



Formal Minutes of the Scottish Affairs 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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Monday 16 May 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair¹

Mhairi Black

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland:

Correspondence from the Minister of State, Ministry of Defence, dated 13 May 2022

Universities and Scotland:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Scotland, dated 10 May 2022

2. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Angus McIntosh, Director of Energy Futures, SGN, and David Wallace, Senior Strategy Manager, Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, gave oral evidence.

Dr Nigel Holmes, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association, and Dr Jillian Couto-Phoenix, Programme Manager, National Manufacturing Institute Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 23 May 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [27 January 2020].

Monday 23 May 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland:

Professor James Holmes [DIS0020]

Professor Keith Hartley (Emeritus Professor of Economics at University of York) [DIS0021]

UK Defence Journal [DIS0022]

Jag Patel [DIS0023]

ADS Group Ltd [DIS0024]

The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU) [DIS0025]

Scottish Government [DIS0026]

Society of Maritime Industries [DIS0027]

Professor John Louth [DIS0028]

Babcock International [DIS0029]

BAE Systems [DIS0030]

Ministry of Defence [DIS0031]

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland:

SGN [HCC0045]

Financial Scrutiny:

Written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate

General Main Estimate Memorandum 2022-23, submitted by the Scotland Office

First Minister of Scotland:

Correspondence with the First Minister of Scotland, dated 26 April 2022

2. Immigration and Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Immigration and Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2017-19*) 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 2017-19 was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Defence in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Access to cash in Scotland

John Glen MP, Minister of State (Economic Secretary), and Laura Mountford, Deputy Director - Payments & Fintech, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 June 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 7 June - Wednesday 8 June 2022

Deidre Brock, Wendy Chamberlain, and Sally-Ann Hart visited Cologne, Germany, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of Monday 21 February 2022.

Monday 13 June 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Military shipbuilding

Resolved, That Pete Wishart and Andrew Bowie attend the meeting of the Defence Committee on 5 July 2022 relating to military shipbuilding, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Access to cash in Scotland:

Correspondence with Age UK, dated May 2022

Defence in Scotland:

Professor Trevor Taylor, RUSI [DIS0033]

Ministry of Defence [DIS0034]

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland:

Dr Jillian Couto-Phoenix, National Manufacturing Institute Scotland [HCC0047]

Note of visit to Cologne (7-8 June 2022)

Intergovernmental relations:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 26 May 2022

Correspondence with the Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and the Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee, dated 14 June 2022

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with STV, dated 27 May 2022

Correspondence with Amazon, dated 30 May 2022

Storm Arwen

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, dated 9 June 2022

3. Defence in Scotland

Draft Report (*Defence in Scotland: military landscape*), 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 82.

4. Airports in Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Airports in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth 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 Fifth Report from the Committee 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.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Defence in Scotland

Ian Waddell, General Secretary at Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Union, Richard Powell OBE, Chairman of the Maritime Defence and Security Group Council, Society of Maritime Industries, and Kevin Craven, Chief Executive Officer, ADS Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 June 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 20 June 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Access to cash in Scotland:

Correspondence with the Economic Secretary at HM Treasury, dated 14 June 2022

Correspondence with OneBanks Hub, dated 14 June 2022

Airports in Scotland:

Correspondence with the Economic Secretary at HM Treasury, dated 14 June 2022

Correspondence with OneBanks Hub, dated 14 June 2022

2. Secretary of State for Scotland

Rt Hon Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Scotland), The Lord Offord of Garvel, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Laurence Rockey, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 27 June 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 27 June 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

John Lamont

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Bill of Rights:

Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, dated 22 June 2022

2. The Fiscal Outlook for Scotland

Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy, Scottish Government, and Lucy O'Carroll, Director of Fiscal Policy and Constitution, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 4 July 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 4 July 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland:

Correspondence with PA Consulting, dated June 2022

Correspondence with ITM Power, dated June 2022

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Promoting Scotland Internationally.

3. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Clare Jackson, Chief Executive, Hydrogen UK, and Will Webster, Energy Policy Manager, Offshore Energies UK, gave oral evidence.

Bethan Vasey, Energy Transition Manager, Shell UK Upstream, and Louise Kingham CBE, Senior Vice President Europe and Head of Country, bp, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 5 July 2022 at 10.00a.m.

Monday 5 July 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Access to cash in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Access to cash in Scotland), 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 80.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 18 July 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 11 July - Monday 12 July 2022

Pete Wishart, Mhairi Black, Deidre Brock and Douglas Ross visited Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Defence in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 23 May 2022.

Monday 18 July 2022

Members present

Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

Pete Wishart

In the absence of the Chair, Deidre Brock and John Lamont were called to the Chair.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland:

Correspondence from Derek Provan, Chief Executive of AGS Airports Limited, dated 24 June 2022.

Correspondence from Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport, dated 4 July 2022.

The fiscal outlook for Scotland:

Correspondence from Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, Scottish Government, dated 13 July 2022.

Defence in Scotland:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, Scotland Office, dated 13 July 2022.

Hydrogen and carbon capture:

Mineral Products Association [HCC0051]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Barry Carruthers, Hydrogen Director, Scottish Power, and Oonagh O'Grady, Head of Hydrogen Development, SSE, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Potts, Hydrogen Commercial Specialist, Storegga, and Professor Andy Sloan FRSE, Managing Director of COWI, Royal Society of Edinburgh, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 5 September 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 5 September 2022

Members present¹

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

Andrew Bowie MP was on parental leave from 5 September 2022 to 18 September 2022 under Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 7 July 2022.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland:

Note of visit to Govan and Rosyth, Scotland (11-12 July 2022).

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland:

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Local Authority for the Outer Hebrides of Scotland [HCC0054]

Royal Society of Edinburgh [HCC0053]

Storegga [HCC0052]

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with Sky, dated 23 June 2022 and 21 July 2022.

Secretary of State for Scotland:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scotland Office, dated 19 July 2022.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Firearms licensing regulations.

¹ Andrew Bowie was certified by the Speaker as eligible for a proxy vote which was in operation from 5 September to 18 September 2022 under Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 7 July 2022.

3. Defence in Scotland

Draft Special Report (Defence in Scotland: military landscape: Government Response to the Committee's First 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 First Report from the Committee of Session 2022-23 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.

Ben Carpenter Merritt, Head of UK Government Relations, Babcock, John Howie MBE, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Babcock and Sir Simon Lister, Managing Director, BAE Systems Naval Ships, gave oral evidence.

Scott McClelland, Policy Manager, Space and Aerospace, Defence and Marine, Scottish Government, Rory McGregor, Manufacturing Policy Advisor, Space, Aerospace and Defence and Marine, Scottish Government, Gordon McGuinness, Director of Industry and Enterprise Networks, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Government, and Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 17 October 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 17 October 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Firearms licensing regulations:

Mr Bruce McPherson [FLR0001]

Anonymous [FLR0004]

Dr John Thorogood [FLR0005]

Mr Andy Spence [FLR0006]

Professor Peter Squires (Professor Emeritus of Criminology and Public Policy, University of Brighton) [FLR0007]

Mr Martin Kay [FLR0008]

Scottish Association for Country Sports, Scottish Land and Estates, Scottish Target Shooting, The Gun Trade Association, The Scottish Countryside Alliance, and the Scottish Gamekeepers Association [FLR0009]

The British Shooting Sports Council [FLR0010]

The Law Society of Scotland [FLR0012]

British Association for Shooting and Conservation [FLR0015]

Promoting Scotland internationally:

Scottish Arts and Humanities Alliance [PSI0002]

Scottish Government [PSI0003]

Publishing Scotland [PSI0004]

VisitBritain [PSI0005]

Universities Scotland [PSI0006]

Scottish Chambers of Commerce Network [PSI0007]

MG Alba [PSI0008]

ADS Group Ltd [PSI0009]

Scotch Whisky Association [PSI0010]

Anthony Salamone (Managing Director at European Merchants) [PSI0011]

Scottish Development International [PSI0012]

NFU Scotland [PSI0013]

UK Government [PSI0015]

British Council [PSI0016]

Tackling health inequalities

Correspondence from the Scottish Parliament Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Convener on publication of the Report on Tackling health inequalities.

Retained EU Law

Correspondence from the Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on the Retained EU Law (revocation and Reform) Bill.

Intergovernmental relations

Correspondence from the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, former Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on publication of the second quarterly report for 2022 on intergovernmental relations.

2. Access to cash in Scotland

Draft Special Report (Access to cash in Scotland: 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 Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

2. Defence in Scotland

Resolved, That members of the Defence Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 6 December relating to Defence in Scotland, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 24 October 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 24 October 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Firearms licensing regulations:

Mr Robert Ware [FLR0017]

Anonymous [FLR0018]

Scottish Government [FLR0019]

Gun Control Network [FLR0020]

Home Office [FLR0021]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an evidence session on Fishing grounds in Scotland.

3. Firearms licensing regulations

Dr Michael North, founding member of the Gun Control Network, and Reverend Gordon Matheson, pastor of Sleat and Strath of the Free Church of Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Fraser Lamb, Firearms Licensing Adviser, Scottish Association for Country Sports, and Dr Colin Shedden, Director Scotland, British Association for Shooting and Conservation, gave oral evidence.

Resolved, That Members of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 31 October 2022 relating to firearms licensing regulations, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other

committees).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 31 October 2022 at 2.30pm.

Monday 31 October 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Firearms licensing regulations:

Mr Robert Ware [FLR0022]

Correspondence with the Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire, dated 31 October 2022.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit New York and Washington DC in connection with its inquiry on Promoting Scotland internationally, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Firearms licensing regulations

Superintendent Steven Duncan, Head of National Firearms and Explosives Licensing, Police Scotland, and Assistant Chief Constable Alan Speirs, Strategic Firearms Commander, Police Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government, Paul Allen, Team Leader for Building Safer Communities, Safer Communities Directorate, Scottish Government, and Jamie MacQueen, Solicitor, Equalities and Criminal Justice Directorate, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 14 November 2022 at 2.30pm.

Monday 14 November 2022

Members present

Douglas Ross, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Sally-Ann Hart

Pete Wishart

Resolved, That, at this day's sitting, Douglas Ross take the Chair of the Committee.—(*Deirdre Brock.*) .

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

First Minister of Scotland:

Correspondence with the First Minister of Scotland, dated 28 October 2022

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Defence in Scotland

Professor Keith Hartley, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of York and Hans Pung, President, RAND Europe, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 21 November 2022 at 2.30pm.

Monday 21 November 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Funding for Levelling Up

Resolved, That Deidre Brock attend the meeting of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee on 28 November 2022 relating to Funding for Levelling Up, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

First Minister of Scotland:

Correspondence with the First Minister of Scotland, dated 12 October 2022

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into an additional topic as part of its inquiry on Defence in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the University of St Andrew's in connection with its inquiry on Promoting Scotland internationally and Defence in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee invite Ministers as part of its work on Fishing grounds in Scotland.

5. Firearms licensing regulations

Rt Hon Chris Philp MP, Minister of State (Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire), Home Office, and Nick Hunt, Head of Firearms Policy Unit, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 28 November 2022 at 2.30pm.

Monday 28 November 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

1. Fishing grounds in Scotland

Resolved, That members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 5 December relating to Fishing grounds in Scotland, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North.

3. Secretary of State for Scotland

Rt Hon. Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, John Lamont MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord Offord, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Laurence Rockey, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 5 December 2022 at 2.30pm.

Monday 5 December 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland:

City of Glasgow [DIS0035]

Firearms licensing regulations:

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, Home Office, dated 30 November 2022.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Storm Arwen follow-up.

3. Fishing grounds in Scotland

Sir Robert Goodwill also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Scottish Affairs Committee's resolution of 28 November).

Elsbeth Macdonald, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Mike Cohen, Deputy Chief Executive, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, and Elaine Whyte, Co-ordinating Member, Communities Inshore Fisheries Alliance, gave oral evidence.

John Mouat, Marine Biodiversity Team Lead, Marine Scotland, and David Pratt, Head of Marine Planning, Development & Crown Estate Strategy, Marine Scotland, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 6 December 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Defence in Scotland

Kevan Jones also attended for item 2 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Scottish Affairs Committee's resolution of 17 October).

Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP, Secretary of State for Defence, Ministry of Defence, Rear Admiral Rex Cox, CEO, National Shipbuilding Office, and Vice Admiral Paul Marshall CBE, Director General, Ships, Defence Equipment and Support, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 12 December 2022 at 2.30pm.

Monday 12 December 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK Shared Prosperity Fund:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Levelling Up), dated 5 December 2022.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the cost of living: the impact of rural communities in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up.

3. Promoting Scotland internationally

Jimmy Buchan, CEO, Scottish Seafood Association, John Davidson, Deputy Chief Executive and Strategy Director, Scotland Food and Drink, and Graeme Littlejohn, Director of Strategy & Communication, Scotch Whisky Association, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 December 2022 at 2.30pm.

Monday 19 December 2022

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

1. Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland), 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 710.

2. Defence in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Scotland internationally

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 9 January 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 9 January 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence from the Director of Strategy and Regulation, Arqiva, dated 16 December 2022.

Intergovernmental relations:

Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 20 December 2022.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Scotland internationally

Vicki Miller, Director of Marketing and Digital, VisitScotland, Patricia Yates, CEO, VisitBritain, Scott McDonald, Chief Executive, British Council, and Professor Murray Pittock MAE FRSE, Co-Chair, Scottish Arts and Humanities Alliance, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 16 January 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 16 January 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Declaration of interests

Dr Philippa Whitford declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Green Freeports:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 13 January 2023.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an evidence session on ports in Scotland.

4. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, Scottish Government, Susan Stirling, Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage Team Leader, Scottish Government, Stuart McKay, Head of Hydrogen Policy, Scottish Government, Graham Stuart MP, Minister for Energy and Climate, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Stefanie Murphy, Director of Hydrogen and Industrial Carbon Capture Directorate, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Alison Conboy, Deputy Director, Hydrogen Production, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 23 January 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 23 January 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Defence in Scotland: military shipbuilding

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Defence in Scotland: military shipbuilding*), 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 1096.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Hydrogen and carbon capture

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

4. Public broadcasting in Scotland

Julia Lopez MP, Minister of State for Media, Data, and Digital Infrastructure, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and Robert Specterman-Green, Director, Media and Creative Industries, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 6 February 2023 at 3.30pm.

Monday 30 January 2023

Pete Wishart, Deidre Brock, Wendy Chamberlain, David Duguid, Sally-Ann Hart, Douglas Ross and Dr Philippa Whitford visited the University of St Andrews, in connection with the Committee's inquiries into Promoting Scotland Internationally and Defence in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 November 2022.

Monday 6 February 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

Mr Anthony Heron [DIS0036]

Dr Peter Hough [DIS0041]

Professor Basil Germond [DIS0042]

Dr Adam Bower [DIS0043]

Professor Andrew Dorman [DIS0044]

Human Security Centre [DIS0046]

Professor Caroline Kennedy-Pipe (Professor of War Studies at Loughborough University) [DIS0047]

Note of visit to St Andrews (30 January 2023)

Defence in Scotland: military shipbuilding

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Defence, dated 30 January 2023.

Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, dated 30 January 2023.

2. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Ordered, That Dr Katriona Edlmann be re-appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix).

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Port of Cromarty Firth in connection with its inquiry on ports in Scotland.

4. Fishing grounds in Scotland

Rt Hon. Mark Spencer MP, Minister of State for Food, Farming and Fisheries, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Mike Rowe, Director for Marine and Fisheries, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Mike Dowell, Deputy Director for EU Fisheries Negotiations and Policy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 February 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 20 February 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

Ministry of Defence [DIS0048]

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Eat Sleep Ride [COL0001]

Eat Sleep Ride [COL0003]

Scottish Women's Convention [COL0005]

The Poverty Alliance [COL0006]

Shetlands Islands Council [COL0007]

Anonymous [COL008]

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface [COL0010]

Experts by Experience Panel of the Poverty and Inequality Commission [COL0011]

Scottish Rural Action [COL0012]

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council) [COL0013]

Young Lives vs Cancer [COL0014]

Liquid Gas UK [COL0015]

Scottish Crofting Federation [COL0016]

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) [COL0017]

Age Scotland [COL0018]

RSABI [COL0019]

The Federation of Small Businesses [COL0020]

Highlands and Islands Enterprise [COL0021]

Scottish Women's Budget Group [COL0022]

Inclusion Scotland [COL0023]

National Farmers Union of Scotland [COL0024]

Independent Food Aid Network [COL0025]

Scottish Countryside Alliance [COL0026]

Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, dated 9 February 2023.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Royal Highland Show.

3. Storms in Scotland

Guy Jefferson, Chief Operating Officer, Scottish Power Energy Networks, Peter Farrer, Chief Operating Officer, Scottish Water, and Mark Rough, Director of Customer Operations, SSEN, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 27 February 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 27 February 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Declaration of interests

Christine Jardine declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Public broadcasting in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Public broadcasting in Scotland*), 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 1048.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

The Royal Society of Edinburgh [COL0027]

Scotland Office [COL0028]

NHS Highland and the University of the Highlands and Islands [COL0029]

Energy Action Scotland [COL0030]

Financial scrutiny

Written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate

General: Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022-2023 with Annex A (Scottish Government Tables for 2022-2023), submitted by the Scotland Office.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to the First Minister of Scotland.

5. Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Ruth Boyle, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Poverty Alliance, Frazer Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Action Scotland, Heather Williams, Training Lead, Scottish Women's Budget Group, Professor David Bell CBE, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Royal Society of Edinburgh, Chris Birt, Associate Director Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Professor Hugo van Woerden, Visiting Professor, University of the Highlands and Islands, gave oral evidence.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 6 March 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 6 March 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland*), 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 83.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, Scottish Government, dated 3 March 2023.

Defence in Scotland: The North Atlantic and the High North

RAND Europe [DIS0049]

Storms in Scotland

Correspondence from the Head of Corporate Relations, Scottish Water, dated 3 March 2023.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to Scottish Water on storms in Scotland.

5. Defence in Scotland: The North Atlantic and the High North

Dr Rowan Allport, Deputy Director, Human Security Centre, Dr Duncan Depledge, Lecturer in Geopolitics and Security, Loughborough University, Dr Marc DeVore, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of St Andrews, gave oral evidence.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 March 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 20 March 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

First Minister of Scotland

Correspondence from the First Minister of Scotland, dated 1 and 14 March 2023.

Fishing grounds in Scotland

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Immigration, dated 8 February and 1 March 2023.

2. Defence in Scotland: The North Atlantic and the High North

Resolved, That the Committee attend a joint private meeting with the Defence Committee, on the Ministry of Defence and the High North.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Promoting Scotland internationally

Reuben Aitken, Managing Director of International Operations, Scottish Development International, Dr Stephen Baker, Regional Director of Inward Investment Asia Pacific and Regional Director of Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand, Scottish Development International, Rt Hon. Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Scottish Government, and Scott Wightman, Director for External Affairs, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 27 March 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 27 March 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Defence in Scotland: military shipbuilding

Draft Special Report (Defence in Scotland: military shipbuilding: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2022-2023), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Committee write to the UK Government following up on topics within the report.

2. Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

His Excellency Sturla Sigurjónsson, Icelandic Ambassador to the UK, and His Excellency Wegger Christian Strømme, Norwegian Ambassador to the UK, gave oral evidence.

3. Promoting Scotland internationally

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 24 April 2023 at 2.30pm.

Thursday 13 April 2023 – Tuesday 18 April 2023

The Chair, Wendy Chamberlain, David Duguid, Douglas Ross, Andrew Western and Dr Philippa Whitford visited New York and Washington DC in connection with the Committee's inquiry into promoting Scotland internationally, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 31 October 2022.

Monday 24 April 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark [DIS0050]

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Scottish Government.

Intergovernmental relations

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Promoting Scotland internationally

Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Scottish Government.

Public broadcasting in Scotland

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

Storms in Scotland follow-up

Correspondence from the Head of Corporate Relations, Scottish Water.

2. Public broadcasting in Scotland

Draft Special Report (Public broadcasting in Scotland: 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.

3. Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

Professor Jacques Hartmann, Professor in Law, University of Dundee, Dr Adam Bower, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of St Andrews, and Professor Iain Woodhouse, Personal Chair in Applied Earth Observation, University of Edinburgh, gave oral evidence.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 15 May 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 15 May 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire.

Promoting Scotland internationally

Correspondence from the Managing Director of International Operations, Scottish Development International.

2. Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Promoting Scotland internationally

The Committee considered this matter.

Francesca Hegyi OBE, Chief Executive, Edinburgh International Festival, Shona McCarthy, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, and Major General; Buster Howes CB OBE, Chief Executive, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 22 May 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 22 May 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Promoting Scotland internationally

Note of visit to New York and Washington DC (13-18 April 2023).

Financial Scrutiny

Written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General Main Estimate Memorandum 2023-24, submitted by the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Science and Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee write to the First Minister of Scotland, inviting him to give oral evidence.

3. Defence in Scotland: The North Atlantic and the High North

Rt Hon. Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Scotland Office, Lord Offord of Garvel, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Scotland Office and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Business and Trade, John Lamont MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Scotland Office, and Lyn McDonald, Director (Temporary), Scotland Office, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 5 June 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 5 June 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Hydrogen and carbon capture

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

Promoting Scotland internationally

Edinburgh International Festival [PSI0017]

2. Hydrogen and carbon capture

Draft Special Report (Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth 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 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. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee engage with the Youth Parliament (Scottish Parliament) at a future session.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Isle of Arran.

4. Hydrogen and carbon capture

Rt Hon. James Heappey MP, Minister of State (Minister for Armed Forces and Veterans), Ministry of Defence, Clare Cameron, Director, Euro-Atlantic Security, Ministry of Defence, and Brigadier Chris Ordway, Head (Military), Euro-Atlantic Security, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 12 June 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 12 June 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Mark Menzies

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up

Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Scottish Government.

Scottish Government [CSFU0001]

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Nourish Scotland [COL0031]

Secretary of State for Scotland 22 May 2023

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Scotland.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Promoting Scotland internationally

Rt Hon. Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Scotland Office, Lord Offord of Garvel, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scotland Office and Parliamentary

Under Secretary of State (Minister for Exports), Department for Business and Trade, and David Rutley MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Americas and Caribbean), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 June 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 19 June 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Christine Jardine

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Declaration of interests

Wendy Chamberlain declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland as the Chair of the APPG for ending the need for foodbanks, of which the Trussell Trust is secretariat.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up

Scottish Women's Convention [CSFU0002]

Shetland Islands Council [CSFU0003]

The Law Society of Scotland [CSFU0004]

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Joseph Rowntree Foundation [COL0032]

Promoting Scotland internationally

Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Scottish Government.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Scotland's space sector.

Resolved, That members of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee be invited to attend meetings relating to science in Scotland, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

4. Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Professor Mary Brennan, Chair, Scottish Food Coalition and Chair, Food Marketing and Society, University of Edinburgh Business School, John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland, and Cara Hilton, Senior Policy & Public Affairs Manager (Scotland), The Trussell Trust, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 26 June 2023 at 2.30pm.

Friday 23 June 2023

Pete Wishart, Deidre Brock, Wendy Chamberlain, David Duguid, Christine Jardine and Douglas Ross visited the Edinburgh for the Royal Highland Show, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 February 2023.

Monday 26 June 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up

Federation of Small Businesses [CSFU0005]

Fraser of Allander Institute [CSFU0006]

ABTA [CSFU0007]

National Hair & Beauty Federation [CSFU0008]

Scotland Office [CSFU0009]

Scottish Care [CSFU0010]

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) [CSFU0011]

Scottish Chambers of Commerce Network [CSFU0012]

Food and Drink Federation Scotland [CSFU0013]

Access to cash in Scotland

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Scottish Grocers' Federation

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Intergovernmental relations 25 years on from the Scotland Act.

Resolved, That members of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee be invited to attend meetings relating to Scotland's space sector, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Committee write to airports in Scotland and London, and airlines operating on those routes, regarding recent travel disruption

3. Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up

Professor Mairi Spowage, Professor of Practice and Director, Fraser of Allander Institute, and Garry Clark, Development Manager (East of Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 3 July 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 3 July 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up and Science in Scotland

Note of visit to the Royal Highland Show (23 June 2023).

Investment zones

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Airlines and airports

Correspondence with Scottish and English airlines and airports

1. Special Report

Draft Special Report (Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland: Government's Response 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's response to the Third 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.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write further to the Deputy First Minister, inviting her to give oral evidence

Resolved, That the Committee write further to the First Minister, inviting him to give

oral evidence

3. Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Dr Andy Cope, Director of Evidence and Insight, Sustrans Scotland, Ranald Robertson, Partnership Director, Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership, and Uisdean Robertson, Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 10 July 2023 at 4pm.

Monday 10 July 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Mark Menzies

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North),
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 1576.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up

The Royal Society of Edinburgh [CSFU0014]

NFU Scotland [CSFU0015]

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Highlands and Islands Enterprise [COL0033]

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee note the Foreign Affairs Committee Sub-Committee on the Overseas Territories' invitation to attend meetings of that Sub-Committee, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 2.45pm.

Tuesday 11 July 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Christine Jardine

Mark Menzies

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Promoting Scotland internationally

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Scotland, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Americas and Caribbean), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Exports), Department for Business and Trade.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to Rt Hon James Heappey MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces on follow-up from the evidence session on Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High.

3. Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up

Lord Offord of Garvel, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Business and Trade, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 11.30am.

Tuesday 18 July 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Mark Menzies

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 4 September 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 4 September 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Mark Menzies

Douglas Ross

Andrew Western

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Promoting Scotland Internationally

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Promoting Scotland Internationally), 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 625.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Airlines and airports

Correspondence from the CEO of AGS Airports, dated 18 July 2023.

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport, dated 19 July 2023.

Correspondence and subsequent update from the CEO and Chairman of British Airways, dated 19 July 2023 and 22 August 2023.

Correspondence from the Policy Director of the Airport Operators Association, dated 20 July 2023.

Correspondence from UK Country Manager of easyJet, dated 20 July 2023.

Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer of Gatwick Airport, dated 20 July

2023.

Correspondence from the Chief of Staff & Carbon of Heathrow Airport, dated 20 July 2023.

Correspondence from the Managing Director of Inverness Airports, dated 20 July 2023.

Correspondence from the Chief Executive Office of London City Airport, dated 20 July 2023.

The cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

James Hutton Institute [COL0034]

Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology [DIS0052]

Intergovernmental relations: 25 years since the Scotland Act 1998

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Promoting Scotland internationally

Correspondence from the Scottish Government Counsellor for the United States, dated 28 June 2023.

Science and Scotland

Professor Sir Ian Boyd FRSB FRSE FRS (Professor at University of St Andrews & President, Royal Society of Biology) [SS0001]

Heriot-Watt University [SS0002]

Prof Andy Buckley (Professor of Particle Physics at University of Glasgow) [SS0003]

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 11 September 2023 at 2.30pm.

Monday 11 September 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

Dr Philippa Whitford

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Mairi Gougeon MSP.

Coronavirus in Scotland follow-up

Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Shona Robison MSP, dated 18 July.

First Minister of Scotland

Correspondence from the First Minister of Scotland, the Rt Hon. Humza Yousaf MSP, dated 1 August.

2. Scotland's Space Sector

Ordered, That Professor Malcolm Macdonald be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Scotland's Space Sector. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix).

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to business organizations in Scotland regarding the punctuality of flights between London and Scotland.

4. Cost of living: Impact on rural communities in Scotland

Richard Holden, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Roads and Local Transport), Department for Transport; Gavin James, Deputy Director, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, Department for Transport; John Lamont, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scotland Office; Kris Krasnowski, Deputy Director of Policy, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland; Amanda Solloway, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Energy Consumers and Affordability), Department for Energy Security and Net Zero; and Ben Pledge, Deputy Director, Energy Affordability, Strategy, Devolution & Legislation, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, gave evidence

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 16 October at 2.30pm.

Thursday 14 – Friday 15 September 2023

Pete Wishart, Mark Menzies, Douglas Ross and Dr Philippa Whitford visited the Isle of Arran, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the cost of living: the impact of rural communities in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 June 2023.

Monday 16 October 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Wendy Chamberlain

David Duguid

Christine Jardine

Douglas Ross

1. Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North

Draft Special Report (*Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh 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 Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2022-23 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Ninth 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:

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Correspondence from Amanda Solloway, Minister for Energy Consumers and Affordability, dated 20 September.

Scottish Land & Estates (COL0035)

Intergovernmental relations: 25 years since the Scotland Act 1998

The Constitution Society [IGR0001]

Professor James Mitchell [IGR0002]

Scottish Government [IGR0003]

Dr Paul Anderson [IGR0004]

Professor Aileen McHarg [IGR0005]

Dr Coree Brown Swan [IGR0006]

Dr Erin Royles, Dr Carolyn Rowe, Dr Rachel Minto [IGR0007]

Law Society of Scotland [IGR0008]

Royal Society of Edinburgh [IGR0009]

UK Government [IGR0010]

Public broadcasting in Scotland

Correspondence with BBC Scotland, dated 29 September

Correspondence with the Scottish Football Association, dated 19 September

Correspondence with STV, dated 28 September

Science and Scotland

Professor Guy Lloyd-Jones [SS0004]

Royal Society of Chemistry [SS0005]

University of St Andrews [SS0006]

Alliances for Research Challenges [SS0007]

Moredun Research Institute [SS0008]

CLOSER, the home of longitudinal research (UCL Social Research Institute [SS0009]

University of Glasgow [SS0010]

University of Edinburgh [SS0011]

Scottish Science Advisory Council [SS0012]

National Measurement Laboratory (NML) at LGC [SS0013]

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh [SS0014]

University of Dundee [SS0015]

UK Research and Innovation [SS0017]

Scottish Funding Council [SS0018]

James Hutton Institute [SS0019]

University of Strathclyde [SS0020]

Prof Malcolm Macleod [SS0021]

Universities Scotland [SS0022]

Institute of Physics [SS0023]

Cancer Research UK [SS0024]

Royal Society of Edinburgh [SS0025]

UK Government [SS0026]

British Neuroscience Association [SS0027]

Scotland's space sector

Scotland International Space Advisory Committee [SSS0002]

Mr Patrick Harkness [SSS0003]

University of Strathclyde [SSS0005]

Niparo Ltd [SSS0006]

AAC Clyde Space [SSS0007]

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology [SSS0008]

Green Toolkit for a New Space Economy [SSS0009]

Lockheed Martin UK [SSS0010]

HyImpulse UK Ltd [SSS0011]

Dr Amy J. V. Riches [SSS0012]

Dr Sarah Liebermann and Mr Jack Cerullo [SSS0013]

Fife College, City of Glasgow College [SSS0014]

Craft Prospect Ltd [SSS0015]

Space Scotland, Space Scotland Industry Group [SSS0016]

Orbital Express Launch Limited (Orbex) [SSS0017]

Scottish Government [SSS0019]

Civil Aviation Authority [SSS0020]

Professor Craig Clark [SSS0021]

AstroAgency [SSS0022]

ADS, UKSpace [SSS0023]

University of Edinburgh [SSS0024]

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow in connection with its inquiry on Scotland's space sector.

4. Scotland's space sector

Doug Liddle, Vice Chair, UKSpace, and Andrew Stanniland, Vice President, Space, ADS Group, gave oral evidence.

The Chair's attention having been called to the fact that three Members were not present, he suspended the proceedings; and another Member having come into the room, and three Members being present, the proceedings were resumed.

Dr Hina Khan, Executive Director, Space Scotland, and Professor Iain Woodhouse, Chair, Scottish Space Academic Forum, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 23 October 2023 at 2.30p.m.

Monday 23 October 2023

Members present

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Alan Brown

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

Christine Jardine

Mark Menzies

Anum Qaisar

Douglas Ross

1. Declaration of interests

Anum Qaisar declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Punctuality of flights between Scotland and London

Correspondence with the Federation of Small Businesses Scotland, dated 11 September 2023 and 26 September 2023

Correspondence with the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, dated 11 September 2023 and 10 October 2023

Correspondence with the Scottish Tourism Alliance, dated 11 September 2023 and 5 October 2023

Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland

Correspondence with Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, dated 13 September 2023

Note of the Committee's visit to the Isle of Arran on 14-15 September

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry on Science and Scotland.

4. Science and Scotland

Professor Maggie Gill, Chair, Scottish Science Advisory Council, Professor Christina Boswell, Vice-Principal Research and Enterprise, University of Edinburgh, representing Universities Scotland, Professor Julie Fitzpatrick OBE FRSE, Scientific Director and Chief Executive, Moredun Research Institute, representing Royal Society of Edinburgh, and Dr Mette High, Director of Energy Homes and Livelihoods, University of St Andrews, representing Alliances for Research Challenges gave oral evidence.

The Chair suspended oral evidence.

5. Declaration of interest

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

6. Science and Scotland

The Chair resumed oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 13 November 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 25 – Thursday 26 October 2023

Pete Wishart, Alan Brown, David Duguid, Christine Jardine, Mark Menzies and Anum Qaisar visited the Glasgow, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into *Scotland's space sector*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 October.

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Declarations of Members' interests made at the first meeting of the Parliament can be found in the Formal Minutes of Session 2019-21.

Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun)

1. Employment and earnings

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

10 March 2022, received £100 for a survey completed in January 2022. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2022)

24 June 2022, received £100 for a survey completed in April 2022. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2022)

24 June 2022, received £70 for a survey completed in May 2022. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 09 September 2022)

30 August 2022, received £90 for a survey completed in June 2022. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2022)

30 August 2022, received £100 for a survey completed in July 2022. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2022)

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

30 August 2022, received £225 for a survey completed on 25 July 2022. Hours: 1hr 30 mins. (Registered 09 September 2022)

2 September 2022, received £225 for a survey completed on 3 August 2022. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 09 September 2022)

David Duguid (Banff and Buchan)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Milli Majlis (National Assembly)

Address of donor: Parliament Avenue, 1, Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku City, AZ1152

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, in-country travel, accommodation and meals, total value £1,003

Destination of visit: Baku, Azerbaijan Dates of visit: 9-13 November 2021

Purpose of visit: As part of the APPG for Azerbaijan, I joined a delegation to meet

with political and parliamentary figures, President Ilham Aliyev, HM Ambassador and business representatives, and visit lands affected by the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh.

(Registered 08 December 2021)

Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Scottish Rugby Union

Address of donor: Scottish Rugby, BT Murrayfield, Edinburgh EH12 5PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for the Scotland versus England Six Nations game at BT Murrayfield Stadium, with hospitality, approx. total value £700

Date received: 6 February 2022

Date accepted: 6 February 2022

Donor status: company, registration SC132061

(Registered 29 March 2022)

Name of donor: Scottish Rugby Union

Address of donor: Scottish Rugby, BT Murrayfield, Edinburgh EH12 5PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for the Scotland versus France Six Nations game at BT Murrayfield Stadium, with hospitality, approx. total value £700

Date received: 26 February 2022

Date accepted: 26 February 2022

Donor status: company, registration SC132061

(Registered 29 March 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Swiss Foreign Ministry

Address of donor: Presence Switzerland PRS, Bundesgasse 32, 3003 Bern, Switzerland

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and hospitality, approx. value £2,300

Destination of visit: Switzerland (Bern, Zurich, Zug)

Dates of visit: 10-14 April 2022

Purpose of visit: Parliamentary study trip with a focus on Swiss-UK relations, finance and trade, science and innovation.

(Registered 21 April 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

Sole Trader, Christine Jardine Communications (inactive), media consultancy.
(Registered 06 July 2017)

Mark Menzies (Fylde)

1. Employment and earnings

5 January 2023, received £225 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 10 January 2023)

Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and Peru.

Ms Anum Qaisar (Airdrie and Shotts)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from Newsquest Media Group Ltd, 1st Floor, Chartist Tower, Upper Dock Street, Newport NP20 1DW, for articles in the National Newspaper. All fees are paid direct to charity.

27 May 2023, received £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 06 September 2023)

29 July 2023, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 06 September 2023)

2 September 2023, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 06 September 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: UK Committee for UNICEF

Address of donor: UNICEF UK, 1 Westfield Avenue, London E20 1HZ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £1,532.37, accommodation £320, food and hospitality £589.73, total value £2,442.10

Destination of visit: Addis Ababa, Arba Mintch, Yabello and Dubluk, Ethiopia

Dates of visit: 3-6 April 2023

Purpose of visit: Member of a parliamentary delegation observing the malnutrition crisis unfolding in the Horn of Africa and UNICEF's programmatic work there. (Registered 26 April 2023)

Name of donor:

(1) Medical Aid for Palestinians (2) Amnesty UK

Address of donor: (1) 33a Islington Park Street, London N1 1QB (2) 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Flights, accommodation, food and transport, value £640.18 (2) Flights, accommodation, food and transport, value £960.28

Destination of visit: Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel Dates of visit: 28 May - 1 June 2023 Purpose of visit: Fact-finding visit organised by the Council for Arab-British Understanding, Amnesty International UK section and Medical Aid for Palestinians. (Registered 07 June 2023)

Andrew Western (Stretford and Urmston)

1. Employment and earnings

Non-executive director of Trafford Housing Trust, Sale Point, Washway Road, Sale M33 6AG (part of the L+Q Group, West Ham Lane, London E15 4RP), I receive £7,000 per annum, paid monthly. Hours: approx. 4 hrs per month. (Registered 06

January 2023)

Until 20 December 2022, Chair of the National Resources Board, Local Government Association, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ. I received £17,817 per annum, paid monthly for chairing meetings. Hours: 3 hrs per month, including preparation. (Registered 06 January 2023)

Until 4 May 2023, Councillor, Trafford Council, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH. (Registered 06 January 2023)

I receive a councillor's allowance of £7,061 per annum, paid monthly. Hours: approx. 3 hrs per week. (Registered 06 January 2023)

Until 4 January 2023, as Leader of Trafford Council, I received an additional allowance of £38,678 per annum, paid monthly. Hours: 40 hrs per week. (Registered 09 January 2023)

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

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: Voyager Building, 2 Furness Quay, Salford M50 3XZ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to support my by-election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 06 January 2023)

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

Address of donor: 150 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 1RX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 to support my by-election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 06 January 2023)

Name of donor: Unison North West

Address of donor: Arena Point, 1 Hunts Bank, Manchester M3 1UN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: franking of envelopes for my by-election campaign, value £3,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 06 January 2023)

Name of donor: GMB

Address of donor: Mary Turner House, 22 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: franking of envelopes for my by-election campaign, value £2,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 06 January 2023)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,800

Donor status: trade union
(Registered 09 January 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Lancashire County Cricket Club
Address of donor: Emirates Old Trafford, Talbot Road, Manchester M16 0PX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets in the Chair's Box for England v India cricket match, value £1,300
Date received: 17 July 2022
Date accepted: 17 July 2022
Donor status: company, registration IP28451R
(Registered 09 January 2023)

Name of donor: Lancashire County Cricket Club
Address of donor: Emirates Old Trafford, Talbot Road, Manchester M16 0PX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets in the Chair's Box for England v South Africa, value £1,300
Date received: 25 August 2022
Date accepted: 25 August 2022
Donor status: company, registration IP28451R
(Registered 09 January 2023)

Name of donor: Lancashire County Cricket Club
Address of donor: Emirates Old Trafford, Talbot Road, Manchester M16 0PX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets in the Chair's Box for a Red Hot Chili Peppers concert, value £500
Date received: 22 June 2022
Date accepted: 22 June 2022
Donor status: company, registration IP28451R
(Registered 09 January 2023)

Dr Philippa Whitford (Central Ayrshire)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: RESULTS UK
Address of donor: 31-33 Bondway, London SW8 1SJ
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £1,509.99; accommodation £777.92; food £235.71; taxis £143.36; misc: (Covid tests, tour of DC, etc) £110; total value £2,776.98
Destination of visit: Washington, D.C.
Dates of visit: 19-23 April 2022
Purpose of visit: To attend the replenishment conference of the Global Financing Facility at the Canadian Embassy and a series of meetings with World Bank leadership and CSO groups on the margins of the World Bank Spring Meetings.
(Registered 04 May 2022)

Name of donor: UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases
Address of donor: Avenida Francisco Salgado Zenha, Lote 4, 9C, 1950-443 Lisboa, Portugal
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, hotel, transportation, meals and insurance, total value £1,804.91
Destination of visit: Geneva, Switzerland
Dates of visit: 22-26 May 2022
Purpose of visit: Attending Fringe meetings at the World Health Assembly to discuss pandemic prevention, preparedness and resilience, modernisation of health systems and the protection of human rights, including access to basic healthcare.
(Registered 06 June 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

Member of the British Medical Association.

(ii) Specialist Advisers

Dr Katriona Edlmann

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland, declared the following interests:

7 February 2023:

1. Funded academic projects on hydrogen and CO2 storage with research funding from EPSRC, EU Horizon 2020 and SGN
2. I am an academic advisor for Hydroquinone Capital Ltd
3. I serve as the Energy Technology Partnership (ETP) Deputy Hydrogen Strategic Theme Champion
4. I am a member of the Gas Goes Green Academic Challenge Forum
5. I am on the DNZES Hydrogen Advisory Council Transportation and Storage Infrastructure Working Group

Professor Malcolm Macdonald

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Scotland's Space Sector, declared the following interests:

11 September 2023:

1. I am a Professor at the University of Strathclyde, and an active space engineering researcher with funding from UK government sources.

2. Weather Stream, of which I am a Director, has a small UK subsidiary of which I am a former Director (2020 – 2022); the UK subsidiary pursues funding from the UK government.

3. I am a member of the Space Scotland Council, the Scottish space sector's industry body of which membership is open to all, and the Scottish Space Academic Forum, which is open to all academics within Scotland who are active in the space sector.

Declarations of Specialist Advisers' interests made at meetings in Session 2021-22 can be found in the Formal Minutes of Session 2021-22.