



# Formal Minutes of the Committee of Public Accounts in Session 2023–24

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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;
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- visits made by the Committee.

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# Thursday 9 November 2023

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Sarah Olney

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the Chair have leave to visit Shrivenham to attend the Joint Services and Command Staff College Defence Academy in a representative capacity.

*Resolved,* That members of the Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 16 November 2023 relating to HS2 and Euston: Recall, pursuant to 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:

### **Managing cross-border travel during the COVID-19 pandemic: Sixteenth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the UK Health Security Agency, dated 16 October 2023

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Liabilities: update**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 20 October 2023

### **Accounting Officer Assessment for ECHO 2 Programme Delivery**

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 24 October 2023

**AEA Technology Pension Case: Fifty-seventh Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 24 October 2023

**Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22: Twenty-sixth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department of Work and Pensions, dated 24 October 2023

**Managing tax compliance following the pandemic: Forty-ninth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 24 October 2023

**Supporting investment into the UK: Fifty-sixth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence with the Department for Business and Trade, dated 24 October 2023

**Preparedness for online safety regulation**

Correspondence from Richard Burgon MP, dated 25 October 2023

**UK Infrastructure Annual Report and Accounts**

Correspondence from the UK Infrastructure Bank, dated 25 October 2023

**Adult Social Care Markets: Seventh Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 30 October 2023

**Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22: Forty-fifth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 30 October 2023

**National Risk Register - Redevelopment of Defra's animal health infrastructure: Twenty-fourth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 31 October 2023

### **Restoration and Renewal: Recall**

Correspondence from the Clerk of the House and the Chief Operating Officer of the House of Lords, dated 1 November 2023

### **Education and Skills Funding Agency investigations publication policy**

Correspondence with the Department for Education, dated 2 November 2023

### **Shipbuilding Credit Guarantee Scheme**

Correspondence with the Department for Business and Trade, dated 3 November 2023

### **Whole of Government Accounts**

Professor David Heald [WGA0001]

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [WGA0002]

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants [WGA0003]

## **3. The New Hospital Programme**

Draft Report (The New Hospital Programme), 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 77.

## **4. Condition of school buildings**

Draft Report (Condition of school buildings), 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 78.

## **5. Revising health assessments for disability benefits**

Draft Report (Revising health assessments for disability 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 Third Report of the Committee, HC 79.

## 6. Treasury Minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 7. Whole of Government Accounts

Cat Little, Second Permanent Secretary, Andrew Cartner, Director of Public Spending, and Conrad Smewing, Director General Public Spending, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Helps, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 13 November at 3.30 p.m.

# Monday 13 November 2023

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

## 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:

## **National Law Enforcement Data Programme**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 2 November 2023

## **Initial lessons from the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Thirteenth Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 7 November 2023

## **Introducing integrated care systems: Thirty-fifth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 7 November 2023

## **2022-23 performance related executive pay**

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Ofwat, dated 8 November 2023

## **Accounting Officer Assessment summary for Single Customs Platform**

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 10 November 2023

## **Improving defence inventory management**

Dylan Hibbert [DIM0002]

### **3. Improving defence inventory management**

David Williams, Permanent Secretary, and Vice Admiral Andy Kyte, Chief of Defence Logistics and Support, Ministry of Defence; John Farrow, Director, Logistics and Support Operating Centre; and Andy Start, Chief Executive Officer, Defence Equipment and Support, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Tom McDonald, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Thursday 16 November at 9.30 a.m.

# Thursday 16 November 2023

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Ashley Dalton

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Sarah Olney

Greg Smith also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 9 November 2023).

## 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:

### **HS2 and Euston: Recall**

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 14 November 2023

Mr Andrew Cordiner [HS20001]

Mr Andrew Bruce [HS20002]

Chris Smith [HS20003]

BusinessLDN [HS20004]

MBE LLB (Hons) FCA Michael Gross [HS20005]

High Speed Rail Group [HS20006]

LB Camden [HS20007]

Manchester City Council [HS20008]

Watford Rail User Group, Abbey Line Rail User Group (Watford - St Albans line) [HS20009]

Transport for Greater Manchester [HS20010]

Mr. Andrew Bosi [HS20011]

### 3. Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23

Draft Report (Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23), 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 290.

### 4. HS2 and Euston: Recall

Dame Bernadette Kelly DCB, Permanent Secretary, and Alan Over, Director General High Speed Rail Group and SRO for HS2, Department for Transport; Sir Jon Thompson, Executive Chair, High Speed Two Ltd; and Dr Nick Bisson, Director, Integrated Rail Plan and Northern Powerhouse Rail, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jonny Mood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 23 November at 9.30 a.m.

## Thursday 23 November 2023

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Ashley Dalton

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Ben Lake

Alicia Kearns also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 23 October 2023).



## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly**

Correspondence from the Leader and Co-Chair of the United Kingdom Delegation to the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, dated 10 July 2023

### **Transforming Electronic Monitoring Services: Twenty-first Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Prison and Probation Service, dated 27 October 2023

### **British Embassy in Tokyo**

Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 2 and 21 November 2023

### **Managing Central Government Property: Thirty-first Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Government Property Agency, dated 10 November 2023

### **Fraud against the FCDO in Sierra Leone**

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 13 November 2023

### **AEA Technology Pension Case: Fifty-seventh Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 15 November 2023

### **Further information regarding Treasury Minute progress reports**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 15 November 2023

## **Timeliness of local auditor reporting: Sixtieth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 15 November 2023

## **International Finance Facility for Education**

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 19 November 2023

## **Restoration and Renewal: Recall**

Correspondence from the Clerk of the House of Commons, the Chief Operating Officer of the House of Lords, dated 21 November 2023

Correspondence with the Clerk of the House of Commons, the Chief Operating Officer of the House of Lords, the Managing Director of the Restoration and Renewal Client Team and the CEO Restoration and Renewal Delivery Authority, dated 23 November 2023

## **Homes for Ukraine**

Hampshire County Council [HFU0001]

Chartered Institute of Housing [HFU0002]

South Cambridgeshire District Council [HFU0003]

Local Government Association [HFU0004]

Professor Sara Jones and Dr Irina Kuznetsova [HFU0005]

Dr Krish Kandiah [HFU0006]

Office for National Statistics [HFU0007]

NACCOM [HFU0008]

London Councils [HFU0009]

Wales Strategic Migration Partnership [HFU0010]

Migration Yorkshire [HFU0011]

Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity, COMPAS, University of Oxford [HFU0012]

More in Common [HFU0013]

Richard Machin [HFU0014]

Opora [HFU0015]

Buckinghamshire Council [HFU0016]

The District Council's Network [HFU0017]

### 3. Government's programme of waste reforms

Draft Report (Government's programme of waste reforms), 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 333.

### 4. FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23

Sir Philip Barton KCMG, Permanent Under-Secretary, Nick Dyer, Second Permanent Under-Secretary, and Tim Jones, Finance Director, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Rebecca Sheeran, Executive Director, and Keith Lloyd, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### 5. Homes for Ukraine

Mr Jonathan Djanogly declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Homes for Ukraine as a former host under the scheme.

Sarah Healey, Permanent Secretary, and Emma Payne, Director, Homes for Ukraine Scheme, SRO of the programme, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Simon Ridley, Second Permanent Secretary, and Abi Tierney, Director-General, Customer Services Group, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Rebecca Sheeran, Executive Director, and Keith Lloyd, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 27 November at 2.30 p.m.

# Monday 27 November 2023

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mrs Flick Drummond

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Sarah Olney

## 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:

### **Armoured Vehicles: The Ajax Programme: Seventh Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 16 November 2023

### **Ministry of Defence's contract with Annington Property Limited: Fifty-third Report of Session 2017-19**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 20 November 2023

### **Supporting Investment into the UK: Fifty-sixth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 21 November 2023

### **Performance of the UK Security Vetting Service: Fifty-third Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 22 November 2023

### **Work of Ofwat**

Amiblu [WOO0001]

Mencap [WOO0002]  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds [WOO0003]  
Blueprint for Water [WOO0004]  
Wessex Water Services Limited [WOO0005]  
River Action [WOO0006]

### **Flood defences**

Dr Suresh Renukappa, Mr Mark Stride, Dr Subashini Suresh and Miss Victoria English [FDS0001]  
National Farmers' Union [FDS0002]  
Environmental Industries Commission [FDS0003]  
Royal Institute of British Architects [FDS0004]  
Climate Vision [FDS0005]  
Dr Caroline Kamau-Mitchell [FDS0006]  
Planet Labs [FDS0007]  
London Fire Brigade [FDS0008]

## **3. Work of Ofwat**

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the Work of Ofwat, namely: that he is a practising farmer, and a non-pecuniary interest as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

David Black, Chief Executive, and Iain Coucher, Chair, Ofwat, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Richard Davis, Director, National Audit Office were in attendance.

## **4. Flood defences**

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Flood defences, namely: that he is a practising farmer, and a non-pecuniary interest as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Tamara Finkelstein CB, Permanent Secretary, and David Hill, Director General - Environment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Philip Duffy, Chief Executive, and Caroline Douglass, Executive Director for Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Richard Davis, Director, National Audit Office were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 30 November at 9.30 a.m.

## Thursday 30 November 2023

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Dan Carden

Mrs Flick Drummond

Peter Grant

Anne Marie Morris

Dame Diana Johnson also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 16 October 2023).

### 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:

#### **Reducing the harm from illegal drugs**

Mike Trace [RHD0001]

Dr Fay Dennis [RHD0002]

Dylan Hibbert [RHD0003]

Hampshire County Council [RHD0004]

Changing Lives [RHD0005]

Change Grow Live [RHD0006]

Office of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner [RHD0007]  
Drug Science [RHD0008]  
The Pharmacists' Defence Association [RHD0009]  
ADFAM [RHD0010]  
Collective Voice [RHD0011]  
Camurus [RHD0012]  
The Hepatitis C Trust [RHD0013]  
Turning Point [RHD0014]  
Local Government Association [RHD0015]  
Release, Unjust UK [RHD0016]  
Transform Drug Policy Foundation [RHD0017]  
APPG for Drugs, Alcohol and Justice [RHD0018]  
The Association of Police and Crime Commissioners [RHD0019]  
The NHS Addictions Provider Alliance [RHD0020]  
Catch22 [RHD0021]  
The People's Recovery Project [RHD0022]

### **Preparedness for online safety regulation**

Regulatory Institute [POSR0001]  
Carnegie UK, Reset [POSR0002]  
Christian Action Research and Education [POSR0003]  
Dr Andres Roman Urrestarazu, Prof Naomi Fineberg, Dr Blanca Larrain, Dr Robin Van Kessel, Prof Henrietta Bowden-Jones and Prof Ornella Corazza [POSR0005]  
Dr Lindsay Balfour, Dr Adrienne Evans, Dr Marcus Maloney and Dr Sarah Kate Merry [POSR0006]  
The University of Manchester [POSR0007]  
Careful Industries [POSR0008]  
Ofcom [POSR0009]  
The Christian Institute [POSR0010]  
Match Group [POSR0011]  
UK Finance [POSR0012]  
Royal College of Psychiatrists [POSR0014]  
The Age Verification Providers Association [POSR0015]

## **3. Reducing the harm from illegal drugs**

Dan Carden declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Reducing harm from illegal drugs as an ambassador of Tom Harrison House and

Adfam, Director of Addiction Recovery Now, and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Drugs, Alcohol and Justice.

Professor Dame Carol Black DBE, Independent Government Advisor on Combatting Drugs; Mark Lay, National Drugs Coordinator, National Police Chiefs' Council; Mike Trace, CEO, Forward Trust; and Alice Wiseman, Vice President and Addictions Lead, Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) and Director of Public Health, Gateshead Council, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Oliver Lodge, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 4 December at 3.30 p.m.

## Monday 4 December 2023

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Mrs Flick Drummond

Peter Grant

Anne Marie Morris

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That a delegation of officials from the Iraqi Council of Representatives be invited to attend the Committee's private meeting on Monday 11 December 2023.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into:

BBC's implementation of Across the UK

Cabinet Office functional savings

Lessons for government: monitoring and responding to companies in distress



Levelling up funding to local government

Reforming adult social care in England

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Managing tax compliance following the pandemic: Forty-ninth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 22 November 2023

### **Mortgage Guarantee Scheme**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 22 November 2023

### **Delivering gigabit-capable broadband: Thirty-second Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 23 November 2023

### **Resetting government programmes: Seventy-first Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Infrastructure and Projects Authority, dated 24 November 2023

### **Defence digital strategy: Thirty-sixth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 28 November 2023

### **Use of evaluation and modelling in government: Fourth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 30 November 2023

## 3. Reducing the harm from illegal drugs

Sir Matthew Rycroft KCMG CBE, Permanent Secretary and Rachael Millar, Deputy Director, Head of the Joint Combating Drugs Unit, Home Office; and Sir Chris Wormald KCB, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Care, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Oliver Lodge, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 December at 9.00 a.m.

## Wednesday 6 December 2023

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Ben Lake

Nick Smith

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Preparing for online safety regulation

Sarah Munby, Permanent Secretary, and Sarah Connolly, Director for Security and Online Harms, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology; Dame Melanie Dawes DCB, Chief Executive and Jessica Smith, Principal for Online Safety, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

Ed Pinney, representing the Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Kate Mathers, Executive Director, and Louise Bladen, Director, National Audit Office were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 7 December at 9.00 a.m.

# Thursday 7 December 2023

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Sarah Olney

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee inquire into:

Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23

Government resilience: extreme weather

Investigation into student loans issued to those studying at franchised higher education providers

Investigation into whistleblowing in the civil service

Lessons learned: Delivering value from government investment in major programmes

NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement

Non-executive director appointments

Progress in implementing Universal Credit

The Equipment Plan 2023-33

Value for money from legal aid

## 2. Competition in public procurement

Draft Report (Competition in public procurement), 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 385.

## 3. Managing government borrowing

Peter Grant declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Managing government borrowing, namely: National Savings and Investments savings.

Richard Hughes, Chair, Office for Budget Responsibility, gave oral evidence.

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury; Dax Harkins, Chief Executive, National Savings and Investments; and Sir Robert Stheeman, Chief Executive, Debt Management Office, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Reason, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 11 December at 2.30 p.m.

## Friday 8 December

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

### **UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership:**

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 8 December 2023

Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General, dated 8 December 2023

# Monday 11 December 2023

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Anne Marie Morris

Dame Diana Johnson and Tim Loughton also attended for items 2 to 4 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 11 December 2023).

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That members of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 11 December 2023 relating to UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That a delegation of parliamentarians and officials from the National Assembly of Namibia be invited to attend the Committee's private meeting on Thursday 14 December 2023.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Bounce Back Loans Scheme: Follow-up: Fiftieth Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence from the British Business Bank, dated 30 November 2023

### **ESFA Investigation Publication Policy**

Correspondence from the Education and Skills Funding Agency, dated 1 December 2023

**Regulation of Energy Suppliers: Twenty-fifth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 1 December 2023

**Whole of Government Accounts 2020-21**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 3 December 2023

**Equipment Plan 2023-2033: Update on affordability**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 4 December 2023

**Finalising the UK's association to the Horizon Europe and Copernicus Programmes**

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 4 December 2023

**HMRC Self Assessment Helpline**

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 4 December 2023

**International Finance Facility for Education**

Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 4 December 2023

**Low Emission Cars: First Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 4 December 2023

**Performance of the UK Security Vetting Service: Fifty-third Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 4 December 2023

**Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England: Sixty-eighth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 5 December 2023

**BBC Digital: Forty-sixth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the BBC, dated 6 December 2023

### **Cross-government working**

Dylan Hibbert [CGW0001]

Environmental Horticulture Group [CGW0002]

Dr Sam Warner, Dr Jack Newman, Prof Dave Richards and Prof Patrick Diamond [CGW0003]

Professor Sarah Ayres, Dr Geoff Bates and Mr Alex Wallace [CGW0004]

Horticultural Trades Association [CGW0005]

Chemical Industries Association [CGW0006]

StopTheArc Group [CGW0007]

Mental Health Foundation [CGW0008]

National Measurement Laboratory at LGC [CGW0009]

Miss Amelia Smith [CGW0010]

Anonymous [CGW0011]

Sustainable Nitrogen Alliance [CGW0012]

phs Group, Prostate Cancer UK [CGW0013]

Mencap, The Challenging Behaviour Foundation [CGW0014]

Food Foundation [CGW0015]

UN Global Compact Network UK [CGW0016]

Planet Labs [CGW0017]

Nikki Power [CGW0018]

### **3. UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership**

Olivia Blake declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership as Co-Chair of the APPG on Migration, and a pecuniary interest, namely: research support provided by the Refugee, Asylum and Migration Project, of which she is a Principal.

Daniel Hobbs, Director General, Migration and Borders, and Sir Matthew Rycroft KCMG CBE, Permanent Secretary, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Oliver Lodge, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## 4. Cross-government working

Will Garton, Director-General for Levelling-up, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Catherine Hutchinson, Head of the Evaluation Task Force, HM Treasury and Cabinet Office; Nathan Moores, Director for Shared Services Strategy for Government, Cabinet Office; and Chris Thompson, Director for Net Zero Strategy, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, gave oral evidence.

Sir Alex Chisholm KCB, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office; and Cat Little, Second Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Sian Jones, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 14 December at 9.30 a.m.

## Tuesday 12 December

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

### **UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership:**

Correspondence from the Comptroller and Auditor General, dated 12 December 2023



# Thursday 14 December 2023

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Mrs Flick Drummond

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Sarah Olney

## 1. Declarations of interest

Paula Barker declared her 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:

### **Sellafield site visit**

Correspondence from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, dated 11 December 2023

### **HMRC Performance in 2020-21: Thirty-seventh Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 7 December 2023

### **HMRC Standard Report 2022-23**

Pioneering Solutions Limited [HMRCR0001]

David Dibbens [HMRCR0003]

Borderfree Trade Limited t/a SimplyVAT.com [HMRCR0004]

Michael Kelly [HMRCR0005]

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [HMRCR0007]

Association of Taxation Technicians [HMRCR0009]  
Association of Accounting Technicians [HMRCR0010]  
ContractorCalculator [HMRCR0011]  
Hillier Hopkins LLP [HMRCR0012]  
Transparency International UK [HMRCR0013]  
The Chartered Institute of Taxation [HMRCR0015]  
Low Incomes Tax Reform Group of the Chartered Institute of Taxation [HMRCR0017]  
Loan Charge & Taxpayer Fairness APPG [HMRCR0018]  
Anonymous [HMRCR0019]  
The Investment Fraud APPG [HMRCR0020]  
Jo Minns [HMRCR0021]  
Mr Ian Stocks [HMRCR0022]  
Dave Chaplin [HMRCR0023]

#### 4. HMRC Standard Report 2022-23

Jim Harra, Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive, Angela MacDonald, Second Permanent Secretary, and Justin Holliday, Chief Finance Officer and Tax Assurance Commissioner, HM Revenue and Customs, gave oral evidence.

Marius Farraher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Darren Stewart, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 January at 1.00 p.m.

### Monday 18 December 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

#### **FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23:**

Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 18 December 2023

# Wednesday 10 January 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Treasury Minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 6 December 2023

### **Energy bills support: Fifty-eighth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 7 December 2023

### **FCA rules on maintaining reasonable access to cash**

Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority, dated 7 December 2023

### **Flood defences**

Correspondence from the Environment Agency and the Department for Environment and Rural Affairs, dated 7 December 2023

### **Homes for Ukraine**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 7 December 2023

### **Accounting Officer Assessment: Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery (AMLAR) Programme**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 8 December 2023

### **HS2 Limited - HS2 and Euston: Recall**

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 8 December 2023

Correspondence from the Chair of HS2 Ltd, dated 11 December 2023

### **Reducing the harm from illegal drugs**

Correspondence from the CEO of The Forward Trust, dated 13 December 2023

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 15 December 2023

### **Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England: Sixty-eighth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 14 December 2023

### **Serious and Organised Crime Strategy**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 15 December 2023

### **Supported housing: Seventy-seventh Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 18 December 2023

### **Decarbonising the power sector: Fifty-ninth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 21 December 2023

### **Cross-government working**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury, dated 21 December 2023

### **Notification of extension to the Mortgage Guarantee Scheme**

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 21 December 2023

### **Trader Support Service contract extension**

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 21 December 2023

### **Progress on the courts and tribunals reform programme: Sixty-first Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 22 December 2023

### **UK participation in a EUR 4 billion paid-in capital increase to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 23 December 2023

### **Managing government borrowing**

Correspondence from National Savings and Investments, dated 3 January 2024

## **4. Resilience to flooding**

Draft Report (Resilience to flooding), 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 71.

## **5. Improving Defence Inventory Management**

Draft Report (Improving Defence Inventory Management), 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 66.

## **6. Cabinet Office functional savings**

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Cabinet Office functional savings as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Sir Alex Chisholm KCB, Permanent Secretary, and Richard Hornby, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Assurance, Finance and Controls, Cabinet Office; and Cat

Little, Head of Government Finance Function and Second Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Eleanor Fairbairn, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 15 January at 3.30 p.m.

## Monday 15 January 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Sarah Owen

Gary Sambrook

### 1. Declarations of interest

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

Gary Sambrook 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:

#### **Reducing the harm from illegal drugs**

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 4 January 2024

#### **UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 4 January 2024

#### **Accountability arrangements for the single settlements for trailblazer Mayoral Combines Authorities**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 8 January 2024

#### **The Asylum Transformation Programme: Seventy-sixth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 9 January 2024

#### **Levelling up funding to local government**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 12 January 2024

South East Councils [LFG0002]

Local Government Association [LFG0003]

### 4. Levelling up funding to local government

Sarah Healey CB CVO, Permanent Secretary, Will Garton, Director General for Levelling Up, and Jess Blakely, Director for Major Levelling Up Programmes, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Helen Hodgson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 January at 1.00 p.m.

## Wednesday 17 January 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Peter Grant

Sarah Olney

### 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:

#### **Lessons for government: monitoring and responding to companies in distress**

Dr John Tribe [LGD0001]

The Institute for Turnaround [LGD0002]

### 3. Lessons for government: monitoring and responding to companies in distress

Sir Gareth Rhys Williams CB, Government Chief Commercial Officer, Cabinet Office; Neil Johnson, Director, Industry, Department for Business and Trade; Jess Glover, Director General, Growth and Productivity, HM Treasury; and Hannah Gray, Director, Special Situations Group, UK Government Investments, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.



Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Reason, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 22 January at 3.30 p.m.

## Monday 22 January 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Mr Mark Francois

Sarah Owen

Gary Sambrook

### 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:

#### **Defence Equipment Plan 2023-2033**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 4 December 2023 and 12 January 2024

Jag Patel [EQP0001]

Nuclear Information Service [EQP0002]

#### **Digital transformation in government: addressing barriers to efficiency: Seventieth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence with the Central Digital and Data Office, dated 10 January 2024

### **HMRC's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 11 January 2024

### **Lessons learned: competition in public procurement: Sixth Report of Session 2023-24**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 11 January 2024

### **Crossrail Completion**

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 16 January 2024

## **3. Whole of Government Accounts 2020-21**

Draft Report (Whole of Government Accounts 2020-21), 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 Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 65.

## **4. Defence Equipment Plan 2023-33**

David Williams CB, Permanent Secretary, Lieutenant General Sir Robert Magowan KCB CBE, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Financial and Military Capability) and Tom Wipperman, Director of Strategic Finance and Investment Approvals, Ministry of Defence; and Andy Start, Chief Executive, Defence Equipment & Support, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Rebecca Sheeran, Executive Director, and Tom McDonald, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 24 January at 1.00 p.m.

# Wednesday 24 January 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

## 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:

### **Reforming adult social care**

Association for Real Change [RSE0001]

Care England [RSE0003]

National Care Forum [RSE0004]

Mencap [RSE0005]

Women's Budget Group [RSE0006]

Community Integrated Care [RSE0007]

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy [RSE0008]

Methodist Homes [RSE0010]

Sense [RSE0011]

Alzheimer's Society [RSE0012]

Association of Directors of Adult Social Services [RSE0013]

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation [RSE0014]

Homecare Association Ltd [RSE0015]

National Housing Federation [RSE0016]

Voyage Care Ltd [RSE0017]

Mental Health Matters [RSE0018]

Centre for Care - University of Sheffield [RSE0019]

Healthwatch England [RSE0020]

Unseen UK [RSE0021]

Rethink Mental Illness [RSE0022]  
Bupa Global & UK [RSE0023]  
Nuffield Trust [RSE0024]  
Care Quality Commission [RSE0026]  
Local Government Association [RSE0027]  
Tony Stein, CEO, Healthcare Management Solutions Ltd [RSE0028]  
Rochdale Borough Council [RSE0029]  
Age UK [RSE0030]  
The County Councils Network [RSE0031]  
British Association of Social Workers [RSE0032]

### 3. HS2 and Euston: Recall

Draft Report (HS2 and Euston), 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 Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 67.

### 4. Reducing the harm from illegal drugs

Draft Report (Reducing the harm from illegal drugs), 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 Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 72.

### 5. Reforming adult social care

Sir Chris Wormald KCB, Permanent Secretary, and Michelle Dyson, Director General for Adult Social Care, Department for Health and Social Care; and Catherine Frances, Director General for Local Government, Resilience and Communities, Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Vicky Davis, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 5 February at 3.30 p.m.

## Saturday 27 January - Friday 2 February 2024

The Chair, Paula Barker, Olivia Blake, Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Mark Francois, Sarah Owen and Gary Sambrook visited Washington DC in connection with the Committee's work into financial accountability, defence and procurement, and the management of major infrastructure projects and risk, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 17 April 2023.

## Monday 29 January 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

### **Government compensation and financial redress schemes**

Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General, dated 25 January 2024

### **Competition in public procurement: Sixth Report of Session 2023-24**

Correspondence with the Government Chief Commercial Officer, dated 26 January 2024

## Monday 5 February 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ms Marie Rimmer

### 1. Declarations of interest

Ms Marie Rimmer declared her 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:

### **Lessons learned: competition in public procurement**

Correspondence from the Government Chief Commercial Officer, dated 1 November 2023

### **Single Customs Platform and Trader Support Service**

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 19 January 2024

### **Accounting Officer Assessment: British Museum Energy Centre Programme**

Correspondence from the British Museum, dated 25 January 2024

### **Lessons for government: monitoring and responding to companies in distress**

Correspondence from the Government Chief Commercial Officer, dated 26 January 2024

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 30 January 2024

### **Digital transformation in government: addressing barriers to efficiency: Seventieth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Central Digital and Data Office, dated 29 January 2024

### **Levelling up funding to local government**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 29 January 2024

### **Reducing the harm from illegal drugs**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 29 January 2024

### **Cabinet Office functional savings**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 31 January 2024

### **Restoration and Renewal: Recall**

Correspondence from the Clerk of the House, the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Restoration and Renewal Client Team and the Restoration and Renewal Delivery Authority, dated 31 January 2024

### **Secure Training Centres and Secure Schools: Thirteenth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Prison and Probation Service, dated 31 January 2024

### **Reforming adult social care**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 1 February 2024

### **Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management**

Mr Blake [CSWF0001]

Public and Commercial Services Union [CSWF0002]

## **4. Cross-government working**

Draft Report (Cross-government working), 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 Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 75.

## **5. Preparedness for online safety regulation**

Draft Report (Preparedness for online safety regulation), 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 Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 73.

## **6. Homes for Ukraine**

Draft Report (Homes for Ukraine), 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 Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 69.

## 7. Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management

Sir Alex Chisholm KCB, Permanent Secretary, and Fiona Ryland, Government Chief People Officer, Cabinet Office; Mark Adam, Chief People Officer, Ministry of Justice; and Esther Wallington, Chief People Officer, HM Revenue and Customs, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Abdool Kara, Executive Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 February at 1.00 p.m.

# Wednesday 7 February 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Peter Grant

Anne Marie Morris

Sarah Olney

## 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:



## **NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement**

Professor Albert Sanchez-Graells [NHS0001]

Chris Smith [NHS0002]

Association of British HealthTech Industries [NHS0003]

CMR Surgical Ltd [NHS0004]

Urology Trade Association [NHS0005]

Essity [NHS0006]

The Medical Technology Group [NHS0007]

British Healthcare Trades Association [NHS0008]

Nigel Cook [NHS0009]

The Health Tech Alliance [NHS0011]

### **3. NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement**

Anne Marie Morris declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Access to Medicines and Medical Devices.

Shona Dunn CB, Second Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Care; Amanda Pritchard, CEO, Julian Kelly, Chief Financial Officer, and Jacqui Rock, Chief Commercial Officer, NHS England; and Andrew New, CEO, NHS Supply Chain, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Abdool Kara, Executive Director, and Ashley McDougall, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Monday 19 February at 2.30 p.m.

# Monday 19 February 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Gareth Davies<sup>1</sup>

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Sarah Olney

Sarah Owen

Ms Marie Rimmer

Gary Sambrook

## 1. Declaration of interests

Gareth Davies 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.

*Resolved*, That the Chair of the Work and Pensions Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 11 March 2024 relating to Progress in implementing Universal Credit, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That members of the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 13 March 2024 relating to DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

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<sup>1</sup> The Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury is appointed as an ex officio member of the Public Accounts Committee and, by convention, only attends once per Parliament.

*Resolved*, That the Chair of the Justice Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 25 March 2024 relating to Value for Money from Legal Aid pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

## 2. Managing government borrowing

Draft Report (Managing government borrowing), 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 Fifteenth Report of the Committee, HC 74.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Government compensation and financial redress schemes**

Correspondence from the Comptroller and Auditor General, dated 30 January 2024

### **Progress in improving NHS mental health services: Sixty-fifth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 5 February 2024

### **Reforming adult social care**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 6 February 2024

### **Local audit consultation**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 8 February 2024

### **National Law Enforcement Data Programme: Twenty-ninth Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 14 February 2024

## **NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 14 February 2024

## **BBC's implementation of Across the UK**

National World PLC [BBC0001]

News Media Association [BBC0002]

## **4. NAO Main Estimate 2024-25**

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Daniel Lambauer, Executive Director, and Rebecca Sheeran, Executive Director, National Audit Office, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

## **4. BBC's implementation of Across the UK**

Tim Davie, Director General, Leigh Tavaziva, Chief Operating Officer, and Thomas Wrathmell, Across the UK Programme Director, BBC, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Louise Bladen, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 February at 1.00 p.m.

# Wednesday 21 February 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mr Mark Francois

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That Anne Marie Morris attend the meeting of the Defence Committee on 27 February 2024 relating to Service Accommodation, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

## 2. HMRC Performance in 2022-23

Draft Report (HMRC Performance in 2022-23), 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 Sixteenth Report of the Committee, HC 76.

## 3. Cabinet Office functional savings

Draft Report (Cabinet Office functional savings), 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 Seventeenth Report of the Committee, HC 423.

## 4. Evidence reported for publication

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

## **NAO Main Estimate 2024-25**

Correspondence with the Chair of the Public Accounts Commission, dated 21 February 2024

### **Government resilience: extreme weather**

Chartered Institute of Housing [GEX0001]

Dr Laiz Souto [GEX0002]

Ms Elizabeth Shimwell [GEX0003]

St John Ambulance [GEX0004]

Institution of Civil Engineers [GEX0005]

Dr Hadi Arbabi, Dr Tom Wood, Dr Saba Sadati, Dr Giuliano Punzo and Prof Martin Mayfield [GEX0006]

River Action UK [GEX0007]

Professor Rowena Hill and Rich Pickford [GEX0008]

Keep Britain Tidy [GEX0009]

The National Flood Forum [GEX0010]

British Red Cross [GEX0011]

Newcastle University [GEX0012]

UK Corporate Leaders Group [GEX0013]

Mineral Products Association [GEX0014]

National Trust [GEX0015]

National Fire Chiefs Council [GEX0016]

West Midlands Combined Authority [GEX0017]

Association of British Insurers [GEX0018]

Wildlife and Countryside Link [GEX0019]

National Oceanography Centre [GEX0020]

Local Government Association [GEX0021]

Southwell Flood Forum [GEX0022]

Dr Alan Smith [GEX0023]

NCG [GEX0024]

Dr Nicola Power, Charlotte Betts, Dr Richard Philpot, and Prof Mark Levine [GEX0025]

## **4. Treasury Minutes**

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Government resilience: extreme weather

Tamara Finkelstein CB, Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Matthew Clarke, Resilience Director, and Roger Hargreaves, Director, COBR Unit, Cabinet Office; Clive Martin, Head of the Government Risk Profession, Government Finance Function; and Professor Penelope Endersby, Chief Executive, Met Office, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Sian Jones, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 26 February at 3.00 p.m.

## Monday 26 February 2024

### Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Ms Marie Rimmer

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown was called to the chair.

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Excess Votes 2022-23

Draft Report (Excess Votes 2022-23), 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 Eighteenth Report of the Committee, HC 589.

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **Covid-19 vaccine liabilities**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 7 February 2024

#### **NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement**

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 15 February 2024

#### **The New Hospital Programme**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 15 February 2024

#### **Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 16 February 2024

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 19 February 2024

#### **Condition of school buildings**

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 16 February 2024

#### **Bulb Energy: Seventy-fourth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 21 February 2024

#### **Court reform programme**

Correspondence from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 21 February 2024

#### **Update on the rollout of smart meters: Seventy-second Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, and Ofgem, dated 21 February 2024



## **NAO Main Estimate 2024-25**

Correspondence from the Comptroller and Auditor General, dated 22 February 2024

### **4. Investigation into student loans issued to those studying at franchised higher education providers**

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, and Julia Kinniburgh, Director General for Skills, Department for Education; Susan Lapworth, CEO, Office for Students; and Chris Larmer, CEO, Student Loans Company, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Emma Wilson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Monday 4 March at 3.30 p.m.

## **Monday 4 March 2024**

### **Members present**

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Olivia Blake

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mrs Flick Drummond

Peter Grant

Sarah Owen

Ms Marie Rimmer

### **1. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Asylum Accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership.

## 2. MoD Equipment Plan 2023-2033

Draft Report (MoD Equipment Plan 2023-2033), 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 Nineteenth Report of the Committee, HC 451.

## 3. Monitoring and responding to companies in distress

Draft Report (Monitoring and responding to companies in distress), 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 Twentieth Report of the Committee, HC 425.

## 4. Levelling up funding to local government

Draft Report (Levelling up funding to local government), 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 Twenty-first Report of the Committee, HC 424.

## 5. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **British Museum Energy Centre Programme**

Correspondence with the Interim Director of the British Museum, dated 27 February 2024

### **Bulb Energy: Seventy-fourth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 27 February 2024

### **Supplementary Estimates 2023-24**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 27 February 2024

## **Tackling fraud and corruption against government: Sixty-ninth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 27 February 2024

### **Government resilience: extreme weather**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 28 February 2024

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 28 February 2024

### **Investigation into whistleblowing in the civil service**

University of Cumbria [WCS0003]

Protect [WCS0004]

UK Anti-Corruption Coalition [WCS0005]

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Monday 11 March at 3.30 p.m.

## **Thursday 7 March 2024**

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

### **MoD Equipment Plan 2023-2033**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 6 March 2024

## **Monday 11 March 2024**

### **Members present**

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Peter Grant

Sarah Olney

Sir Stephen Timms also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 19 February 2024).

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That Members of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 15 April 2024 relating to Asylum Accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into:

Decarbonising home heating

Investigation into the UKHSA's health security campus programme

NHS England's modelling for the Long-Term Workforce Plan

Preparations to extend childcare entitlements for working parents in England

Rail reform: the rail transformation programme

Supporting mobile connectivity

The UK border

Update on reducing the backlog in Criminal Courts

Use of artificial intelligence in government

Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22

## 2. Reforming adult social care

Draft Report (Reforming adult social care), 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 Twenty-second Report of the Committee, HC 427.

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **HMG indemnity to cover a gap in the nuclear third party liability insurance market**

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 29 February 2024

#### **In-principle capitalisation support for local authorities**

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 29 February 2024

#### **Senior staff changes at HM Treasury**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 29 February 2024

#### **BBC's implementation of Across the UK**

Correspondence from the Director General of the BBC, dated 1 March 2024

#### **FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 1 March 2024

#### **Timeliness of local auditor reporting: Sixtieth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 1 March 2024

#### **MoD Equipment Plan 2023-2033**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 6 March 2024

#### **Progress in implementing Universal Credit**

Mind [PUC0001]

National Association of Welfare Rights Advisers [PUC0002]

The Money and Mental Health Policy Institute [PUC0003]

Citizens Advice [PUC0004]

Child Poverty Action Group [PUC0005]

Housing Systems [PUC0006]

Dr Rocco d'Este [PUC0007]

Low Incomes Tax Reform Group of the Chartered Institute of Taxation  
[PUC0008]

Mental Health Foundation [PUC0009]

## 4. Progress in implementing Universal Credit

Peter Schofield CB, Permanent Secretary, Neil Couling CB CBE, Change and Resilience Director General and Senior Responsible Owner for Universal Credit, and Helga Swidenbank, Director of Disability Services, Working Age and Move to Universal Credit, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Laura Bracknell, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 March at 1.00 p.m.

# Wednesday 13 March 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Sarah Owen

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management

Draft Report (Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management), 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 Twenty-third Report of the Committee, HC 452.

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Nigel Cook [DHSC0002]

### 4. DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23

Sir Chris Wormald KCB, Permanent Secretary, Shona Dunn, Second Permanent Secretary, and Andy Brittain, Director General, Finance, Department for Health and Social Care; Professor Dame Jenny Harries, Chief Executive, UK Health Security Agency; and Julian Kelly, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Peter Morland, Director, and Anna Kinghan, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 18 March at 3.30 p.m.

## **Monday 18 March 2024**

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Sarah Owen

## 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:

### **Ajax Lessons Learned Review**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 6 March 2024

### **Investigation into student loans issued to those studying at franchised higher education providers**

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 8 March 2024

### **HS2 Euston: Sixty-third Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 12 March 2024

### **Value for money from Legal Aid**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 12 March 2024

### **British Museum Energy Centre Programme**

Correspondence from the Director of the British Museum, dated 13 March 2024

### **Defence inventory management**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 15 March 2024

### **Non-executive director appointments**

Nigel Cook [NED0001]

Dr Matthew Gill [NED0002]

## 3. Non-executive director appointments

Sir Alex Chisholm KCB, Permanent Secretary, Michael Jary, Government Lead Non-Executive, and Simon Madden, Director, Propriety & Ethics, Cabinet Office; and Elizabeth Passey, Chair, Rural Payments Agency, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.



Max Tse, Executive Director, and Sian Jones, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 March at 1.00 p.m.

## Wednesday 20 March 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Matt Warman

### 1. Declaration of interests

Matt Warman 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.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into HMRC customer service.

### 3. Treasury Minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

### 4. NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement

Draft Report (NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement), 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 Twenty-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 453.

## 5. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Delivering value from government investment in major projects**

Institution of Civil Engineers [VGI0002]

Association for Project Management [VGI0003]

Mineral Products Association [VGI0004]

Centre for Public Data [VGI0005]

The Productivity Institute [VGI0006]

Ms Sarah Coleman [VGI0007]

Jack Newman, Professor Sarah Ayres, Dr Geoff Bates and Rachael McClatchey [VGI0008]

## 6. Delivering value from government investment in major projects

Nick Smallwood, CEO, Infrastructure and Projects Authority; and Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Rebecca Sheeran, Executive Director, and Lee-Anne Murray, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 25 March at 3.30 p.m.

# Monday 25 March 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Anne Marie Morris

Sarah Olney

Sarah Owen

Matt Warman

Sir Robert Neill KC also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 19 February 2024).

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Scrutiny of sound financial practice across Government

Draft Report (Scrutiny of sound financial practice across Government), 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 Twenty-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 673.

## 3. The BBC's implementation of Across the UK

Draft Report (The BBC's implementation of Across the UK), 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 Twenty-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 426.

## 4. Government resilience: extreme weather

Draft Report (Government resilience: extreme weather), 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 Twenty-seventh Report of the Committee, HC 454.

## 5. Eighth Annual Report of the Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts

Draft Special Report (Eighth Annual Report of the Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Chair's Annual Report 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.

## 6. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Ofwat investigation into Dŵr Cymru (Welsh Water)**

Correspondence from Ofwat, dated 14 March 2024

### **Accounting Officer Assessments**

Correspondence from the Treasury Officer of Accounts, dated 15 March 2024

### **Competition in public procurement**

Correspondence with the Cabinet Office, dated 20 March 2024

### **DWP Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 20 March 2024

### **Progress with making tax digital**

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 20 March 2024

### **Value for money from Legal Aid**

Dr Liz Curran [VMLA0001]

The Law Society of England and Wales [VMLA0002]  
Immigration Law Practitioners' Association [VMLA0003]  
Public Law Project [VMLA0004]  
Independent Provider of Special Education Advice [VMLA0005]  
CILEX [VMLA0006]  
Mr Mark Gaskell [VMLA0007]  
Family Mediation Council [VMLA0008]  
Dr Jo Wilding [VMLA0009]  
Commons Law CIC [VMLA0010]  
Wilson Solicitors LLP [VMLA0011]  
Anti Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit [VMLA0012]  
Child Poverty Action Group [VMLA0013]  
Ayesha Riaz [VMLA0014]  
Law Centres Network [VMLA0015]  
The Legal Services Board [VMLA0016]  
The Bar Council [VMLA0017]  
The Centre for Public Data [VMLA0018]

## 7. Value for money from Legal Aid

Olivia Blake declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration.

Sir Robert Neill KC declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a non-practising barrister.

Antonia Romeo, Permanent Secretary, and Jerome Glass, Director General, Policy and Strategy Group, Ministry of Justice; Jane Harbottle, CEO, Legal Aid Agency; and Jason Latham, Development Director, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Jenny George, Director, and Kemi Duroshola, Manager, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 15 April at 3.00 p.m.

# Monday 15 April 2024

## Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown

Paula Barker

Olivia Blake

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Peter Grant

Anne Marie Morris

Sarah Olney

Mrs Marie Rimmer

Matt Warman

Dame Diana Johnson and Tim Loughton also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 11 March 2024).

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That Members of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 22 April 2024 relating to Supporting mobile connectivity, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That Members of the Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 29 April 2024 relating to Rail reform: the rail transformation programme, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That Members of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee and the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 13 May 2024 relating to UKHSA's health security campus programme, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That Members of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 22 May 2024 relating to Use of artificial intelligence

in government, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That Members of the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 5 June 2024 relating to NHS England's modelling for the Long-Term Workforce Plan, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That Members of the Justice Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 June 2024 relating to Update on reducing the backlog in the Criminal Courts, pursuant to 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:

### **Progress in implementing Universal Credit**

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 22 March 2024

### **Update on the rollout of smart meters: Seventy-second Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 22 March 2024

### **New Hospital Programme**

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 March 2024

### **DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 26 March 2024

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 27 March 2024

### **Non-executive director appointments**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 26 March 2024

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 2 April 2024

### **Delivering value from government investment in major projects**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 26 March 2024

### **Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 26 March 2024

### **EURO 2028 Programme: Accounting Officer Assessment**

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 27 March 2024

### **Sovereign Borders Programme: Summary Accounting Officer Assessment**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 27 March 2024

### **Thames Water**

Correspondence from Ofwat, dated 28 March 2024

### **Tackling fraud and corruption against government: Sixty-ninth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury, dated 3 April 2024

### **Value for money from legal aid**

Correspondence from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 3 April 2024

Correspondence from the Legal Aid Agency, dated 3 April 2024

Correspondence from the Legal Aid Agency and the Ministry of Justice, dated 3 April 2024

### **Government's resources and waste reforms for England**

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 4 April 2024

### **Jewish Community Protective Security Grant**

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 9 April 2024

### **Asylum accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership**

Professor Peter Hopkins, Dr Matthew Benwell and Dr Robin Finlay [UKR0001]

Dr Natalie Hodgson and Dr Andrea Maria Pelliconi [UKR0002]



The Fields Association [UKR0003]

Dr Saphia Fleury [UKR0004]

West Lindsey District Council, City of Lincoln Council and Lincolnshire County Council [UKR0005]

Refugee Council [UKR0006]

Local Government Association [UKR0007]

The Migration Observatory [UKR0008]

Stop Wethersfield Airfield Prisons [UKR0009]

#### 4. Asylum accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership

Paula Barker declared that a family member had a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Asylum accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership.

Olivia Blake declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Asylum accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership as Co-Chair of the APPG on Migration, and a pecuniary interest, namely: research support provided by the Refugee, Asylum and Migration Project, of which she is a Principal.

Sir Matthew Rycroft KCMG CBE, Permanent Secretary, Simon Ridley, Second Permanent Secretary, Dan Hobbs, Director General, Migration and Borders Group, and Joanna Rowland, Director General, Customer Services Group, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Oliver Lodge, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 April at 1.00 p.m.

## Wednesday 17 April 2024

#### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mrs Flick Drummond  
Peter Grant  
Matt Warman

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That Olivia Blake have leave to visit the Bibby Stockholm accommodation barge, Portland, Dorset, in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into Asylum accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership.

## 2. Student loans issued to those studying at franchised higher education providers

Draft Report (Student loans issued to those studying at franchised higher education providers), 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 Twenty-eighth Report of the Committee, HC 455.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Investigation into whistleblowing in the civil service**

Dr Ian Foxley [UKR0007]

Department for Transport [UKR0008]

Maritime and Coastguard Agency [UKR0009]

## 4. Investigation into whistleblowing in the civil service

Fiona Ryland, Government Chief People Officer, and Matthew Davies, HR Deputy Director, Cabinet Office; Esther Wallington, Chief People Officer, HM Revenue and Customs; and Helen Pickles, Interim Director General for People and Capability, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Kate Caulkin, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 22 April at 3.00 p.m.

## Monday 22 April 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Matt Warman

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That Members of the Education Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 8 May 2024 relating to Preparations to extend childcare entitlements for working parents in England, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

*Resolved*, That Members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 3 June 2024 relating to the UK border, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

### 2. Progress in implementing Universal Credit

Draft Report (Progress in implementing Universal Credit), 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 Twenty-ninth Report of the Committee, HC 458.

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee of the Australian Parliament inquiry**

Correspondence with the Chair of the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee of the Australian Parliament, dated 11 September 2023 and 16 April 2024

#### **Tackling Defra's ageing digital services: Fifty-first Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 21 March 2024

#### **Competition in public procurement**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 15 April 2024

#### **FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 16 April 2024

#### **UK Infrastructure Bank: concluding update on roll-out activity**

Correspondence from the UK Infrastructure Bank, dated 18 April 2024

#### **Supporting mobile connectivity**

Local Government Association [SMC0001]

Digital Mobile Spectrum Limited [SMC0002]

Three UK [SMC0003]

BT Group [SMC0004]

Virgin Media O2 [SMC0005]

Ericsson [SMC0006]

Vodafone UK [SMC0007]

### 4. Supporting mobile connectivity

Matt Warman declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Supporting mobile connectivity as he was a Minister in the former

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport between 2019 and 2021, and in 2022, which included responsibility for mobile connectivity programmes.

Sarah Munby, Permanent Secretary, and Emran Mian CB OBE, Director General for Digital, Technology and Telecoms, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology; and Dean Creamer CBE, Chief Executive, Building Digital UK, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Louise Bladen, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 24 April at 1.00 p.m.

## Wednesday 24 April 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Ms Marie Rimmer

### 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:

## **Decarbonising home heating**

Mr Nigel Cook [DHH0001]

A Taylor [DHH0002]

Chartered Institute of Housing [DHH0003]

Dr Alexander Waller [DHH0004]

National Housing Federation [DHH0005]

Positive Money [DHH0007]

Heat Pump Association, Heat Pump Federation [DHH0008]

BUUK [DHH0009]

The Retrofit Academy [DHH0010]

EDF [DHH0011]

E3G [DHH0012]

Anonymous [DHH0013]

The MCS Foundation [DHH0014]

Building Societies Association [DHH0015]

The Kensa Group [DHH0016]

OVO Energy [DHH0017]

Mineral Wool Insulation Manufacturers Association [DHH0018]

Dr Fred Witham [DHH0019]

National Energy Action [DHH0020]

Liquid Gas UK [DHH0021]

Independent Networks Association [DHH0022]

Mitsubishi Electric Europe Living Environmental Systems Division - Residential

Product Group [DHH0023]

Mr Tom Lowe [DHH0024]

Energy Capital (part of West Midlands Combined Authority) [DHH0025]

Energy Saving Trust [DHH0026]

Schneider Electric [DHH0027]

Regulatory Assistance Project [DHH0028]

Claire Brown [DHH0029]

Energy and Climate Change Division, School of Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences, University of Southampton [DHH0030]

National Insulation Association [DHH0031]

Northern Housing Consortium [DHH0032]

Energy UK [DHH0033]

Green Alliance [DHH0034]

Scottish Renewables [DHH0035]

Hydrogen UK [DHH0036]

MCS Service Company [DHH0037]  
Ines Wittke, Professor Christos Markides, and Dr Andreas Olympios [DHH0038]  
Culmer Raphael [DHH0039]  
Energy & Utilities Alliance [DHH0040]  
NexGen Heating [DHH0041]  
Sustainable Energy Association [DHH0042]  
Calor Gas Ltd [DHH0043]  
tepeo [DHH0044]  
Fuel Poverty Action [DHH0045]  
Good Energy [DHH0046]  
Ground Source Heat Pump Association [DHH0047]  
Cadent [DHH0048]  
Unite [DHH0049]  
Octopus Energy [DHH0050]  
Scotia Gas Networks [DHH0051]  
Disability Rights UK [DHH0052]  
Centrica [DHH0053]  
Paul Rose and Ken Cronin [DHH0054]  
UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association [DHH0055]

### 3. Decarbonising home heating

Olivia Blake declared that a family member had a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Decarbonising home heating.

Jeremy Pocklington CB, Permanent Secretary, Ben Rimmington, Director General, Net Zero Buildings and Industry, and David Capper, Director of Net Zero Buildings, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Bittlestone, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 29 April at 3.30 p.m.

## Friday 26 April 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

### **Progress in implementing Universal Credit**

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 26 April 2024

## Monday 29 April 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Mr Mark Francois

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Anne Marie Morris

Sarah Olney

Sarah Owen

Matt Warman

Iain Stewart also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 15 April 2024).

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Non-executive appointments

Draft Report (Non-executive appointments), 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 Thirtieth Report of the Committee, HC 460.



### 3. Department of Health and Social Care 2022-23 Annual Report and Accounts

Draft Report (Department of Health and Social Care 2022-23 Annual Report and Accounts), 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 Thirty-first Report of the Committee, HC 459.

### 4. Evidence reported for publication

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

**Accounting Officer Assessment: Childcare Delivery**

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 15 April 2024

**Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 19 April 2024

**Progress with making tax digital: Eightieth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 19 April 2024

**Asylum Accommodation and the UK-Rwanda partnership**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 24 April 2024

**Investigation into whistleblowing in the civil service**

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 24 April 2024

**Use of a contingent liability to support Maritime Counter Terrorism response capabilities**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 24 April 2024

**Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England: Sixty-eighth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 25 April 2024

## **Rail reform: The rail transformation programme**

Worldline [RTP0001]

ASLEF [RTP0002]

Rail Partners [RTP0003]

West Midlands Rail Executive [RTP0004]

Icomera UK Limited [RTP0005]

Office of Rail and Road [RTP0006]

RNIB [RTP0007]

## **5. Rail reform: The rail transformation programme**

Dame Bernadette Kelly DCB, Permanent Secretary, Conrad Bailey, Director General, Rail Strategy and Services Group, and Anit Chandarana, Interim Director General, Rail Infrastructure Group, Department for Transport; and Andrew Haines, Chief Executive, Network Rail and Lead, Great British Railways Transition Team, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jonny Mood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 May at 1.00 p.m.

## **Wednesday 8 May 2024**

### **Members present**

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sarah Olney

Ms Marie Rimmer

Matt Warman

Robin Walker also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 22 April 2024).

## 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into DWP Recall.

## 2. Delivering value from government investment in major projects

Draft Report (Delivering value from government investment in major projects), 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 Thirty-second Report of the Committee, HC 456.

## 3. Treasury Minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Women's prison estate expansion programme update**

Correspondence from HM Prison and Probation Service, dated 29 April 2024

### **Decarbonising home heating**

Correspondence from Kensa Group, dated 1 May 2024

British Energy Efficiency Federation [DHH0056]

### **Progress in implementing Universal Credit**

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 1 May 2024

### **Preparations to extend childcare entitlements for working parents in England**

Booktrust [CCE0001]

Pregnant Then Screwed [CCE0002]

Local Government Association [CCE0003]

National Day Nurseries Association [CCE0004]

Dr Jasmine Kelland [CCE0005]

Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years [CCE0006]

Early Years Alliance [CCE0007]

Institute for Fiscal Studies [CCE0008]

Early Education and Childcare Coalition [CCE0009]

## 4. Preparations to extend childcare entitlements for working parents in England

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Justin Russell, Director General for Families, and Susie Owen, Director and SRO for the Early Years Programme, Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Emma Willson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 13 May at 3.30 p.m.

## Monday 13 May 2024

### Members present

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Paula Barker

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Richard Fuller

Anne Marie Morris

Graham Stringer also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 15 April 2024).

## 1. Declaration of interest

Richard Fuller 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.

*Resolved*, That a Member attend the meeting of the Work and Pensions Committee on 12 June 2024 relating to The Pensions Dashboards Programme, 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:

### **Local authority administered COVID support schemes: Sixty-eighth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 4 January and 30 April 2024

### **Bulb Energy Ltd Energy Supply Company Special Administration Regime**

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 7 May 2024

### **HS2 and Euston**

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 7 May 2024

### **Rail reform: The rail transformation programme**

National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers [RTP0008]

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 7 May 2024

### **Accounting Officer Assessments**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 9 May 2024

## **Reducing the harm from illegal drugs**

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 9 May 2024

### **4. UKHSA's health security campus programme**

Shona Dunn CB, Second Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Care; Professor Dame Jenny Harries DBE, Chief Executive, Scott McPherson, Director General, Strategy, Policy and Programmes and Interim Programme Senior Responsible Officer, and Andrew Sanderson, Chief Financial Officer, UK Health Security Agency, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Tom Tyson, Senior Audit Manager, and Charles Nancarrow, Audit Manager, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 May at 1.00 p.m.

## **Wednesday 15 May 2024**

### **Members present**

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Peter Grant

Ben Lake

Matt Warman

### **1. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That a delegation of Members and officials from the States of Jersey Public Accounts Committee be invited to attend the Committee's private meeting on Wednesday 3 July 2024.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into:

Civil service leadership capability

DWP's approach to customer service

Efficiency in government procurement of common goods and services

Homelessness

Lessons learned: government compensation schemes

Progress on the Buckingham Palace Reservicing Programme

Progress with the merger of the FCDO and DFID

The condition and maintenance of local roads in England

The Future Farming and Countryside Programme

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22**

The Fraser of Allander Institute [WGA0001]

Local Government Association [WGA0002]

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants [WGA0003]

Professor David Heald [WGA0004]

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [WGA0005]

### 4. Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22 as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, and a pecuniary interest, namely: a partner in a farming business.

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending, and Andrew Cartner, Director, Public Spending, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Helen Jackson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 May at 3.30 p.m.

## Monday 20 May 2024

### Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Mr Mark Francois

Richard Fuller

Peter Grant

Ms Marie Rimmer

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown was called to the chair.

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Value for money from legal aid

Draft Report (Value for money from legal aid), 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 Thirty-third Report of the Committee, HC 481.

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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



**Accounting Officer Memorandum: Local Area Networks Full Business Case**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 14 November 2023

**Jewish Community Protective Security Grant to the Community Security Trust**

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 10 May 2024

**Resettlement support for prison leavers: Seventy-eighth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Prisons and Probation Services, dated 10 May 2024

**Secure training centres and secure schools: Thirteenth Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from HM Prisons and Probation Services, dated 10 May 2024

**Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22**

Correspondence from the Exchequer Secretary, dated 13 May 2024

**Adult social care markets: Seventh Report of Session 2021-22**

Correspondence with the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 14 May 2024

**Managing central government property: Thirty-first Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 15 May 2024

**Preparations to extend early years entitlements for working parents in England**

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 15 May 2024

**Progress in implementing Universal Credit**

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 15 May 2024

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment, dated 15 May 2024

**Access to urgent and emergency care: Seventy-third Report of Session 2022-23**

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 16 May 2024

## **Value for money from legal aid**

Correspondence from the Legal Services Board, dated 16 May 2024

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 16 May 2024

## **Rail reform: The rail transformation programme**

Transport Focus [RTP0009]

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 23 May at 10.30 a.m.

## Thursday 23 May 2024

### Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

Richard Fuller

Peter Grant

Sarah Olney

Matt Warman

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown was called to the chair (Committee of Public Accounts resolution of 3 March 2020).

### 1. Committee methods of working

The Committee considered this matter.

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

*Ordered,* That, before the dissolution of Parliament, the Chair shall have authority to act on the Committee's behalf, but only insofar as to send correspondence to the Government, either on the advice of the Comptroller and Auditor General or to draw attention to outstanding issues that may be relevant to a successor Committee.

## 2. Asylum accommodation and the UK-Rwanda partnership

Draft Report (Asylum accommodation and the UK-Rwanda partnership), 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 Thirty-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 639.

## 3. Supporting mobile connectivity

Draft Report (Supporting mobile connectivity), 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 Thirty-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 650.

## 4. Whistleblowing in the civil service

Draft Report (Whistleblowing in the civil 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 Thirty-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 457.

## 5. Decarbonising home heating

Draft Report (Decarbonising home heating), 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 Thirty-seventh Report of the Committee, HC 653.

## 6. Rail reform: the rail transformation programme

Draft Report (Rail reform: the rail transformation programme), 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 Thirty-eighth Report of the Committee, HC 652.

## 8. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Fraud and Error statistics**

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 16 May 2024

### **Reforming adult social care**

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 16 May 2024

### **Revising health assessments for disability benefits**

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 21 May 2024

### **Accounting Officer Assessment: Euro 2028 Programme**

Correspondence with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 22 May 2024

### **Departmental Minute regarding use of contingent liability to support Maritime Counter Terrorism response capabilities**

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 23 May 2024

### **HMRC customer service**

Geoffrey Madden [HMRC0001]

Noel Flanagan [HMC0003]

Peter Roberts [HMRC0005]

David Finlay [HMRC0006]

Charter Stakeholder Group [HMRC0007]

Chris Johnson [HMRC0008]

Association of Accounting [HMRC0009]

Catherine Newman Tax Services [HMRC0010]

Peter Cotes [HMRC0011]

### **NHS England's modelling for the Long Term Workforce Plan**

Ms Vikki-Jo Scott [LTW0001]

Prof Alison Leary [LTW0002]

Dr Sanjay Popat [LTW0003]

Understanding Society, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex [LTW0004]

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh [LTW0005]

Association of Anaesthetists [LTW0006]

### **The UK border: implementing an effective trade border**

Horticultural Trades Federation [UKB0002]

British Ports Association [UKB0003]

National Farmers' Union [UKB0004]

Food and Drink Federation [UKB0005]

### **Use of artificial intelligence in government**

AI & Partners [AIG0001]

Dr Tetyana Krupiy [AIG0002]

Akshi Kumar [AIG0003]

Professor Keith Hyams and Dr Jessica Sutherland [AIG0004]

Thorney Isle Research [AIG0005]

Pupils2Parliament [AIG0006]

Mr Tom Whittaker, Professor Rebecca Williams, Mr Azeem Suterwalla and Mr Will Perry [AIG0007]

Sense about Science [AIG0008]

Big Brother Watch [AIG0009]

Ada Lovelace Institute [AIG0010]

Local Government Association, Solace, SOCITM, LOTI, iNetwork [AIG0011]

The Glenlead Centre [AIG0012]

Dr Mona Ashok [AIG0013]

Dr Mark Wong [AIG0014]

Citizen-Centric AI Systems Team (University of Southampton) [AIG0015]

Apolitical [AIG0016]

Connected by Data [AIG0017]

Dr Sam Power and Professor Katharine Dommett [AIG0018]

Institute for the Future of Work [AIG0019]

Professor Karen Yeung [AIG0020]

Startup Coalition [AIG0021]

Microsoft [AIG0022]

The Centre for Long Term Resilience [AIG0024]

## **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned.

## Friday 24 May 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 23 May 2024:

### **Affordable Homes Guarantee Scheme**

Correspondence with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, dated 24 May 2024

### **Making Tax Digital Accounting Officer Assessment**

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 24 May 2024

### **Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22**

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 24 May 2024

### **UKHSA's health security campus programme**

Correspondence from the UK Health Security Agency, dated 24 May 2024

Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care and the UK Health Security Agency, dated 24 May 2024

### **Preparations to extend early years entitlements for working parents in England**

Correspondence with the Department for Education, dated 24 May 2024

### **HMRC customer service**

techUK [HMRC0012]

Chartered Institute of Taxation [HMRC0014]

Low Incomes Tax Reform Group [HMRC0015]

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [HMRC0016]

### **NHS England's modelling for the Long Term Workforce Plan**

Royal College of Radiologists [LTW0007]

British Society for Rheumatology [LTW0008]

Mr Nigel D Cook [LTW0009]

Royal College of Midwives [LTW0010]

Sands and Tommy's Joint Policy Unit [LTW0011]

NHS Providers [LTW0012]

British Medical Association [LTW0013]  
General Medical Council [LTW0014]  
Cytod Health [LTW0015]  
Dr Liz Brewster [LTW0016]  
Mental Health Matters [LTW0017]  
Professor Stephen Timmons and Ms Nicola Fisher [LTW0018]  
Institute for Fiscal Studies [LTW0019]  
Nuffield Trust [LTW0020]  
Dr Caroline Kamau-Mitchell [LTW0021]  
Local Government Association [LTW0022]  
The Pharmacists' Defence Association [LTW0024]  
Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine [LTW0024]  
British Dental Association [LTW0025]  
The King's Fund [LTW0026]  
Cancer Research UK [LTW0027]  
18 Week Support [LTW0028]  
Royal College of General Practitioners [LTW0029]  
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health [LTW0030]  
Care Quality Commission (CQC) [LTW0031]  
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy [LTW0032]  
Organise [LTW0033]  
Marie Curie [LTW0034]  
Royal College of Nursing [LTW0035]  
The Health Foundation [LTW0036]  
Royal College of Psychiatrists [LTW0037]  
Bowel Cancer UK [LTW0038]

**Update on reducing the backlog in Criminal Courts**

Dr Isla Masson and Dr Natalie Booth [BLCC0002]  
Alison Fitch [BLCC0003]  
The Bar Council [BLCC0004]  
Criminal Bar Association [BLCC0005]

The following paper was reported to the House under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 23 May 2024:

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 16 May 2024

# Appendix 1: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers

## (i) New Members of the Committee this Session

### **Paula Barker**

14 December 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 27 November 2023)

#### 3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: R & A Championships Limited

Address of donor: Beach House, Golf Place, St Andrews KY16 9JA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality for the Open Golf Tournament at the Royal Liverpool Golf Course, value £900

Date received: 20 July 2023

Date accepted: 20 July 2023

Donor status: company, registration SC247047  
(Registered 02 August 2023)

14 December 2023: Additional declarations: I am a trade union member of UNISON, UNITE & GMB.

My husband is a senior officer within the NHS and has a dual role as a local authority director.

My son works for the Home Office via an agency.

### **Gareth Davies**

19 February 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 5 February 2024)

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

Name of donor: Michael Spencer

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Date received: 29 January 2024

Date accepted: 29 January 2024

Donor status: individual



(Registered 30 January 2024)

#### 4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel Ltd

Address of donor: PO Box 72288, London SW1P 9LB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and hospitality, value £3,400

Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank

Dates of visit: 12-17 February 2023

Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation.

(Registered 01 March 2023)

### **Richard Fuller**

13 May 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 29 April 2024)

#### 1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Advisory Director

Payer: Investcorp Securities Ltd (a venture capital company), 48 Grosvenor St, London W1K 3HW

(Registered 9 January 2020; updated 18 July 2022 and 14 April 2023)

Remuneration: £25,000 a year paid quarterly

From: 1 April 2023.

Hours: 10 hrs a month expected commitment

(Registered 14 April 2023)

Role, work or services: Director

Payer: Impero Solutions Ltd (a software company), 2 Tollhouse Hill, Nottingham NG1 5FS

Remuneration: £20,000 a year paid monthly

From: 1 April 2021. Until: 30 June 2022.

Hours: 2 hrs a month expected commitment

(Registered 9 January 2020; updated 27 April 2020, 23 April 2021, 18 July 2022 and 13 April 2023)

Role, work or services: Director

From: 1 April 2023. Until: 31 March 2024.

Payer: Impero Holdings Ltd (a software company), 2 Tollhouse Hill, Nottingham NG1 5FS

(Updated 15 April 2024)

Remuneration: £0 a year

From: 1 April 2023. Until: 31 March 2024.

Hours: 5 hrs a month expected commitment

Additional information: My remuneration of £20,000 per annum was accrued for this period but not paid.

(Registered 14 April 2023; updated 15 April 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (houses)

Number of properties: 2

Location: Warwickshire

Ownership details: Part ownership

(Registered 9 January 2020)

Type of land/property: Residential property (flat)

Number of properties: 1

Location: New York, United States

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 9 January 2020)

## 8. Miscellaneous

I have an option to purchase a minority stake in Impero Solutions Ltd, a software company.

(Registered 9 January 2020)

13 May 2024: Additional declarations: Formerly Board Director of Opsec Security PLC, Eviivo Ltd (software) and Impero Solutions Ltd.

Chair of the APPG on Corporate Governance.

Directly manages equity and debt investments.

## **Sarah Owen**

10 January 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 8 January 2024)

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

Name of donor: Cargo Solutions Ltd

Address of donor: Unit 5, 241a Selbourne Road, Luton LU4 8NP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Office space for a member of staff valued at £30 a week, annual value £1,560

Date received: 16 February 2022 - 15 February 2023

Date accepted: 16 February 2022

Donor status: company, registration 13277004 (Registered 30 March 2022)

#### 4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: (1) Richard Greer (2) Sonny Leong (3) Paul Lindley

Address of donor: (1) private (2) private (3) private

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Partial contribution towards flight and accommodation, value £1,591.17 (2) Partial contribution towards flight and accommodation, value £1,591.17 (3) Partial contribution towards flight and accommodation, value £1,591.17

Destination of visit: Singapore and Malaysia

Dates of visit: 11-17 April 2023

Purpose of visit: As part of my shadow ministerial responsibilities, to see best practice in social housing, town planning and community cohesion demonstrated by Singaporean authorities, and conduct meetings with political representatives. (Registered 11 May 2023)

#### 8. Miscellaneous

Chair of East and South East Asians for Labour, unpaid. (Registered 09 January 2020; updated 04 March 2021)

From 14 September 2020, Vice Chair of the HOPE not Hate Parliamentary Group, an anti-racism campaign organisation. This is an unpaid position. (Registered 15 October 2020)

### **Ms Marie Rimmer**

5 February 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 22 January 2024)

#### 3. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan

Address of donor: Office of Taiwanese Representative, 50 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0EB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Return flights

£3,820.91, hotel £988, meals approx. £330; return rail ticket £130, minibus for whole trip £147, total value £5,415.91

Destination of visit: Taiwan

Dates of visit: 19-24 March 2023

Purpose of visit: British-Taiwan APPG visit to meet ministers and officials to learn about the situation in Taiwan.

(Registered 11 April 2023)

Name of donor: Coalition for Global Prosperity (CGP) (funded by the Eleanor Crook Foundation)

Address of donor: 1 Horse Guards Avenue, London SW1A 2HU

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Airport transfers and other car services (£458,90); hotel accommodation, including breakfasts £1,575,60; economy flights (£2,227,90); and food (£441.80), total estimated value £4,704.20

Destination of visit: Washington DC, USA

Dates of visit: 13-16 November 2023

Purpose of visit: Delegation of Conservative and Labour MPs convened by CGP's 1946 Caucus, including discussions with US policymakers, officials and policy professionals to consider joint UK-US foreign policy challenges.

(Registered 29 November 2023)

5 February 2024: Additional declarations: Member of the Unite union.

## **Gary Sambrook**

10 January 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 8 January 2024)

### 1. Employment and earnings

Until 5 May 2022, City Councillor, Birmingham City Council, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB. From 25 May 2021 until 5 May 2022, I received £18,681 a year, paid monthly. Hours: 73 hrs a month. (Registered 10 January 2020; updated 25 May 2021 and 03 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: Carlton Club Political Committee Address of donor: 69 St James, London SW1A 1PJ

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

Donor status: unincorporated association  
(Registered 24 January 2023)

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club

Address of donor: 97 Mill Hill Road, London W3 8JF

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

Donor status: unincorporated association  
(Registered 11 July 2023)

Name of donor: Woodbourne Group Address of donor: Woodbourne House,10 Harborne Road, Birmingham B15 3AA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: company, registration 04302176  
(Registered 21 July 2023)

Name of donor: Rattan Englewood Developments Ltd

Address of donor: 10a Monmer Close Industrial Estate, Willenhall WV13 1JR

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

Donor status: company, registration 11978102  
(Registered 21 July 2023)

Name of donor: Lord David Wolfson

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual  
(Registered 10 August 2023)

Name of donor: Professor Christopher Wood

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Donor status: individual  
(Registered 10 August 2023)

Name of donor: Elmbridge Partners Ltd

Address of donor: 16 Pembroke Road Kensington, London W8 6NT

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

Donor status: company, registration 09157774  
(Registered 24 August 2023)

### 3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Intercity Technology Limited  
Address of donor: 101-114 Holloway Head, Birmingham B1 1QP  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket with  
hospitality for England v New Zealand T20 match at Edgbaston, value £598.8  
Date received: 3 September 2023  
Date accepted: 3 September 2023  
Donor status: company, registration 01938625  
(Registered 07 September 2023)

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

From 13 July 2021, half share in Sambrook Roberts Ltd (accountancy and  
business services). (Registered 13 July 2021)

### 8. Miscellaneous

From 13 July 2021, unpaid director of Sambrook Roberts Ltd (accountancy  
and business services). (Registered 19 July 2021)

## **Matt Warman**

20 March 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 18 March 2024)

### 1. Employment and earnings

Payments from Eden and Partners, 1 West Street, Lewes BN7 2NZ:  
Payment of £400 expected for contributing to a session for medical  
professionals advising on how to work with MPs/Peers on 29 March 2023.  
Hours: 1 hr 15 mins. (Registered 26 April 2023)

### 8. Miscellaneous

From 20 January 2020, member of Boston Town Board. This is an unpaid  
role. (Registered 7 February 2020)

From 27 January 2020, member of Skegness Town board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 7 February 2020)