



# Formal Minutes of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in Session 2022–23

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They include:

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

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# Wednesday 18 May 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum 2022-23

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum 2022-23 be reported to the House for publication.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland**

Aileen Quinton

Committee on the Administration of Justice

Commissioner for Victims and Survivors NI

Ulster University, Queen's University, Belfast and Co-Operation Ireland

Women's Aid Federation NI

Women's Regional Consortium NI

HMRC

Dr Aaron Edwards, Dr Sean Brennan, Dr Stephen Bloomer

University of Huddersfield, Ulster University, University of Portsmouth

#### 4. The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Colm Walsh, Research Fellow, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast; Dr Siobhán McAlister, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast; Professor Duncan Morrow, Professor in Politics and Director of Community Engagement, Ulster University.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 May at 9.00am

# Wednesday 25 May 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the Chair have leave to visit the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) headquarters in Belfast in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiries into The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland, and Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

*Resolved,* That members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights and of the Justice Committee be invited to attend the forthcoming meeting relating to legacy issues, 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:

### **The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland**

Independent Reporting Commission

Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People

### 3. Investment in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Paul MacFlynn, Co-Director, Nevin Economic Research Institute, Nichola Hughes, Director, Sustainable NI and Alexandra Brennan, Co-Ordinator, Northern Ireland Women's Budget Group.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 June at 9.00am

# Tuesday 7 June 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Mr Gregory Campbell

Mary Kelly Foy

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland**

Stop Attacks Forum

## 3. Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past

Joanna Cherry MP, Member, Joint Committee on Human Rights, attended this meeting as a guest (NIAC resolution, 25 May)

The Committee took evidence in public from Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Dr Hannah Russell, Senior Policy and Research Officer, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Ian Jeffers, Commissioner, Commission for Victims and Survivors, Sandra Peake, Chief Executive Officer, WAVE Trauma Centre, and Peter Murtagh, Advocacy Support Manager, South East Fermanagh Foundation

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June at 9.00am

# Wednesday 8 June 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Mr Gregory Campbell

Mary Kelly Foy

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Ian Paisley

Fay Jones

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland**

Women's Policy Group NI

Irish Football Association

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

## 3. Investment in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon Conor Burns, Minister of State, Colin Perry, Director of Economy and Protocol, and Stephen Rusk, Head of Economy Group, Northern Ireland Office

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June at 9am



# Wednesday 15 June 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Claire Hanna

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

Fay Jones

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland**

South East Fermanagh Foundation

Clanmil Housing

### **Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past**

Malone House Group

## 3. Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past

The Committee took evidence in public from Chris Albiston, Member of the Executive Committee, Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association, Danny Kinahan, Veterans Commissioner for Northern Ireland, Dr Anna Bryson, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast, Jeffrey Dudgeon, Convenor, Malone House Group, Daniel

Holder, Deputy Director, Committee on the Administration of Justice, and Dr Austen Morgan, Malone House Group.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 June at 8.45am

# Tuesday 21 June 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

Sir Robert Goodwill

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol**

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to the publication of the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, dated 13 June 2022.

## 3. Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past

The Committee took evidence in public from Jon Butcher, Lead, Operation Kenova, Mark Hamilton, Deputy Chief Constable, PSNI, and Naomi Long MLA, Minister of Justice, Northern Ireland Executive.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 June at 2.00pm

# Wednesday 22 June 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Sir Robert Goodwill

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past**

Correspondence from the Ulster Unionist Party relating to the Committee's inquiry into Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past: the Government's new proposals, dated 10 June 2022.

## 3. Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past

The Committee took evidence in public from Sir Declan Morgan, former Northern Ireland Lord Chief Justice and Barra McGrory, former Northern Ireland Director of Public Prosecutions.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June at 9.00am

# Wednesday 29 June 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Sir Robert Goodwill

Mary Kelly Foy

Gregory Campbell

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

### **Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past**

Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association

Correspondence from the Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, dated 22 June 2022

### **Introduction of the Bill of Rights**

Correspondence from the Deputy Prime Minister on the introduction of the Bill of Rights, dated 22 June 2022

## 3. Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol

The Committee took evidence in public from Prof. Alan Boyle, Barrister, Essex Court Chambers and Emeritus Professor of Public International Law, Edinburgh Law School, and Prof. Holger Hestermeyer, Professor of International and EU Law, Kings College London

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September at 9.00am

## Monday 4 July 2022

### 1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past: the Government's new proposals**

Correspondence with HE Adrian O'Neill, Ireland's Ambassador to the UK, 21 June and 4 July 2022.

## Friday 15 July 2022

### 1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland**

PSNI

#### **Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol**

Dairy Council for NI

#### **Investment in Northern Ireland**

NI Alternatives and Include Youth

# Wednesday 7 September 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Sir Robert Goodwill

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence on the cost of living.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

### **Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol**

Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Office relating to Article 2 compliance and the Protocol, dated 23 June and 19 July 2022

### **The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland**

Written evidence from Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October at 9.30am



# Wednesday 12 October 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Sir Robert Goodwill

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Northern Ireland

*Resolved,* That the Committee inquire into the effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

*Ordered,* That the Chair have leave to attend the Interparliamentary Forum on 28 October in Cardiff in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 October at 2.00pm.

# Tuesday 18 October 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Madeleine Alessandri CMG, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, and Chris Flatt, Director (Strategy), Northern Ireland Office.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October at 9.15am

# Wednesday 19 October 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Gregory Campbell

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, that the Committee take oral evidence on the matter of the 2021 Census: implications for Northern Ireland

## 2. The work of the Department for International Trade in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Greg Hands MP, Minister of State, Department for International Trade, and Amanda Brooks CBE, Director General (Trade Negotiations), Department for International Trade.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October at 9.00am

# Wednesday 26 October 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Fay Jones

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Declaration of interests

Mr Robin Walker disclosed his interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992:

Honorary member of Worcester Theatres board of trustees; and

Wife Charlotte Keenan is chair of the advisory council for HM Treasury's Help to Grow initiative.

*(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)*

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Mark McEwan, Assistant Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Andy Hill, Detective Chief Superintendent, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Naomi Long MLA, Justice Minister, NI Department of Justice, Adele Brown, Programme Director, NI Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime, and Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary, NI Department of Justice.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November at 9.30am

# Wednesday 2 November 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Ian Paisley

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

### **Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol**

Correspondence from the Leader of the House, dated 26 October 2022

### **The work of the Department for International Trade in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from Rt Hon. Greg Hands MP, Minister of State, Department for International Trade, dated October 2022

## 3. Investment in Northern Ireland

Draft Report (*Investment in Northern Ireland*), 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 85.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November at 9.00am

# Wednesday 9 November 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Ian Paisley

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Declaration of interests

Carla Lockhart disclosed her interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

*(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)*

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Ms Koulla Yiasouma, Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, Mairead McCafferty, Chief Executive, Office of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, Dr Brendan Coyle, Lecturer in Criminology, Ulster University, Dr Conor Murray, Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Ulster University, and Mark Dennison, Stay Onside Manager & Fresh Start Through Sport Co-Ordinator, Irish Football Association.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 November at 9.00am

# Wednesday 16 November 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Ian Paisley

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland

*Resolved*, That the title of the inquiry be amended to, Effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland.

## 3. Census 2021: implications for Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr David Marshall, Director of Census and Population Statistics, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), Geraldine McGahey OBE, Chief Commissioner, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, Dr Ian Shuttleworth, Senior Lecturer, School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen's University Belfast, Dr Laurence Cooley, Lecturer in Comparative Politics, University of Birmingham, Dr Kevin McNicholl, Open Learning Tutor (NI identity), Queen's University Belfast

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November at 9.00am

# Wednesday 23 November 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Ian Paisley

Bob Stewart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Declaration of interests

Sir Robert Buckland disclosed his interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

*(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)*

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

Mr Michael Palmer

Police Federation for Northern Ireland (PFNI)

Professor Jon Tonge, University of Liverpool



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

### **Northern Ireland Office oral questions**

Correspondence with the Chair of the Procedure Committee, dated 9 and 21 November 2022.

### **Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Office relating to the Levelling Up Fund, dated 21 November 2022.

## **4. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland**

The Committee took evidence in public from Professor Marie Breen-Smyth, Independent Reviewer of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007, Daniel Holder, Deputy Director, Committee on the Administration of Justice, and Úna Boyd, Immigration Solicitor and Coordinator, Committee on the Administration of Justice.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December at 9.00am

## **Friday 2 December 2022**

### **1. Evidence reported to the House for publication**

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **Cost of living in Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland Fuel Poverty Coalition

Advice NI

Ulster University

# Wednesday 7 December 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Ian Paisley

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

The Centre for Cross Border Studies

Ewan Edwards

Retail NI

John Cushnahan

### **Cost of living in Northern Ireland**

The Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Correspondence from the Police Federation for Northern Ireland, dated 5 December 2022

### 3. Cost of living in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Kevin Higgins, Head of Policy and Research, Advice NI, Peter McClenaghan, Director of Infrastructure and Sustainability, Consumer Council for Northern Ireland, Jamie Miller, Secretariat, Northern Ireland Fuel Poverty Coalition, Martin Fisher, Head of Northern Ireland, Irish League of Credit Unions, and Gordon Smyth, Chief Executive, Ulster Federation of Credit Unions.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 12 December at 4.00pm

# Monday 12 December 2022

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol**

Correspondence from the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, relating to Scrutiny of Article 2 of the Northern Ireland Protocol and UK Government legislation, dated 5 December 2022

### **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

Dr Etain Tannam

Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland

Sir David Sterling, Sir Malcolm McKibbin, Dr Andrew McCormick

Alliance Party of Northern Ireland

Mr Johnny Andrews

Stratagem and John and Pat Hume Foundation

Mr Niall Robb, Benjamin Rosher, Frances Neilson, Mylie Brennan

Emma DeSouza

Dr Joanne McEvoy, Professor Allison McCulloch

Shane Reynolds

Professor Alan Renwick, Conor J. Kelly

NI Conservative & Unionist Party Multi Constituency Organisation

Pivotal

Dr Sean Haughey

### 3. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Commissioner John McBurney, Commissioner Monica McWilliams, Commissioner Tim O'Connor and Commissioner Mitchell Reiss, Independent Reporting Commission

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 9.00am

## **Friday 16 December 2022**

### **1. Evidence reported to the House for publication**

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **Cost of living in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Fuel Poverty Coalition dated 16 December 2022.

# Wednesday 11 January 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Declaration of interests

Jim Shannon disclosed his interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

*(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)*

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

## 3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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



## **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

Alan Whysall

Mr William D Graham

Mr Ian Major

Tom Kelly

Mr Brian Buick

Mr Stevan Patterson

Children in Northern Ireland (CiNI)

### **Cost of living in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the Irish League of Credit Unions, dated 19 December 2022

#### **4. Implication of the Bill of Rights Bill for Northern Ireland**

The Committee took evidence in public from Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner, Dr David Russell, Chief Executive, and Dr Colin Caughey, Director of Advice to Government, Research and Investigations, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, and the Rt Hon. the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE, former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and Sir Stephen Laws KC, Independent Human Rights Act Review Panellist and Senior Research Fellow on Policy Exchange's Judicial Power Project.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 9.00am

## **Monday 16 January – Wednesday 18 January**

The Chair, Sir Robert Buckland, Mary Kelly Foy, Sir Robert Goodwill, Claire Hanna, Carla Lockhart and Bob Stewart visited Derry/Londonderry and Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 October 2022.

# Wednesday 18 January 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol**

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to 'The Official Controls (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023', dated 12 January 2023

### **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

Andrew Creighton

Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)

Ulster Human Rights Watch (UHRW)

Michael Hugh Walker

Dr Sean Haughey

Ulster Scots Agency

Colin Murray and Anurag Deb

Mr Conor Veighey

Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)

### 3. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Elaine Croy, Good Relations Co-Ordinator, Women's Resource and Development Agency, Sonya McMullan, Regional Services Manager, Women's Aid Federation NI, and Siobhán Harding, Research & Policy Officer, Women's Support Network.

### 4. Cost of living in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Ciara Fitzpatrick, Lecturer in Law, Ulster University, Clare Moore, Equality Officer, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, and Maxine Murphy Higgins, Policy and Casework Official, NASUWT – The Teachers' Union.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 23 January 2023 at 2.30pm

# Monday 23 January 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

Mr Geoffrey Wilson

## 3. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Bertie Ahern, former Taoiseach.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February 2023 at 9.00am

# Wednesday 1 February 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland**

Prof. Marie Breen-Smyth

## 3. Investment in Northern Ireland

Draft Special Report (Investment in Northern Ireland: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2022-23), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

#### 4. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Paul Smyth, Executive Director of Politics in Action and Member at The Stop Attacks Forum, Megan Phair, Co-ordinator, Journey to Empowerment Programme with Invisible Traffick and Member at The Stop Attacks Forum, Ian Jeffers, Commissioner at Commission for Victims and Survivors Northern Ireland, Sandra Peake, Chief Executive Officer at Wave Trauma Centre, Mr Peter Murtagh, Advocacy Support Manager at South East Fermanagh Foundation.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 10.30am

# Tuesday 7 February 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Correspondence with Rt Hon. Robert Jenrick MP, Minister for Immigration, relating to the Electronic Travel Authorisation scheme

### **The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the PSNI

## 3. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Sir John Major KG CH, former Prime Minister

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 9.00am



# Wednesday 22 February 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into funding of public services in Northern Ireland.

## 2. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Ronnie Armour, Director General, and Steven McCourt, Director of Rehabilitation, Northern Ireland Prison Service, and Rev. Brian Anderson, East Belfast Mission, and Alison Flanagan, National Leader, Northern Ireland, Christians Against Poverty.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 2.00pm

# Wednesday 1 March 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Jim Shannon

Mr Robin Walker

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Northern Ireland Office Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2022-23

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the Northern Ireland Office Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2022-23 be reported to the House for publication.

## 3. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from the Lord Bew, Tim O'Connor, former diplomat of the Republic of Ireland, Dr Sean Haughey, Lecturer, Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool, and Professor Alan Renwick, Professor of Democratic Politics, and Alan Whysall, Honorary Research Associate, Constitution Unit, University College London.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 9.00am

# Wednesday 8 March 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from Northern Ireland Prison Service

## 3. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Dominic Wilson, Director General, Northern Ireland Office, and James Crawford, Deputy Director Security and Protection Group, Northern Ireland Office.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 16 March 2023 at 9.00am

# Thursday 16 March 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Sir Tony Blair KG.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 9.00am

## Monday 20 March - Tuesday 21 March

The Chair, Sir Robert Buckland, Mary Kelly Foy, Claire Hanna and Stephen Farry visited Belfast and Bangor in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement and investment in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 January 2023.

## Tuesday 21 March 2023

### Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the Chair have leave to attend the Agreement 25 conference at Queen's University, Belfast, from 16-20 April in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement.

### 2. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Professor Seán Farren, Chair, The John and Pat Hume Foundation, Dr Anthony Soares, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies, Gráinne Walsh, Director, Stratagem, Ann Watt, Director, Pivotal, Emma DeSouza, David Holloway, Director, Community Dialogue and Dr Gráinne Kelly, Lecturer, School of Applied Social and Policy Science, Ulster University.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 April at 2.00pm.

## Tuesday 21 March – Wednesday 22 March

The Chair, Sir Robert Buckland, Mary Kelly Foy and Claire Hanna visited Dublin in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 January 2023.

## Friday 24 March 2023

### 1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **Investment in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 23 February and 24 March 2023.

## Thursday 30 March 2023

### 1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive**

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 28 February and 30 March 2023.

#### **Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol**

Correspondence from the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, dated 30 March 2023.

## **Friday 31 March 2023**

### **1. Evidence reported to the House for publication**

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Tackling Economic Inactivity in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the Minister for Levelling Up, dated 31 March 2023.

## **Wednesday 19 April 2023**

### **1. Evidence reported to the House for publication**

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **The funding of public services in Northern Ireland**

Chief Officers 3rd Sector (CO3)  
Nevin Economic Research Institute (NERI)



# Tuesday 25 April 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, relating to Budget 2023 allocations for Northern Ireland, dated 31 March and 18 April

Correspondence with the Minister for Energy, relating to heating support for Northern Ireland residents, dated 26 October 2022 and 18 April 2023.

### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

Commissioner Designate for Victims and Survivors

Enterprise NI

Northern Ireland Education Authority

Police Service of Northern Ireland

### 3. The work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Madeleine Alessandri, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, Colin Perry, Director, Economy and Protocol, Northern Ireland Office and Mark Davies, Director, Windsor Framework Taskforce, Northern Ireland Office

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 April at 2.00pm.

# Wednesday 26 April 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

NAHT NI

BMA

Translink

Barnardo's Northern Ireland

RCGPNI

Carnegie UK

NICCY

Action Mental Health

Controlled Schools' Support Council

LSNI and Bar of NI

RCPCH

NICVA

Pivotal

Royal College of Nursing

## **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

The Ohio State University

### **3. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland**

The Committee took evidence in public from Commissioner John McBurney, Commissioner Monica McWilliams, Commissioner Tim O'Connor and Commissioner Mitchell Reiss, Independent Reporting Commission

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 9.00am

## **Tuesday 2 May 2023**

### **1. Evidence reported to the House for publication**

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

NI Fiscal Council

# Wednesday 3 May 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Carla Lockhart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the Chair have leave to visit Northern Ireland in a representative capacity for the purpose of the Committee's inquiry into the effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

Ulster Rugby

British Heart Foundation NI

## 3. The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Jayne Brady, Head of the NI Civil Service, Neil Gibson, Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance and Joanne McBurney, NI Public Spending Director, Department of Finance

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 9.30am

## Wednesday 10 May 2023

### Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Mr Robin Walker

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

#### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

NI Council for Integrated Education

### 3. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Andrew McCormick, former permanent secretary, NI Depts of Health, for Enterprise and for the Economy, Sir

Malcolm McKibbin, former head of NI civil service and Sir David Sterling, former interim head of NI civil service

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 9.00am

# Wednesday 24 May 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum 2023-24

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the Northern Ireland Office Main Estimates Memorandum, 2023-24 be reported to the House for publication.

## 3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, relating to the NIO Supplementary Estimates, dated 31 March and 9 May

### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the Controlled Schools' Support Council  
Governing Bodies Association NI



## **The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement**

The Ohio State University

### **4. The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Tom Black, Northern Ireland Council Chair, British Medical Association, Dolores McCormick, Associate Director, Employment Relations and Member Services, Royal College of Nursing, Professor Mark Taylor, Northern Ireland Director, Royal College of Surgeons, Mark Baker, Chief Executive, Controlled Schools' Support Council, Sara Long, Chief Executive, Education Authority, Liam McGuckin, President, National Association of Headteachers (Northern Ireland)

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 9.00am

## **Thursday 25 May 2023**

### **1. Evidence reported to the House for publication**

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, relating to the cost of living in Northern Ireland, dated 19 January and 23 May

## **Monday 4 June – Wednesday 6 June**

The Chair visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 3 May 2023.

# Wednesday 7 June 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

Mr Robin Walker

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 31 May

### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

The British Medical Association, Royal College of Nursing and Royal College of Surgeons

Correspondence from the head of the NI Civil Service, dated 31 May

Correspondence from the NI Comptroller & Auditor General, dated 26 May

### 3. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from The Lord Alderdice, The Rt Hon. The Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee DBE, and Mark Durkan

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 9.00am

# Wednesday 21 June 2023

## Members present:

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Jim Shannon

Mr Robin Walker

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Robert Goodwill was called to the Chair.

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Correspondence with the Immigration Minister, relating to modern slavery in Northern Ireland, dated 28 February and 9 June

### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

Correspondence from the General Medical Council, dated 16 June

## 3. The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Geraldine Hanna, Victims of Crime Commissioner-designate, Pamela McCreedy, Chief Operating Officer, PSNI, ACO Mark McNaughten, Assistant Chief Officer for Corporate Services, PSNI, Dorinnia Carville, Northern Ireland Comptroller & Auditor General, Rodney Allen, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Ireland Audit Office, Margaret Kelly, Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman and Sean Martin, Deputy Ombudsman

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 9.00am

# Wednesday 28 June 2023

## Members present:

Stephen Farry  
Sir Robert Goodwill  
Claire Hanna  
Carla Lockhart  
Jim Shannon  
Bob Stewart  
Mr Robin Walker

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Robert Goodwill was called to the Chair.

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland Policing Board

## 3. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon. Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party and Naomi Long MLA, leader of Alliance.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 9.00am

# Tuesday 4 July 2023

## Members present:

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Robert Buckland was called to the Chair.

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Belfast for the purpose of its inquiry into investment in Northern Ireland.

## 2. The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from David Babington, Chief Executive, Action Mental Health, Michele Janes, Director for Northern Ireland, Barnardo's, Celine McStravick, CEO, Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA), Sir Robert Chote, Chair, Northern Ireland Fiscal Council and Dr Lisa Wilson, Senior Economist, Nevin Economic Research Institute (NERI)

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 July 2023 at 9.00am

# Wednesday 5 July 2023

## Members present:

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Mr Robin Walker

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Robert Goodwill was called to the Chair.

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Doug Beattie MC MLA, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 9.00am



## **Monday 10 July 2023**

### **1. Evidence reported to the House for publication**

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, relating to Northern Ireland budget 2023-24 and women's services, dated 19 June and 7 July

# Tuesday 5 September 2023

## Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from Mr Jamie Bryson.<sup>1</sup>

## 2. PSNI data breaches

The Committee took evidence in public from Tracy Godfrey, PSNI Departmental Secretary and Seconded Officer, NIPSA, Liam Kelly, Chair, Police Federation for Northern Ireland, Detective Chief Superintendent Anthony McNally, SANI, Superintendent Gerry Murray, Catholic Police Guild Northern Ireland, and Assistant Chief Constable Chris Todd, PSNI.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 9.00am

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<sup>1</sup> The Committee decided by show of hands (5-4).

## Wednesday 6 September 2023

### Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Mary Kelly Foy

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Northern Ireland.

### 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

#### **The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland Public Services Alliance

Northern Ireland Fiscal Council

SEN Reform NI

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 20 July and 4 September 2023

### 3. The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Committee took evidence in public from Colum Eastwood MP.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 1.30pm

## Monday 11 September – Thursday 14 September

The Chair visited Northern Ireland in connection with the Committee's inquiry into investment in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 4 July 2023.

## Monday 18 September – Tuesday 19 September

The Chair, Sir Robert Goodwill, Stephen Farry, Claire Hanna and Carla Lockhart visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiry into PSNI data breaches, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 September 2023.

## Tuesday 19 September 2023

### Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Stephen Farry

Sir Robert Goodwill

Claire Hanna

Carla Lockhart

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. PSNI data breaches

The Committee took evidence in public from Deirdre Toner, Chair, Northern Ireland Policing Board, Edgar Jardine, Vice-Chair, Northern Ireland Policing Board and Sinead Simpson, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Policing Board.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 October 2023 at 9.00am

## Monday 25 September 2023

### 1. Evidence reported to the House for publication

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

#### **PSNI data breaches**

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 6 September and 19 September 2023.

## Tuesday 17 October 2023

### Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Sir Robert Goodwill

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

#### **PSNI data breaches**

Police Federation of Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the NI Policing Board, dated 28 September 2023

### 3. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Jamie Bryson, Director of NI Policy, Centre for the Union

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 9.00am

## Wednesday 18 October 2023

### Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Sir Robert Buckland

Stephen Farry

Sir Tony Lloyd

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

Bob Stewart

### 1. Declaration of interests

Sir Tony Lloyd disclosed his interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

*(For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)*

### 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the status of integrated education in Northern Ireland.

### 3. The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Dr Aaron Edwards, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and Dr Sean Brennan, independent researcher.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 October 2023 at 9.00am

### **Wednesday 25 October 2023**

#### Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Jim Shannon

Carla Lockhart

Stephen Farry

Sir Tony Lloyd

Claire Hanna

Sir Robert Goodwill

#### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

#### 2. Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence in public from Rt Hon Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 9.00am

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

### **(i) Members of the Committee**

#### **Hoare, Simon MP**

Declarations of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

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

House in Oxfordshire, owned jointly with my wife: (i) and, since September 2015, (ii). (Registered 21 May 2015; updated 8 January 2018.)



8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated trustee of Bowel and Cancer Research. (Registered 21 August 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Kate Hoare, as Constituency Support Manager. (Registered 29 February 2016; updated 20 December 2019)

**Farry, Stephen MP**

Declarations of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

From 13 December 2019, Visiting Professor, the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, the Queen's University of Belfast.  
(Registered 11 January 2020)

From 13 December 2019, Member of the Independent Commission on the College of the Future (Association of Colleges). (Registered 11 January 2020)

**Goodwill, Sir Robert MP**

Declarations of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

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

Southwood Farm, Terrington, York, which is farmed "in hand": (i) and (ii).

Three industrial units at Southwood Farm, Terrington, York: (i) and (ii). Since January 2018, only two of these units are let. (Updated 06 January 2020)

Four houses in Teesside. Administered by R W Goodwill, Property Division: (i) and (ii).

Flat in London. Administered by R W Goodwill, Property Division: (i) and (ii).  
(Registered 10 April 2012)

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

Mowthorpe (UK) Ltd; cemetery company

From 21 September 2020, 76 Warwick Way Ltd; a company which owns a property freehold. (Registered 23 September 2020)

#### 8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated managing director of Mowthorpe (UK) Ltd; see entry in Category 7 above. (Updated 13 May 2015)

Farmer; R W Goodwill, Southwood Farm, Terrington, York. I draw no money from the farm. (Updated 13 May 2015)

From 15 June 2021, a Trustee of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 17 June 2021)

#### 9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Maureen Goodwill, as Parliamentary Assistant and Caseworker.

### **Hanna, Claire MP**

Declarations of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

#### 4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: ABColombia Address of donor: 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE17 7JB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): International and internal flights, accommodation, local transport, interpretation and food, value £4,630

Destination of visit: Colombia

Dates of visit: 31 March – 8 April 2022

Purpose of visit: To understand the current context in relation to the peace process and business, human and environmental rights. (Registered 11 May 2022)

## **Stewart, Bob MP (Beckenham)**

Declarations of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

### 4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: (1) Lockheed Martin UK Ltd (2) CAE U.K. Plc  
Address of donor: (1) Cunard House, 15 Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR (2) Innovation Drive, Burgess Hill RH15 9TW  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Domestic transport and subsistence for me and a member of staff, estimated value £387 (2) Domestic transport and subsistence for me and a member of staff, estimated value £387  
Destination of visit: Monte Cassino  
Dates of visit: 25-28 July 2022  
Purpose of visit: APPG Armed Forces study tour of military cemeteries and battlefields.  
(Registered 23 August 2022)

Name of donor: Government of Gibraltar  
Address of donor: 3 Convent Place, GX11 1AA, Gibraltar  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £207, accommodation £525 and hospitality £150, total value £882  
Destination of visit: Gibraltar  
Dates of visit: 7-10 September 2022  
Purpose of visit: Attendance at Gibraltar's National Day in my capacity as secretary of the APPG on Gibraltar.  
(Registered 21 September 2022)

Name of donor: Government of Bahrain  
Address of donor: Bahrain Embassy, 30 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £649.66, accommodation £428, meals £167.90, total value £1,245.56  
Destination of visit: Bahrain  
Dates of visit: 8-12 November 2022.  
Purpose of visit: Visit to Bahrain Air Show and meeting with Foreign Minister.  
(Registered 30 November 2022)

Name of donor: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the UAE  
Address of donor: King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud St, Al Bateen, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and meals, value £6,051  
Destination of visit: United Arab Emirates  
Dates of visit: 11-16 February 2023

Purpose of visit: Delegation to the UAE (As APPG for UAE Vice Chair).  
(Registered 27 February 2023)

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): Flights  
£3,820.91, hotel £988, meals £330, rail travel £130, minibus £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 04 April 2023)

### 9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Claire Podbielski-Stewart, as part-time Senior Parliamentary  
Assistant. (Registered 15 May 2015)

### **Foy, Mary Kelly MP [Member from 8 June 2020]**

Declarations of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

Nil

### **Walker, Mr Robin MP [Member from 25 October 2022]**

Declaration of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

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

Name of donor: Jeremy Knight Adams

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two places at a  
table for the Carlton Political Dinner at the Dorchester Hotel, total value  
£2,500

Date received: 11 October 2022

Date accepted: 11 October 2022

Donor status: individual

(Registered 03 November 2022)

## 8. Miscellaneous

From 14 January 2020, member of the Worcester Towns Fund Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 04 February 2020)

## **Lockhart, Carla MP [Member from 8 November 2022]**

Declaration of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

### 1. Employment and earnings

Until further notice, I receive £2,500 a year, paid annually, for farming and administrative duties for the family farm which I part own. Name and address of payer: Carla Lockhart and Rodney Condell, 5 Morrow Park, Clabby, BT75 0LT. Hours: 8 hrs a week. (Registered 11 January 2020)

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

Agricultural land in County Fermanagh, which I own jointly with my husband; (i). (Registered 03 February 2020)

## 8. Miscellaneous

Governor of Dickson Primary School, Lurgan, Magheralin Primary School and Lurgan Junior High School. (Registered 03 February 2020)

## **Buckland, Sir Robert MP [Member from 8 November 2022]**

Declaration of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

### 1. Employment and earnings

King's Counsel. No fee-paying work between June 2010 and 30 November 2022. (Updated 05 May 2021 and 01 December 2022)

Payments from the Telegraph, 111 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1W 0DT:

30 May 2022, received £270 for an article published on 20 May 2022. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 13 June 2022)

Payment of £200 expected for an article written on 15 June 2022 and published on 16 June 2022. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 28 June 2022)

19 August 2022, received £450 for two articles published on 8 and 13 August

2022. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 20 September 2022)

Payment of £100 expected for an article written and published on 12 December 2022. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 12 December 2022)

20 July 2022, received £2,250 from Chamber U.K. Services, 34 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HL, for work done as Chair of the Levelling Up Commission between April and mid-July 2022. This involved research, meeting with interested MPs and chairing a virtual round table discussion. Hours: approx. 10 hrs. I consulted ACoBA about this appointment. (Registered 27 July 2022; updated 15 March 2023)

From 26 May 2022 until 7 July 2022, Director of BSV Claims Ltd, and from 1 April 2023, a member of its Independent Advisory Board. Address: Second Floor, 168 Shoreditch High St, London E1 6RA. I consulted ACoBA about this appointment. (Registered 05 August 2022; updated 15 March 2023 and 18 April 2023)

Payment of £6,750 expected for work done on 23, 24 and 28 April 2022; 3, 10, 20, 23 and 29 May 2022; and 17 June 2022. Hours: 27 hrs. (Registered 10 August 2022)

From 1 April 2023 until further notice, I receive a quarterly payment of £5,000. Hours: 6 hrs a month. (Registered 18 April 2023)

From 1 November 2022 until March 2023, a member of the Inquiry Commission into the treatment of Zhanbolat Mamay in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Fees will be received from Bindmans LLP, 236 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8HB, and will be listed below. Bindmans LLP also meets the costs of expenses, such as international travel and accommodation. (Registered 25 November 2022; updated 14 February 2023)

From 1 December 2022, a Tenant of Foundry Chambers, Ground Floor, 5-9 Quality Court, London WC2A 1HP. Fees for legal services I provide will be listed below. (Registered 01 December 2022)

From 1 March 2023 until further notice, Senior Counsel at Payne Hicks Beach Solicitors, 10 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QG. This is a part time role for which I receive £4,000 per month. Hours: 32 hrs a month. I consulted ACoBA about this appointment. (Registered 08 March 2023)

## 8. Miscellaneous

From 6 January 2020, member of Swindon Towns Fund Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 22 January 2020)

From 1 February 2022 until 7 September 2022, and again from 25 January 2023, Member of the Advisory Council of JUSTICE, a legal charity. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 02 February 2022; updated 30 September 2022 and 03 February 2023)

From 8 February 2022 until 7 September 2022, Trustee of the Social Market Foundation. This was an unpaid role. (Registered 08 February 2022; updated 30 September 2022)

From 23 May 2022, a Director of the Conservative Friends of America. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 20 June 2022)

From 25 January 2023, a Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business & Government at Harvard Kennedy School. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 03 February 2023)

From 2 April 2023, I have been appointed to lead an independent review for the Government into autism and employment. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 05 April 2023)

#### 9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Sian Buckland, as a part time caseworker. (Registered 13 July 2016)

### **Shannon, Jim MP [Member from 9 January 2023]**

Declaration of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

#### 4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Mankind is my Business

Address of donor: 6890 South 2300 East 712019, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121, USA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flight £593.35; accommodation £545.82; total value £1,139.17

Destination of visit: Nigeria, Abuja

Dates of visit: 28 May - 3 June 2022

Purpose of visit: As chair of the APPG for International Freedom of Religion or Belief, to help collate evidence to free Leah Sharibu and Mubarak Bala.

Converse with Nigerian government officials about Article 18. Speak with civil society leaders to gain evidence on refugees and persecuted religious people in Nigeria.

(Registered 09 June 2022)

Name of donor: Bellwether International

Address of donor: 694 E 230 N Lindon, Utah, USA, 84042

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Hotel and flights, value £2,526,83

Destination of visit: Poland

Dates of visit: 6-10 June 2022

Purpose of visit: In my capacity as chair of the APPG for International Freedom of Religion or Belief, advocacy for a joint European response to the Ukraine crisis.

(Registered 10 June 2022)

Name of donor: (1) APPG FORB (Freedom of Religion or Belief) (2) Palan Foundation

Address of donor: (1) House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA (2) Tours Foundation, 156 Cromwell Road, London SW7 4EF

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Hotel £594.20, food £211 and visa £60; total value £865.20 (2) Flights between Heathrow and Pakistan £1,650.62, and Belfast and Heathrow £302.34, total value £1,952.96

Destination of visit: Pakistan

Dates of visit: 11-18 February 2023

Purpose of visit: To meet ministers, NGOs and religious leaders. This visit will produce a 2023 APPG FORB report on the state of FORB in Pakistan with recommendations for Pakistan and UK governments.

(Registered 03 March 2023)

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

Since February 2017, 40 acres land and farm at Ballygarvin: (i). (Registered 31 May 2010; updated 6 July 2017)

Part share in holiday home in USA: (i).

**Lloyd, Sir Tony MP [Member from 29 November 2022]**

Declarations of interest (as of 2 May 2023)

Nil