension schemes and Liability Driven Investments.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

John Ralfe Consulting (LDI0065)

DWP Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, dated 31 January 2023

Health Assessments for benefits

Gillian Burnell HAB0003

Janet Hassall HAB0005

Anonymous HAB0008

Alan Budimirovic HAB0010

Peter Kemp HAB0012

Sutton HAB0015

Parker HAB0016

A Bennetton HAB0018

Dr Dylan Murphy HAB0024
Watson HAB0028
Anne Egan HAB0047
Mr and Mrs Taylor HAB0063
Anonymous HAB0074
Rosalyn Lord HAB0077
Simon Duffy HAB0084
Mr Howard Gordon HAB0121
Darren Levy HAB0128
J Longstaff HAB0132
Vaughan Thomas HAB0138
Miss P M Dolan HAB0141
Miss Michelle McCluskey HAB0143
Anonymous HAB0150

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Central London Forward (JES0076)
Long Covid Support & Long Covid Work (JES0077)

Universal Credit and childcare costs

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment on the Flexible Support Fund,
dated 2 February 2023

3. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance service

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Rhodri Thomas, Managing Director, Reed in Partnership, Elizabeth Taylor, Chief Executive, The Employment Related Services Association (ERSA), Fiona Monahan, Chief Executive, Ingeus, and Richard Clifton, Managing Director of Employability, Shaw Trust, gave oral evidence.

Rosie Ginday, CEO and Founder, Miss Macaroon, Liz Sewell, Director, Get Ready for Work (GRoW), and Graham Parry, Director of Youth, Employment and Skills at Groundwork, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 22 February 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, dated 9 February 2023

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Simon Willes LDI0066

David Blake LDI0067

Jonathan Camfield LDI0068

Tim Bush LDI0069

Charles Malcolm-Brown LDI0070

Department for Work and Pensions Supplementary Estimate

Department for Work and Pensions Supplementary Estimate 2022/23

Plan for Jobs and employment support

British Occupational Hygiene Society JES0078

Centre for Ageing Better JES0079

John Chesterton-Palmer JES0080

Wise Age JES0081
Centre for Cities JES0082

Universal Credit and childcare costs

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 15 February 2023

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions relating to Class 3 National Insurance Contributions, dated 14 February 2023.

Correspondence with the Pension Plumbing Scheme relating to Section 75 employer debt, dated 23 February 2023.

3. State Pension Age Review

Dr Ben Spencer declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's work on the State Pension Age review in that he was the Vice Chair of the APPG on Japan.

Martin Clarke, Government Actuary, and Jonathan Cridland, First independent Reviewer of the State Pension age (2016-17), gave oral evidence.

Jack Jones, Pensions Policy Officer, TUC, Sally West, Policy Manager for Income and Poverty, Age UK, Professor Hilary Land, Emeritus Professor, University of Bristol and member of the Women's Budget Group Policy Advisory Group, and Professor Les Mayhew, International Longevity Centre and Bayes Business School, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 9.00am

Monday 27 February–Friday 3 March 2023

The Chair, Debbie Abrahams, Shaun Bailey, David Linden, Steve McCabe and Nigel Mills visited USA (Boston, Philadelphia and Washington DC) in connection with the Committee's inquiry into *Plan for Jobs and employment support*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 July 2022.

Wednesday 1 March 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 4 March 2020:

State Pension Age Review

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 1 March 2023.

Wednesday 8 March 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Defined benefit pension schemes.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Cost of living support payments.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

John Ralfe Consulting (Director at John Ralfe Consulting Ltd) LDI0071

Cardano Investment LDI0072

Dalriada Trustees Ltd LDI0073

Richard Britton LDI0074

Legal and General LDI0075

Health assessments for benefits

Asbestos Victims Support Groups' Forum UK HAB0113

Ms Jayne Gale HAB0147

Name and address given but withheld HAB0117

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 21 February 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payments and the MH Judgement, dated 21 February 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions relating to reciprocal pension arrangements, dated 2 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Plumbing Pension Scheme relating to section 75 employer debt, dated 23 February 2023.

3. Benefits provision in the UK

Iain Porter, Senior Policy Adviser, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Robert Joyce, Deputy Director and Head of the Income, Work and Welfare sector, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Ryan Shorthouse, Founder and Chief Executive, Bright Blue, and Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Ashwin Kumar, Professor of Social Policy and Director, Policy Evaluation Research Unit, Manchester Metropolitan University, Nicholas Timmins, Senior Fellow, The Institute for Government, and Donald Hirsch, Policy Adviser, abrdn Financial Fairness Trust, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Insight Investment LDI0076

Dr Con Keating and Prof Iain Clacher LDI0077

Association of Professional Pension Trustees LDI0078

XPS Pension Group LDI0079

The Investment Association LDI0081

Schroders LDI0082

Association of Consulting Actuaries LDI0083

WTW (Willis Towers Watson) LDI0084

BlackRock LDI0085

Columbia Threadneedle Investments LDI0086

Correspondence with the Bank of England, dated 9 March 2023

Protecting pension savers - five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions dated 3 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payments and the MH Judgment, dated 7 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions relating to Class 3 National Insurance Contributions, dated 7 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to the appointment of the Government's Menopause Employment Champion, dated 6 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Plumbing Pension Scheme relating to Section 75 employer debt, dated 6 March 2023.

3. Defined benefit pension scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Dr Katy Jones, Research Fellow, Manchester Metropolitan University, and Professor Dan Finn, Emeritus Professor of Social Inclusion, University of Portsmouth, gave oral evidence.

5. Health assessments for benefits

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 22 March 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Correspondence with the Bank of England, dated 17 March 2023.

State Pension Age Review

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 16 March 2023.

Correspondence with the International Longevity Centre, dated 16 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payments and reassessments, dated 13 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the publication of the Disability White Paper, dated 15 March 2023

The Committee met concurrently with House of Lords Industry and Regulators Committee

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden
Nigel Mills
Selaine Saxby
Sir Desmond Swayne

House of Lords Industry and Regulators Committee present:

The following Members of the House of Lords Industry and Regulators Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A): Lord Agnew of Oulton, Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted, Lord Burns, and Lord Reay.

Sir Stephen Timms was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

3. Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into *Defined benefit pensions and Liability Driven Investments*, namely as being the Minister for Pensions when the Occupational Pensions (investment) Regulations 2005 were made.

Baroness Bowles declared a pecuniary interest as a Non-executive Director at the London Stock Exchange.

Laura Trott MBE MP, Minister for Pensions, Tom Josephs, Director, Private Pensions, Department for Work and Pensions, Andrew Griffith MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and Lowri Khan, Director of Financial Stability, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 29 March 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Benefit levels in the UK.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Plan for jobs and employment support

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment and Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, dated 21 March 2023.

State Pension Age Review

Correspondence with the Government Actuary, dated 20 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to the Personal Independence Payment administrative exercise, dated 16 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment relating to Move to Universal Credit, dated 28 March 2023.

Correspondence with Minister for Employment relating to UC deductions and Healthy Start, dated 20 March 2023.

3. Universal Credit and childcare costs

Draft Special Report (Universal Credit and childcare costs: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2022–23), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee of Session 2022–23 was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Cost of living support payments

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Work of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Rt Hon Mel Stride MP, Secretary of State, and Katie Farrington, Director General for Disability, Health and Pensions, and Katherine Green, Director General, Labour Market Policy and Implementation, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

6. Health Assessments for benefits

Draft Report (*Health assessments for benefits*), 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 128.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 19 April 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Shaun Bailey

Neil Coyle

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Benefit levels in the UK

Joseph Rowntree Foundation BPI0001

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Anonymised CMS0031

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, dated 3 April 2023.

Universal Credit and childcare costs

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 13 April 2023.

The Work of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 19 April 2023.

Correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive relating to asbestos management, dated 31 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Carer's Allowance, dated 13 April 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to PIP and reassessments, dated 29 March 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment relating to UC deductions and Healthy Start, dated 5 April 2023.

3. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Alex Till, Chairman, National Enterprise Network, David Hale, Head of Public Affairs, Federation of Small Businesses, Matt Dooley, Chief Operating Officer, Momentic Limited, and Jonny Briggs, Diversity, Inclusion and Resourcing Director, Aviva, gave oral evidence.

4. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Draft Report (*Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service*), 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 Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 272.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 April 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 26 April 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Neil Coyle

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Household Support Fund

Rita Griffiths, Research Fellow at Institute for Policy Research, University of Bath, Rachel Bull, Head of Policy and Research, Trussell Trust, Oliver Crunden, Senior Policy Researcher, Citizen's Advice, and Alex Clegg, Senior Policy and Data Analyst, Policy in Practice, gave oral evidence.

Councillor Abi Brown, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Councillor Peter Marland, Milton Keynes City Council, Stephen McGinnes, Director of Support and Collections, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council, and Steven Edwards, Director of Support and Collections Communities Collaboration and Resilience Lead, Devon County Council, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 3 May 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Pension Insurance Corporation LDI0087

Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority, dated 24 April 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, dated 20 April 2023.

Correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive relating to asbestos management, dated 27 April 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Carer's Allowance, dated 26 April 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, dated 25 April 2023.

3. Benefit levels in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Work and Pensions Committee attendance statistics

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Guy Opperman MP, Minister for Employment, Tom Pursglove MP, Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, Katie Farrington, Director General for Disability, Health and Pensions, and Sophie Dean, Director General for Labour Market Policy and Implementation, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 10 May 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Work of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 2 May 2023.

3. Effectiveness of sanctions

Dr Serena Pattaro, Research Fellow, University of Glasgow, Dr Patrick Arni, Senior Lecturer at School of Economics, University of Bristol, and Tom Waters, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Benefit levels in the UK

Public Health Scotland BPI0030

Carer's Trust BPI0031

Bevan Foundation BPI0040

Marie Curie BPI0045

Abrdn Financial Fairness Trust BPI0053

Disability Rights UK BPI0054

Child Poverty Action Group BPI0065

Welsh Government BPI0069

Gingerbread BPI0075

Save the Children BPI0089

Scottish Government BPI0090

Universal Credit and childcare costs

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 9 May 2023.

Correspondence from the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to DWP support for those fleeing Sudan in connection with the violence, dated 11 May 2023.

Correspondence from the Pensions Regulator relating to pension scams, dated 9 May 2023.

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to fraud and error statistics, dated 12 May 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and the MH judgment, dated 11 May 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, dated 9 May 2023.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to contacting the DWP, dated 11 May 2023.

3. Benefit levels in the UK

David Stickland, Director, Benefits Training Company, Dr Steffan Evans, Head of Policy (Poverty), Bevan Foundation, Professor Stephen Sinclair, co-Director, Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit (SPIRU), and Ciara Fitzpatrick, Academic Adviser, Northern Ireland Cliff Edge Coalition, gave oral evidence.

Kirsty McHugh, CEO, Carer's Trust, Ken Butler, Welfare Rights and Policy Adviser, Disability Rights UK, Tom Lee, Senior Policy Analyst, Child Poverty Action Group, and James Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy, Impact and Social Change, Scope, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 9.30am

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Benefit levels in the UK

Professor Paul Spicker (BPI0002)

Anonymised (BPI0003)

University of Edinburgh (BPI0004)

Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel (BPI0007)

Just Fair (BPI0008)

Z2K (BPI0009)

Transformation Cornwall (BPI0010)

Coventry Citizens Advice (BPI0011)

North Ayrshire Foodbank (BPI0012)

Anonymised (BPI0013)

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) (BPI0014)

Organise (BPI0015)

Dr Daniel Edmiston (BPI0018)

Shelter (BPI0019)

Greater Manchester Poverty Action (GMPA) (BPI0020)

Centrepont (BPI0021)

MS Society (BPI0022)

North East Child Poverty Commission (BPI0023)

Swale Foodbank (BPI0024)

Citizens' Economic Council on the Cost of Living (BPI0025)
East Lothian Foodbank (BPI0026)
Dr Mandy Cheetham, Dr Elaine Bidmead, Dr Catherine El Zerbi, and Dr Steph Morris (BPI0027)
Macmillan Cancer Support (BPI0028)
Disability Benefits Consortium (BPI0029)
Devizes and District Foodbank (BPI0032)
South Tyneside Council (BPI0033)
Good Things Foundation (BPI0034)
Benefit Changes and Larger Families research team (BPI0035)
Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University (BPI0036)
Community Housing Cymru (BPI0037)
Usdaw (BPI0038)
Eastbourne Foodbank (BPI0039)
London Councils (BPI0041)
Aberdeenshire North Foodbank (BPI0042)
National Residential Landlords' Association (BPI0043)
Professor Peter Whiteford Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University (BPI0044)
Digital Futures at Work Research Centre (BPI0046)
St Mungo's (BPI0047)
Lloyds Bank Foundation for England & Wales (BPI0048)
Wheatley Group (BPI0049)
Welfare at a (Social) Distance Research Team (BPI0050)
Sustainable Housing and Urban Studies Unit - University of Salford (BPI0051)
Children's Society (BPI0052)
Orbit Group (BPI0055)
Food Foundation (BPI0056)
Changing Realities (BPI0057)
Refuge (BPI0058)
Professor Jane Millar, Dr Rita Griffiths, Dr Marsha Wood and Fran Bennett (BPI0059)
Propertymark (BPI0060)
Scottish Campaign on Rights To Social Security, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland (BPI0061)
Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Trussell Trust (BPI0062)
Parkinson's UK (BPI0063)
Policy in Practice (BPI0064)

Chartered Institute of Housing (BPI0066)
StepChange Debt Charity (BPI0067)
Frontline Network (BPI0068)
Leonard Cheshire (BPI0070)
Sense (BPI0071)
YMCA England & Wales (BPI0072)
Public Law Project (BPI0073)
Dr Marcia Gibson, Dr Steph Morris and Dr Mandy Cheetham (BPI0074)
Coventry Frontline Network (BPI0076)
Hospitality and Hope (BPI0077)
IncomeMax (BPI0078)
Fabian Society (BPI0079)
Crisis (BPI0081)
New Economics Foundation (BPI0082)
Communications Consumer Panel (BPI0083)
Rethink Mental Illness (BPI0084)
Independent Food Aid Network (BPI0085)
TUC (BPI0086)
Feeding Britain (BPI0087)
Project 17 (BPI0088)
The Poverty Alliance (BPI0091)
Women's Regional Consortium, Northern Ireland (BPI0092)
Dr Ciara Fitzpatrick; Prof Gráinne McKeever; Dr Jed Meers; Dr Mark Simpson (BPI0093)
Scope (BPI0094)

Cost of living support payments

Anonymised (CLP0004)
Anonymised (CLP0005)
Feeding Britain (CLP0006)
Organise (CLP0007)
Citizens Advice Newcastle (CLP0009)
Melin Homes Ltd (CLP0010)
Care & Repair Cymru (CLP0011)
Dr Rita Griffiths (CLP0014)
Age UK (CLP0017)
Anonymised (CLP0018)
Greater Manchester Poverty Action (GMPA) (CLP0020)

Leicestershire County Council (CLP0021)
Parkinson's UK (CLP0022)
Dr Kate Andersen, Dr Ruth Patrick, Professor Aaron Reeves, Dr Kitty Stewart (CLP0023)
Southampton Anti-Poverty Forum, SCRATCH, Southampton City Mission (CLP0024)
Mr Ed Hodson (CLP0025)
the3million (CLP0026)
In Kind Direct (CLP0027)
Child Poverty Action Group, Changing Realities (CLP0028)
Independent Age (CLP0029)
Bright Blue (CLP0030)
Community Housing Cymru (CLP0031)
Anonymised (CLP0032)
Department for Work and Pensions (CLP0033)
Christians against Poverty (CLP0034)
Brighton & Hove City Council (CLP0035)
The Trussell Trust (CLP0036)
Royal Mencap Society (CLP0037)
Refuge (CLP0038)
Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming (CLP0039)
Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum (CLP0040)
Southampton City Council (CLP0041)
Scottish Parliament's Social Justice and Social Justice Committee (CLP0042)
Organise (CLP0043)
Leonard Cheshire (CLP0044)
Burmantofts Community Projects (CLP0045)
Mental Health Foundation (CLP0046)
London Borough of Southwark (Southwark Council) (CLP0047)
Barnardo's (CLP0048)
Save the Children (CLP0049)
Sense (CLP0050)
Dr Lavinia Mitton (CLP0052)
Blackpool Council (CLP0053)
Law Centre NI (CLP0054)
Policy in Practice (CLP0055)
Public Law Project (CLP0056)
Entitledto (CLP0057)

Anonymised (CLP0058)
Equity (CLP0059)
Bradford Council (CLP0060)

Effectiveness of sanctions

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 24 May 2023.

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Youth Futures Foundation (JES0083)

Correspondence with the Pension Protection Fund relating to the Fraud Compensation Fund and the Norton Motorcycles Pension Scheme, dated 17 May 2023

DWP Main Estimate Memorandum 2023—24

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

Benefit levels in the UK

Anonymised (BPI0006)
Rural Issues Group of Citizens Advice (BPI0016)
Citizens Advice in Somerset (formerly Citizens Advice Sedgemoor) (BPI0017)

Cost of living support payments

Anonymised (CLP0008)
Anonymised (CLP0012)
Anonymised (CLP0016)
Anonymised (CLP0019)

2. Cost of living support payments

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Benefit levels in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Plan for Jobs and employment support

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 9.15am

Wednesday 7 June 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Benefit levels in the UK

Department for Work and Pensions (BPI0095)

Prof Stephen Sinclair (BPI0096)

Cost of living support payments

Scope (CLP0061)

Defined benefit pension schemes

Knowa Limited (DBP0003)

Alistair Raffel (DBP0004)

Michael Smith (DBP0005)

Mr Rodney Levy (Retired at Lowndes Lambert Group) (DBP0006)

Mr David Leech and other retired members of the Streamline Holdings Fund (DBP0008)

Mr Arnold Thomas Delaney (DBP0011)

Dr Philippa Whitford MP (DBP0012)

Punter Southall Pension Solutions Limited (DBP0013)
Mr David Hatswell (DBP0014)
Mr Terry Monk (DBP0015)
Pensions Action Group (DBP0016)
Mr Clive Spencer Gifford Saunders (DBP0017)
Mr Alan Wilson (DBP0018)
Mr Con O'Neill (DBP0019)
Mr Anthony Reading (DBP0020)
Dr Neil Hancox (DBP0021)
Prof. Michael Hutchings (DBP0022)
David Griffiths (DBP0024)
Mr Richard Thompson-Hill (DBP0025)
Ario Advisory (DBP0026)
Michael Denham (DBP0028)
Hewlett Packard Pension Association (HPPA) (DBP0029)
Dr Andrew Turner (DBP0030)
Mr Terry Monk (DBP0031)
Professor Iain Clacher and Dr Con Keating (DBP0032)
Mr Richard Lee (DBP0033)
Royal Ordnance Pensioners Association (ROPA) (DBP0034)
Unite the Union (DBP0035)
Prospect (DBP0036)
Dr Peter Lapinskas (DBP0037)
Mrs Margaret Snowden OBE (DBP0038)
Association of Professional Pension Trustees (DBP0039)
C-Suite Pension Strategies Ltd (DBP0040)
XPS Pensions Group (DBP0041)
Community Union (DBP0042)
The Society of Pension Professionals (DBP0043)
Insight Investment (DBP0044)
Hymans Robertson LLP (DBP0045)
Mr Andrew Lancefield (DBP0046)
Abrdn (DBP0047)
Association of Pension Lawyers (DBP0048)
Pension Protection Fund (DBP0050)
Clara-Pensions Limited (DBP0051)
Association of Consulting Actuaries (DBP0052)
The Deprived Pensioners Association (DBP0053)

Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (PLSA) (DBP0054)
Mercer (DBP0055)
LCP (DBP0056)
Institute for Family Business (DBP0057)
Broadstone (DBP0058)
Association of British Insurers (DBP0059)
First Actuarial LLP (DBP0060)
Isio Group (DBP0061)
Aon (DBP0062)
Railways Pension Trustee Company Limited (RPTCL) (DBP0063)
Deloitte Pensions Services Limited (DBP0064)
Cardano (DBP0065)
Mr John Ralfe (Managing Director at John Ralfe Consulting) (DBP0066)
Brightwell (DBP0067)
TPT Retirement Solutions (DBP0068)
Mr Adam Saron (DBP0069)
Anonymised (DBP0070)
The Pensions Regulator (DBP0071)
Rhys ab Owen MS (DBP0072)
Pension Insurance Corporation plc (DBP0073)
University and College Union (UCU) (DBP0074)
UNISON (DBP0075)
WTW (DBP0076)
Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (DBP0077)
Universities Superannuation Scheme (DBP0078)
Matt Rodda MP (DBP0079)

Household Support Fund

Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council (HSF0001)
Milton Keynes Council (HSF0002)
Stoke-on-Trent Council (HSF0003)
Devon County Council (HSF0004)

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Boots (JES0084)
Gingerbread (JES0085)
Correspondence with the Minister for Employment, dated 24 May 2023.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to contacting the DWP, dated 26 May 2023.

Correspondence to The Pensions Regulator, relating to pension scams, dated 30 May 2023.

Correspondence to the Secretary of State relating to Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Board Report: "Billy", dated 30 May 2023.

Correspondence from the Pension Protection Fund relating to the Norton Motorcycles pension scheme, dated 31 May 2023.

3. Benefit levels in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Defined benefit pension schemes

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Cost of living support payments

Helen Barnard, Director of Policy, Research and Impact, The Trussell Trust, Maddy Rose, Policy Specialist, Royal Mencap Society, Sally West, Policy Manager, Age UK, and Morgan Wild, Head of Policy, Citizens Advice gave oral evidence.

Fran Bennett, Associate Fellow, University of Oxford, Richard Hunt, Head of Hospitality, Catering and Country Parks, Leicestershire County Council, and Maxwell Marlow, Director of Research, Adam Smith Institute gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Benefit levels in the UK

Citizens Advice (BPI0097)

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Pension Protection Fund (LDI0088)

The effectiveness of sanctions

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 7 June 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payment and the MH Judgment, dated June 2023.

Correspondence between the Home Affairs, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Work and Pensions Committees and the Home Office relating to Streamlined asylum process: Impact on councils, dated 2 June 2023.

3. Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Draft Report (*Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments*), 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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 826.

4. Benefit levels in the UK

Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, Former Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (2010—2016), and Deven Ghelani, Director and Founder, Policy in Practice, gave oral evidence.

Dr Stephen Brien, Chair, Social Security Advisory Committee, gave oral evidence.

Professor Peter Whiteford, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University, and Matthew Oakley, Secretariat, Social Metrics Commission, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 9.15am

Wednesday 21 June 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Defined benefit pension schemes

BP Pensioner Group (DBP0080)

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Lloyds Banking Group (JES0086)

Correspondence from the Office for National Statistics relating to population and migration statistics, dated 14 June 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Board Report “Billy”, dated 13 June 2023.

Correspondence with The Pensions Regulator relating to pension scams update, dated 13 June 2023.

3. Health assessments for benefits

Draft Special Report (*Health assessments for benefits: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2022–23*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Defined benefit pension schemes

Dr Con Keating, Professor Iain Clacher, Professor of Pensions & Finance and Director, Centre for Financial Technology and Innovation, University of Leeds, Sir Steve Webb, Partner, Lane, Clark & Peacock, and Joe Dabrowski, Deputy Director of Policy, Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association, gave oral evidence.

Martin Hunter, Head of Integrated Funding, Railpen, Leah Evans, Chair of Pensions Board, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, Derek Benstead, Senior Consultant, First Actuarial LLP, and John Ralfe, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 9.15am

Wednesday 28 June 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment, dated 15 June 2023.

3. Benefit levels in the UK

Nigel Mills, Steve McCabe and Sir Desmond Swayne declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Benefit levels in the UK, namely: they are private landlords.

Dr Ben Spencer declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Benefit levels in the UK, namely: he had received support, as set out in his entry under category 2(a) the Register of Members Financial Interest, from those with an interest in housing policy.

Dr Carin Tunåker, Lecturer in Law and Homelessness Researcher, University of Kent, Ben Twonmey, Director, Generation Rent, Francesca Albanese, Interim Director for Policy and External Affairs, Crisis and Balbir Chatrik, Director of Policy and Communications, Centrepont, gave oral evidence.

Sheila Haig, Customer Manager, Transactions—Assessment and Finance, Corporate Services, The City of Edinburgh Council, Ben Beadle, Chief Executive, National Residential Landlords' Association, Timothy Douglas, Head of Policy and Campaigns, Propertymark, and Professor Peter Kemp, Professor of Public Policy and Senior Research Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Government, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 July 2023 at 9.15am

Wednesday 5 July 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Draft Special Report (*Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. Cost of living support payments

Dr Jennifer Robson, Associate Professor and Program Director, Political Management Kroeger College, Carleton University, Dr Miroslav Štefánik, Director, Institute of Economic Research Slovak Academy of Sciences, and Professor Thomas Gerlinger, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Bielefeld University, gave oral evidence.

Mims Davies MP, Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression, Katy Roberts, Deputy Director, Poverty Strategy, Nagesh Reddy, Portfolio Director, Change and Resilience Group, and Neil Couling, Director General, Change and Resilience Group, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 12 July 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 12 July 2023.

Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 29 June 2023.

Health assessments for benefits

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, dated 3 July 2023.

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions relating to fraud and error targets, dated 6 July 2023.

3. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Draft Report (*Plan for Jobs and employment support*), 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 Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 600.

5. Pensions dashboard

Sara Weller, Chair, Money and Pensions Service, and Chris Curry, Principal, Pensions Dashboard Programme, gave oral evidence.

Laura Trott MP, Minister for Pensions, Tom Josephs, Director, Private Pensions and Arm's Length Bodies, and Simon McKinnon, Former Chief Digital and Information Officer, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 9.15am

Wednesday 19 July 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Norton pension schemes and the Fraud Compensation Scheme.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Safeguarding vulnerable claimants.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defined benefit pension schemes

Railways Pension Trustee Company Limited (DBP0081)

Dr Con Keating and Prof Iain Clacher (DBP0082)

Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (DBP0083)

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 19 July 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to fraud and error, dated 18 July 2023.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, relating to the minimum income floor for people working in cultural and creative industries, dated 18 July 2023.

3. Cost of living support payments

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Benefit levels in the UK

Rebecca Deegan, Head of Protection and Health Policy, Association of British Insurers, Iain Mansfield, Director of Research, Policy Exchange, Mike Brewer, Deputy Chief Executive, Resolution Foundation, and Andrew Harrop, General Secretary, Fabian Society, gave oral evidence.

Emily Farchy, Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Céline Jaeggy, Director of Legal and Institutional Affairs, UNEDIC, and Kristoffer Lundberg, Deputy Director, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (Sweden), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 9.15am.

Monday 4 September 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 4 March 2020 (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137; see Votes and Proceedings [4 September 2023]): Health assessments for benefits

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, dated 1 August 2023.

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Siobhan Baillie

Neil Coyle

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Steve McCabe

Selaine Saxby

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Benefit levels in the UK

Association of British Insurers (BPI0100)

Cost of living support payments

Correspondence from the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression, dated 19 July 2023.

Plan for Jobs and employment support

Anonymous (JES0002)

Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to advice and guidance, dated 3 August 2023.

Correspondence from the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payment, dated 28 July 2023.

Correspondence from the Secretaries of State for Work and Pensions and Health and Social Care relating to Occupational Health Consultation, dated 19 July 2023.

Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive relating to LPG fuelled forklift trucks, dated 10 August 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment relating to DWP decision-making, dated 24 July 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to asbestos, dated 20 July 2023.

3. Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Defined benefit pension schemes

Yvonne Braun, Director of Policy, Long Term Savings and Protection, Association of British Insurers, Tracy Blackwell, CEO, Pension Insurance Corporation, Serkan Bektas, Head of Client Solutions, Insight Investment and Brian Denyer, Senior Solutions Director - Pensions, Abrdrn, gave oral evidence.

Luke Webster, CEO, The Pension Superfund, Simon True, CEO, Clara-Pensions Limited and Adam Saron, Co-founder and former CEO of Clara-Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 9.15am.

Wednesday 13 September 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Shaun Bailey

David Linden

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Defined benefit pension schemes

Correspondence with the Prudential Regulatory Authority, dated 13 September 2023.

Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Work Capability Assessment Consultation, dated 5 September 2023.

Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive relating to disposal facilities in toilets, dated 13 September 2023.

Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive relating to RAAC, dated 7 September 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment relating to DWP decision making, dated 4 September 2023.

Correspondence from the Minister for Immigration relating to Public Funds listed in the Immigration Rules, dated 7 September 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions relating to the AEAT pension scheme, dated 13 September 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to RAAC and buildings used to deliver DWP services, dated 7 September 2023.

3. Benefit levels in the UK

Emily Holzhausen, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Carers UK, Katherine Hill, Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University, Tom Pollard, Head of Social Policy, New Economics Foundation and Brian Dow, Deputy Chief Executive, Rethink Mental Illness, gave oral evidence.

Jane Tully, Deputy Chief Executive (Acting), Money Advice Trust, Adam Butler, Public Policy Manager, StepChange and Duncan Shrubsole, Director of Policy, Communications and Research, Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 9.15am.

Tuesday 19 September 2023

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 4 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Chief Executive, Health and Safety Executive, related to RAAC, dated 19 September 2023.

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

David Linden

Steve McCabe

Nigel Mills

Selaine Saxby

Dr Ben Spencer

Sir Desmond Swayne

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:

Benefit levels in the UK

StepChange Debt Charity (BPI0101)

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Benefit Deductions, dated 18 October 2023.

Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service

Anonymised (CMS0002)

Defined benefit pension schemes

John Kaufman (DBP0084)

Insight Investment (DBP0085)

Abrdrn (DBP0086)

Richard Nicholl (DBP0087)

Correspondence with the Prudential Regulation Authority relating to DB pension scheme consolidation, dated 29 September 2023.

Defined benefit pensions schemes with Liability Driven Investments

Bernard Casey (LDI0058)

Effectiveness of sanctions

Dr Serena Pattaro (EOS0001)

Plan for jobs and employment support

Correspondence with the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to double taxation, dated 18 October 2023.

Protection pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life

Anonymised (PSL0051)

Anonymised (PSL0057)

The Ink Group (PSL0058)

Punter Southall (PSL0059)

First Actuarial (PSL0060)

Safeguarding vulnerable claimants

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Internal Process Reviews (IPRs), dated 15 September 2023.

Correspondence with The Pensions Regulator (TPR) relating to the Wilko pension scheme, dated 11 October 2023.

Correspondence with Health and Safety Executive relating to disposal facilities in toilets, dated 5 October 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People Health and Work relating to Carer's Allowance, dated 5 October 2023.

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to Carer's Allowance, dated 5 October 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to DWP staff working on fraud and error, dated 11 October 2023.

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to NRPF Household Support Fund guidance, dated 5 October 2023.

Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to RAAC and buildings used to deliver DWP services, dated 20 September 2023.

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the operation of the minimum income floor for people working in cultural and creative industries, dated 10 October 2023.

3. Plan for Jobs and employment support

Draft Special Report (*Plan for Jobs and employment support: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2022–23*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Defined Benefit pension schemes

Robert Smith, Member of Council, Royal Ordnance Pensioners Association, David Carson, Member of Steering Committee, Hewlett Packard Pension Association (HPPA), and Nick Coleman, Member, BP Pensioner Group, gave oral evidence.

Harus Rai, Chair, Association of Professional Pension Trustees, Janice Turner, Founding Co-Chair, Association of Member Nominated Trustees, Steve Hitchiner, President, Society of Pension Professionals, and Leonard Bowman, Partner and Head of Corporate DB Endgame Strategy, Hymans Robertson, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 October 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 25 October 2023

Members present:

Sir Stephen Timms, in the Chair

Nigel Mills

Sir Desmond Swayne

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Committee agreed that Clive Betts of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee would be invited to guest at a one-off evidence session on 22 November on the Shared Prosperity Fund.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Benefit Levels in the UK

Correspondence with the Secretary of State and the Chancellor relating to Up-rating: Working age benefits, dated 25 October 2023

Defined benefit pension schemes

The Deprived Pensioners Association (DBP0088)

The Association of Professional Pension Trustees (DBP0089)

Correspondence with the PPF relating to the defined benefit pension scheme inquiry and updated data, dated 18 October 2023

Safeguarding vulnerable claimants

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Internal Process Reviews (IPRs), dated 18 October 2023

Correspondence with Minister for Disabled People Health and Work relating to Carer's Allowance

Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to the Health and Safety Executive's approach to asbestos management, dated 16 October 2023

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Work Capability Assessment consultation, dated 25 October 2023

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 9.00am.

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP

5 March 2020: Register of Members' Interest (as at 11 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: London City Airport Address of donor: Royal Docks, London E16 2PB Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and evening meal, value £410 Destination of visit: Vilnius, Lithuania Dates of visit: 7-8 May 2019 Purpose of visit: To mark inauguration of Lot Airlines regular flight from London City to Vilnius. (Registered 30 May 2019)

Name of donor: (1) Hajj Baba Ltd; (2) National Assembly of Pakistan Address of donor: (1) 41 Alexandra Road, Hounslow TW3 4HW; (2) Parliament House, Constitution Avenue, D-Chowk Red Zone, Islamabad, Pakistan Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Flights with a value of £1,800; (2) accommodation with a value of £700 Destination of visit: Pakistan Dates of visit: 25-29 August 2019 Purpose of visit: Discussions with Ministers and Parliamentarians, including of recent developments in Indian-administered Kashmir. (Registered 07 October 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee, East Thirteen Christian Trust. (Registered 10 May 2018)

Chair of Trustees, Traidcraft Foundation. (Registered 10 May 2018)

Trustee, Parliamentary Christian Trust. (Registered 10 May 2018)

From 11 February 2016, member of the Council of St Paul's Cathedral. (Registered 01 August 2018)

Additional declaration made at Committee Meeting (8 September 2021)

Appointed as UK Government's Trade Envoy to Switzerland and Liechtenstein (23 August 2021)

Debbie Abrahams MP

Nil

Shaun Bailey MP

1. Employment and earnings

16 December 2019, received £2,456 from Barclays Execution Services Ltd (banking/financial services), One Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HP, for services as a trainee solicitor. Hours: 16 hrs. (Registered 09 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: Lawrence Tomlinson Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Stalbury Trustees Address of donor: 31 Hill Street, London W1J 4CS Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Donor status: company, registration 01430799 (Registered 09 January 2020)

Siobhan Baillie MP

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

Name of donor: Conservative Voice Address of donor: Windslow House, Ashurst Park, Church Lane, Ascot SL5 7ED Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,600 Donor status: company, registration 09514065 (Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Andrew Godson Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 Donor status: individual (Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Anthony Endfield Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 10 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: £4,000 received via the Midlands Industrial Council Donor
status: company, registration 06317947 (Registered 10 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel (CFI Ltd) Address of donor: Blick
Rothenburg, 7-10 Chandos Street, London W1E 9DG Estimate of the probable
value (or amount of any donation): Travel, accommodation and hospitality with
a value of £2,000 Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank Dates of visit: 7-
12 July 2019 Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation. (Registered 10
January 2020)

Neil Coyle MP

1. Employment and earnings

18 January 2019, received £200 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square,
London E1W 1YW, for a survey. Hours: 1 hr 15 mins. (Registered 22 February
2019)

Payments from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for opinion surveys:

16 May 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 11 September 2019)

26 July 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 September 2019)

27 August 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 11 September 2019)

25 October 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November
2019)

YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC17 8RT, for surveys:

19 June 2019, payment of £80. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January 2020)

13 August 2019, payment of £40. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January 2020)

22 October 2019, payment of £60. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January
2020)

3 December 2019, payment of £60. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January
2020)

3 December 2019, payment of £100. Hours: 1 hr. (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: 79 Borough Road Limited (trading as 'The Ministry') Address of donor: 103 Gaunt Street, London, SE1 6DP Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500 Donor status: company, registration 10746952 (Registered 11 January 2020)

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

Name of donor: Mohammed Munir Address of donor: private Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to assist with campaigning Date received: 31 July 2019 Date accepted: 31 July 2019 Donor status: individual (Registered 07 August 2019)

Name of donor: 79 Borough Road Ltd (trading as 'The Ministry') Address of donor: 103 Gaunt Street, London SE1 6DP Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a manager, venue and catering for an event, total value £2,640 Date received: 30 August 2019

Date accepted: 30 August 2019 Donor status: company, registration 10746952 (Registered 25 September 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group Address of donor: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two hotel rooms for one night, associated with attending a Six Nations rugby match, total value £308 Date received: 9 March 2019 Date accepted: 9 March 2019 Donor status: other (Registered 18 March 2019)

Name of donor: Heineken UK Ltd Address of donor: 3-4 Broadway Park, South Gyle Broadway, Edinburgh EH12 9JZ 114 Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Received via the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group, two tickets to a Six Nations rugby match and hospitality at the Caledonian Brewery, total value £324 Date received: 9 March 2019 Date accepted: 9 March 2019 Donor status: company, registration SC065527 (Registered 18 March 2019)

David Linden MP

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for surveys.
All fees paid to my campaign fund.

10 March 2022, payment of £100 for a survey in January 2022. Hours: 1 hr.
(Registered 24 May 2022)

24 March 2022, payment of £100 for a survey in February 2022. Hours: 1 hr.
(Registered 24 May 2022)

30 April 2022, payment of £130 for a survey in March 2022. Hours: 1 hr.
(Registered 24 May 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

From 6 October 2022, a Non-Executive Director of Cranhill Development Trust, a charity which supports local residents with employability, health and wellbeing as well as welfare advice. (Registered 31 October 2022)

Steve McCabe MP

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Labour Friends of Israel Address of donor: BM LFI, London WC1N 3XX Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights, accommodation and meals with a value of £2,000 Destination of visit: Israel and the Palestinian Territories Dates of visit: 28 July – 1 August 2019 Purpose of visit: Fact finding visit. Meeting with Israeli and Palestinian coexistence campaigners, politicians, academics and diplomats. (Registered 23 August 2019)

Name of donor: European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health Address of donor: 23 Rue Montoyer, 1000 Brussels, Belgium Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights costing £915.72; accommodation costing £740 and £114; food, transport etc costing £784 and per diem of £210; £2,760 in total. Destination of visit: Bangladesh (Dhaka and Cox Bazar) Dates of visit: 12-20 September 2019 Purpose of visit: to participate in a study tour with the All Party Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health. (Registered 31 October 2019)

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

Flat in Birmingham: (i) and (ii).

Nigel Mills MP

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

Name of donor: IM Group Ltd Address of donor: The Gate, International Drive, Shirley, Solihull B90 4WA Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 Donor status: company, registration 03456018 (Registered 23 December 2019)

Name of donor: Robert Kirkland Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 23 December 2019)

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

Residential property in Nottingham: (i). (Updated 4 June 2015)

Selaine Saxby MP

1. Employment and earnings

23 December 2019, received £424.36 from Launceston College, Hurdon Rd, Launceston PL15 9JR for work as a maths teacher, provided to Bideford College, Abbotsham Rd, Bideford EX39 3AR. Hours: 1 hr since my election. (Registered 07 January 2020)

Until further notice, District Councillor for North Devon District Council, Brynsworthy Lane, Fremington, EX31 3NS. I receive £319.97 a month in return for 3-4 hrs a week. (Registered 07 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: Stalbury Trustees Address of donor: 31 Hill St, London W1J 4LS Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Donor status: company, registration 01430799 (Registered 07 January 2020)

Dr Ben Spencer MP

Nil

Chris Stephens MP

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

Name of donor: Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) Address of donor:

160 Falcon Road, London SW11 2LN Amount or nature and value of donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the PCS Parliamentary Group, which I chair, by Union Services (Parliamentary Consultancy), at a value of £4,944 from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2018 Date received: 1 November 2018 - 31 December 2018 Date accepted: 1 November 2018 Donor status: trade union (Registered 05 November 2018; updated 25 February 2019)

Name of donor: Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) Address of donor: 160 Falcon Road, London SW11 2LN Amount or nature and value of donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the PCS Parliamentary Group, which I chair, by Solidarity Consulting Ltd, at a value of £29,664 from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 Date received: 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019 Date accepted: 1 January 2019 Donor status: trade union (Registered 25 February 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

On 12 July 2019 I received a payment from Glasgow City Council in settlement of a claim arising out of the terms of my employment before I was elected to Parliament. (Registered 06 August 2019)

Chair, Public and Commercial Services Union Parliamentary Group

Sir Desmond Swayne MP

1. Employment and earnings

Fees from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, paid direct to charity:

8 February 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 10 January 2019.
Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

21 May 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 2 February 2019.
Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

21 May 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 6 March 2019. Hours:
30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

9 September 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 15 May 2019.
Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

9 September 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 16 June 2019.
Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

4 November 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 13 September
2019. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

Fees from YouGov, 50 Featherstone St, London EC1Y 8RT, paid direct to charity:

22 January 2019, payment of £70 for a survey completed on 10 December 2018.
Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 25 July 2019)

24 January 2019, payment of £100 for a survey completed on 21 November
2018. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 25 July 2019)

25 February 2019, payment of £30 for a survey completed on 17 January 2019.
Hours: 5 mins. (Registered 25 July 2019)

1 March 2019, payment of £80 for a survey completed on 14 February 2019.
Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 25 July 2019)

4 April 2019, payment of £50 for a survey completed on 20 March 2019. Hours:
15 mins. (Registered 25 July 2019)

13 May 2019, payment of £60 for a survey completed on 10 April 2019. Hours:
15 mins. (Registered 25 July 2019)

25 July 2019, payment of £80 for a survey completed on 13 May 2019. Hours:
20 mins. (Registered 25 July 2019)

Fees from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, paid direct to
charity:

17 January 2019, payment of £200 for a survey completed on 5 December 2018.
Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 27 August 2019)

30 July 2019, payment of £200 for a survey completed on 25 June 2019. Hours:
1 hr. (Registered 27 August 2019)

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

Flat in London, jointly owned with my wife: (i) and (ii). (Updated 20 May 2015)

House in London, jointly owned with my wife: (i) and (ii). (Updated 20 May 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Moira Swayne, as Secretary. (Updated 20 May 2015)