



Formal Minutes of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee in Session 2022-23

The Formal Minutes of a select committee record its formal proceedings and decisions.

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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Transcripts of oral evidence taken in public by the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

Attendance statistics for members of the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

Tuesday 10 May 2022

Members present¹

Geraint Davies, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

Neil Parish having resigned as Chair,² Geraint Davies was called to the chair for the meeting and for all further meetings until a new chair is elected by the House.

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:

Plastic waste

Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc [PW0065]

3. Plastic waste

Robbie Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into plastic waste, namely: his family owns a recycling business.

Jo Churchill MP, Minister for Agri-Innovation and Climate Adaptation, Defra; Chris Preston, Deputy Director, Resources and Waste, Defra; and Steve Molyneux, Deputy Director, Waste Regulation, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

¹ The list of members present at each meeting of the Committee indicates those committee members who were present for all or part of the meeting.

² See Votes and Proceedings, 10 May 2022

Wednesday 11 May 2022

Members present

Geraint Davies, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

1. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Professor Lorand Bartels, Chair, Trade and Agriculture Commission, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 2.15 p.m.

Wednesday 11 May 2022

Members present

Geraint Davies, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

2. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP, Minister for Trade Policy, Department for International Trade; Victoria Prentis MP, Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food, Defra; James Clarke, Deputy Chief Negotiator, Australia FTA, Department for International Trade; and Chris Heaton, Deputy Director, International Trade Policy, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 17 May 2022

Members present

Geraint Davies, in the Chair

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

DEFRA and Ofwat Main Estimates 2022/23

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Main Estimate

Memorandum 2022/23

Water Services Regulation Authority (OFWAT) Main Estimate Memorandum 2022/23

Draft Environmental Principles policy statement

Correspondence from the Minister for Nature Recovery and the Domestic Environment, dated 11 May 2022

Rural Mental Health

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council representing Action with Communities in Rural England [MH0038]

Rural Mental Health Matters [MH0039]

5. Work of the Environment Agency

Emma Howard Boyd, Chair, and Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 24 May 2022

Members present

Geraint Davies, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

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:

Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Defra and Department for International Trade [AFTA0028]

UK Seafood Fund

Dr Magnus Johnson [SF0001]

Good Food Institute Europe [SF0004]

Professor Paul Kemp [SF0005]

Cornwall Council [SF0006]

Natural England [SF0007]

Western Fish Producers' Organisation Ltd, Waterdance Ltd, Passmore Fishing,

Poseidon Trawlers Ltd, P & J Johnson [SF0008]

Cornish Fish Producers Organisation [SF0009]

Future Fisheries Alliance [SF0010]

Angling Trust [SF0011]

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [SF0012]

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations [SF0013]

Work of the Environment Agency

Correspondence from the Chair and Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, dated 19 May 2022

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 24 May 2022

3. Rural mental health

Danny Hutchinson, CEO, Invictus Wellbeing; Janette Smeeton, CEO, Derwent Rural Counselling Service; and Carol Stockman, Social Prescribers, Cotswolds Community Wellbeing Service, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Dodsworth, Fields Person at Darlington Farmers Auction Mart; Trudy Herniman, Farmerados; Melinda Raker, Founder Patron of You Are Not Alone (YANA); and Edward Richardson, Farm Adviser for Farm Cornwall, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 7 June 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair³

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Declaration of interests

Sir Robert Goodwill declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix). Sir Robert Goodwill additionally declared his membership of the NFU and the Country Land and Business Association (CLA).

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:

³ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [25 May 2022].

Defra Common Frameworks

UK Environmental Law Association [CF0001]

RSPCA [CF0002]

Chemical Industries Association [CF0004]

NFU Scotland [CF0005]

British Veterinary Association [CF0006]

Law Society of Scotland [CF0007]

Lexcomm [CF0008]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 8 June 2022

Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill

Correspondence with the Minister for Agri-Innovation and Climate Adaptation, dated 27 May 2022.

4. UK Seafood Fund

Barrie Deas, CEO, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations; Elspeth Macdonald, CEO, Scottish Fishermen's Federation; and Hamish Macdonell, Director of Strategic Engagement, Salmon Scotland, Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation, gave oral evidence.

Jimmy Buchan, CEO, Scottish Seafood Association; Simon Potten, Head of Training (Safety and Services), Seafish; and Mark Simmonds, Director of Policy and Communications, British Ports Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 14 June 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Environmental Audit Committee for the purpose of holding a pre-appointment hearing for the Chair-designate of the Environment Agency.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Farmerados, Taunton, Somerset and MAP, Norwich and Sheringham, Norfolk in connection with its inquiry into Rural Mental Health.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brixham, Devon in connection with its inquiry into UK Seafood Fund.

2. Tree planting

Draft Special Report (Tree planting: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2021-22), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Draft Report (Australia Free Trade Agreement: food and agriculture), 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 23.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 2.15 p.m.

Wednesday 15 June 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

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:

Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 14 June 2022

Global Environment Facility

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [GEF0001]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 8 June 2022

Rural Mental Health

Countryside Alliance [MF0031]

Plastic Waste

Correspondence with the Minister for Agri-Innovation and Climate Adaptation, dated 6 June 2022

3. Global Environment Facility

Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, CEO and Chair, and Gustavo Alberto Fonseca, Director of Programs, Global Environmental Facility, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Draft Special Report (Labour shortages in the food and farming sector: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2021-22), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

CF Fertiliser and UK Food Security

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

DEFRA Main Estimates 2022/23

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, dated 21 June 2022

Draft Environmental Principles Policy Statement

Correspondence with the Minister for Agri-Innovation and Climate Adaptation, dated 14 June 2022.

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Correspondence with the Independent Chief Inspector for Borders and Immigration, dated 21 June 2022.

UK Seafood Fund

Salmon Scotland [SF0015]

4. Rural Mental Health

Professor Jim McManus, President, UK Association of Directors of Public Health, and Executive Director of Public Health, Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care System; Kate Miles, Charity Manager, DPJ Foundation; and Jacqui Morrissey, Assistant Director, Research and Influencing, The Samaritans, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Connery, Chief Executive, and Dr Jaspreet Phull, Acting Medical Director, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust; and Dr Tim Sanders, Clinical Lecturer in Rural Medicine, Royal College of General Practitioners, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 1.00 p.m.

Tuesday 28 June 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Geraint Davies
Dr Neil Hudson
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

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 Seafood Fund

Defra [SF0016]

3. UK Seafood Fund

Helen McLachlan, Head of Marine Policy, RSPB Scotland on behalf of the Future Fisheries Alliance; Chloe North, Manager, Western Fish Producers' Organisation; and Dr Bryce Stewart, Senior Lecturer, Environment and Geography Department, University of York, gave oral evidence.

Victoria Prentis MP, Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food, and Sarah Adcock, Deputy Director for Evidence, Funding & Ocean Sustainability Strategy, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 5 July 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Dr Neil Hudson attend the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on 13 July 2022 relating to the Animal and Plant Health Agency, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Marine mammals

Raquel Soley [MM0002]

Seal Alliance, Seal Research Trust [MM0003]

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations [MM0004]

Emily Hague [MM0005]

World Cetacean Alliance [MM0006]

Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust [MM0008]

RSPB [MM0010]
Born Free Foundation [MM0012]
Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme [MM0013]
Wildlife and Countryside Link [MM0014]
Defra [MM0015]
Mark Simmonds [MM0016]
Whale and Dolphin Conservation [MM0017]
Blue Seas Protection [MM0018]
IUCN Cetacean Specialist Group [MM0019]
Sea Mammal Research Unit, University of St Andrews [MM0020]
Blue Green Future LLC [MM0021]
Energeo Alliance [MM0022]

UK Seafood Fund

Defra [SF0017]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 2.15 p.m.

Tuesday 5 July 2022

The Committee met concurrently with the Environmental Audit Committee.

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

Environmental Audit Committee

The following members of the Environmental Audit Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A):

Duncan Baker
Philip Dunne
Barry Gardiner
Sir Robert Goodwill
James Gray
Caroline Lucas
Jerome Mayhew
Dr Matthew Offord
Claudia Webbe

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

3. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Environment Agency

Alan Lovell gave oral evidence

The formal minutes relating to this meeting, including consideration of a draft Report, are published with the Second Report of the Committee, Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair-designate of the Environment Agency, HC 546.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 6 – Thursday 7 July 2022

The Chair and Dr Neil Hudson visited Farmerados, Taunton, Somerset, in connection with its inquiry into *Rural Mental Health*., in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 June 2022.

Tuesday 12 July 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Environmental Land Management Schemes: progress update.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Food security.

Resolved, That the Committee visit N2 Applied, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK Seafood Fund

Western Fish Producers' Organisation and South Devon College [SF0018]

3. Rural mental health

Claire Murdoch, National Director for Mental Health for NHS England; and Samantha Allen, Chief Executive, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Minister for Rural Affairs, Access to Nature, & Biosecurity, and Jonathan Baker, Deputy Director, Future Farming & Countryside Programme, Defra; and Gillian Keegan MP, Minister for Care and Mental Health, and Zoe Seager PhD, Deputy Director for Mental Health Policy, Strategy & Delivery, Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 21 July 2022

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

Animals Abroad Bill

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 13 July 2022

DEFRA Common Frameworks

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 13 July 2022

Fertiliser inflation and food security

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 12 July 2022

Friday 2 September 2022

The Chair visited York to attend the NFU Environment Forum in a representative capacity, which was subsequently in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 September.

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman

Ian Byrne

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair had leave to visit York in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into the Environmental Land Management Schemes: progress update.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a private roundtable meeting with farmers as part of its inquiry into the Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management Schemes: progress update

Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation [EPU0001]

Rare Breeds Survival Trust [EPU0002]

River Action [EPU0003]

John Hawkins [EPU0004]

Defra [EPU0005]

Nature Friendly Farming Network [EPU0006]

British Farming Union [EPU0007]

Merrick Denton-Thompson and Henry Edmunds [EPU0008]

Wildlife & Countryside Link [EPU0009]

RSPB [EPU0010]

CCm Technologies [EPU0011]

Woodland Trust [EPU0012]

CPRE [EPU0013]

National Sheep Association [EPU0014]

Sustain [EPU0015]

The Country Land and Business Association [EPU0016]

Natural England [EPU0017]
Peter Sutton [EPU0018]
WWF-UK [EPU0019]
National Farmers' Union [EPU0020]
Soil Association [EPU0021]
S C Rawlings [EPU0022]
Ornamental Horticulture Roundtable Group [EPU0023]
Devon Hedge Group [EPU0024]
Open Spaces Society, British Canoeing, British Horse Society, British Mountaineering Council, Ramblers [EPU0026]
The Pesticide Collaboration [EPU0027]
Green Alliance [EPU0028]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [EPU0029]
Historic England [EPU0030]
John Calder [EPU0031]
The Tree Council [EPU0032]
Ian Davis; Sam Awdry; Angus Dalton; Anthony Ellis; Rob Garrett; Dave Knight; Steve North; Dan Powell; Karl Starkie; Richard Trevethan [EPU0033]
Uplands Alliance [EPU0034]
Foundation for Common Land [EPU0035]
ClientEarth [EPU0038]
Sustainable Soils Alliance [EPU0040]
Richard Boden [EPU0041]
Daniel Stover [EPU0042]
Tenants Farmers Association [EPU0043]

Marine mammals

Marine Mammal Observer Association [MM0007]

Plastic waste

Environment Agency [PW0066]

Rural mental health

Francis Morgan [MH0034]
Cotswolds Community Wellbeing Service [MH0040]
Hampshire County Council [MH0041]
Samaritans [MH0042]
NHS England [MH0044]
Defra and DHSC [MH0045]

Work of the Department

Letter from the Permanent Secretary to the Committee regarding the Departmental Main Estimates, dated 21 July 2022 [WoD0002]

3. Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update, namely: being in receipt of farming subsidy payments under the Basic Payment Scheme and the Environmental Land Management Scheme.

Julian Sturdy declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update, namely: being in receipt of farming subsidy payments under the Basic Payment Scheme.

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update, namely: membership of the National Farmers' Union and the Country Land and Business Association, and acting as a trustee of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust.

George Dunn, CEO, Tenant Farmers' Association; David Exwood, Vice President, National Farmers' Union; and Susan Twining, Chief Land Use Policy Advisor, Country Land and Business Association, gave oral evidence.

Teresa Dent, CEO, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust; Rosie Hails, Director of Nature and Science, National Trust; and Tom Hinds, CEO, North York Moors National Park Authority, National Parks England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 9 September 2022

The Chair and Rosie Duffield visited N2 Applied, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, in connection with its inquiry into *Soil health*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 July 2022.

Tuesday 11 October 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Soil health

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Species reintroduction.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Sealife mortality off the north east coast.

Resolved, That Barry Gardiner attend the meeting of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee on 25 October 2022 relating to CoP26, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Draft Special Report (Australia FTA: Food and Agriculture: Government Response to the Committee's First Report), 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 Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Defra and International Trade, dated 23 September

4. Marine mammals

Rob Deaville, Project Manager, UK Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme; Professor David Lusseau, Professor of Marine Sustainability, National Institute of Aquatic Resources, Technical University of Denmark; and Member of Special Survival Commission Cetacean Specialist Group at the International Union for Conservation of Nature; and Dr Carol Sparling, Director, Sea Mammal Research Unit, gave oral evidence.

Lucy Babey, Deputy Director and Head of Science & Conservation, ORCA ; Chris Butler Stroud, Chief Executive, Whale & Dolphin Conservation; and Mark Simmonds OBE, Director of Science, Ocean Care, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 October 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 18 October 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

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:

Food security

Community Planning Alliance [FS0001]

Peter Sutton [FS0002]

Clive Fennell [FS0003]

Downlands Action Group [FS0006]

UK Fisheries Ltd [FS0007]

Dr Rounaq Nayak; Professor Heather Hartwell; Dr Jeffery Bray [FS0008]

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) [FS0010]

Greater Lincolnshire LEP [FS0011]

Soil Association [FS0013]

George J T Parkinson [FS0014]

HR Oliver-Bellasis [FS0015]

Associated British Foods [FS0016]

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO) [FS0017]

Dairy UK [FS0018]

British Retail Consortium [FS0019]

Food Active (part of the Health Equalities Group) [FS0020]

IGD (Institute of Grocery Distribution) [FS0021]

Agricultural Industries Confederation [FS0022]

New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership [FS0024]

MSD Animal Health [FS0026]

Small Abattoir Group [FS0027]

Farming Forum Grassroots Group [FS0029]
River Action [FS0031]
Dr Anne Touboulis; Dr Lucy McCarthy [FS0032]
NOAH (National Office of Animal Health Ltd) [FS0033]
Woodland Trust [FS0034]
Fairtrade Foundation [FS0036]
Nature Friendly Farming Network [FS0037]
Professor Neil Ward; Professor Tim Benton; Professor Sarah Bridle; Professor Stefan Kepinski; Dr Angelina Sanderson Bellamy [FS0038]
Queen's University Belfast [FS0039]
Scottish Fishermen's Federation [FS0040]
Sustainable Food Places [FS0041]
Agxio Ltd [FS0042]
Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming [FS0043]
Cheshire and Warrington Leaders' Board, Cheshire and Warrington LEP [FS0044]
The Pesticide Collaboration [FS0045]
Wildlife & Countryside Link, RSPB; Soil Association; National Trust; Woodland Trust; The Wildlife Trusts; Friend of the Earth; Humane Society International United Kingdom; Bat Conservation Trust; Angling Trust; The Humane League; Naturewatch; Plantlife; Bumblebee Conservation Trust; Whale & Dolphin Conservation; Rare Breeds Survival Trust [FS0046]
National Pig Association [FS0047]
Which? [FS0048]
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health [FS0049]
NFU Scotland [FS0050]
Dr Rebecca St. Clair; Dr Maria Sharmina; Tess Hayton [FS0051]
British Meat Processors Association [FS0052]
CLA [FS0053]
Crustacean Compassion [FS0054]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [FS0055]
McCain Foods (GB) Ltd [FS0056]
Say No to Sunnica Action Group Ltd [FS0057]
Helen Woolley; Susannah Holloway [FS0058]
Association of Labour Providers [FS0059]
Provision Trade Federation [FS0060]
National Farmers Union [FS0061]
Transforming UK Food Systems Programme [FS0063]
Natural England [FS0064]
Solar Energy UK [FS0065]
Local Government Association [FS0066]
WWF-UK [FS0067]
Defra [FS0068]
Centre for Innovation Excellence in Livestock (CIEL) [FS0070]
Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) [FS0071]

Birmingham Food Council CIC [FS0072]
Dynamic Food Procurement Advisory Board [FS0074]
Quality Meat Scotland [FS0075]
The Food Foundation [FS0076]
Green Alliance [FS0078]
Hybu Cig Cymru - Meat Promotion Wales (HCC) [FS0080]
Dentons [FS0079]
Historic England [FS0081]
Food Standards Agency (FSA) [FS0082]
Arla Foods [FS0083]
Agricultural Biotechnology Council (abc) [FS0084]
The Trussell Trust [FS0085]
CropLife UK [FS0086]

3. Food security

Henry Dimbleby, Lead Non-Executive Director, DEFRA and Lead, National Food Strategy for England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25 October 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Avian flu.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Sealife mortality off the north east coast

Stephen Axford [SM0009]

Tees Valley Mayor [SM0010]
Redcar and Cleveland Council [SM0011]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [SM0012]

UK Seafood Fund

Correspondence with the Minister for Fisheries, Farming and Food, dated 15 July 2022

Correspondence from the Minister of State, dated 18 October 2022

3. Sealife mortality off the north east coast

Rachel Hartnell, Science Director, Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science; Jerry Hopkinson, PD Ports; Mark Rice, Deputy Director for Water and Land Quality, Environment Agency; and Trudi Wakelin, Marine Management Organisation, gave oral evidence.

Dr Gary Caldwell, School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, Newcastle University, Tim Deere Jones, Marine Pollution Consultant; and Dr Rodney Forster, Reader in Marine and Coastal Ecology Hull University, gave oral evidence.

David McCandless, Chief Officer, North Eastern Inshore and Fishing Conservation Authority; Joe Redfern, Secretary, Whitby Commercial Fishing Association; and Stanley Rennie, self-employed fisherman and Chair, Hartlepool Boatmans Association Ltd, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 November 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 1 November 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Plastic Waste

Draft Report (The price of plastic: ending the toll of plastic waste), 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 22.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Sealife mortality off the north east coast

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 1 November 2022

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 November at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 8 November 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Geraint Davies

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Food security

Ed Barker, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Agricultural Industries Confederation; Minette Batters DL, President, NFU; and Will Jackson, Sector Strategy Director for Beef & Lamb, Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board (AHDB), gave oral evidence.

Andrew Opie, Director of Food and Sustainability, British Retail Consortium (BRC); David Thomson, Director of Strategy and Devolved Nations and CEO FDF Scotland, Food and Drink Federation (FDF); and James Walton, Chief Economist, Institute of Grocery Distribution, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 November at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 15 November 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonnar
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

1. Declaration of interests

Steven Bonnar 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:

Marine mammals

Correspondence with the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 16 November 2022

Sealife mortality off the north east coast

Correspondence from the Minister for Food, dated 15 November 2022

4. Environmental Land Management Schemes: progress update

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update, namely: being in receipt of farming subsidy payments under the Basic Payment Scheme and the Environmental Land Management Scheme.

Julian Sturdy declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update, namely: being in receipt of farming subsidy payments under the Basic Payment Scheme.

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management schemes: progress update, namely: membership of the National Farmers' Union and the Country Land and Business Association, and acting as a trustee of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust.

Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP, Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, and Janet Hughes, Programme Director, Future Farming and Countryside Programme, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 November at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 22 November 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Science and Technology Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 29 November 2022 relating to Avian influenza, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Rural mental health

Ordered, That Mubeen Bhutta, Head of Policy, Public Affairs and Campaigns, Samaritans, be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to rural mental health. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Food security

FareShare [FS0089]

4. Food security

Professor Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, United Nations, gave oral evidence.

Lindsay Boswell CBE, Chief Executive Officer, FareShare; Maria Marshall, Project Manager, Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN); and Anna Taylor OBE, Executive Director, Food Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 November at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 29 November 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Steven Bonnar

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

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:

Avian influenza

RSPB [AI0001]

3. Avian influenza

Richard Griffiths, Chief Executive, British Poultry Council; Paul Kelly, Turkey Farmer, Kelly Turkeys; and James Pearce-Higgins, Director of Science, British Trust for Ornithology, gave oral evidence.

David Holdsworth, Chief Executive, Animal Plant Health Agency; and Professor Christine Middlemiss, Chief Veterinary Officer, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 December at 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday 6 December 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Steven Bonnar

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Trade deals

Ordered, That Alex Carson-Taylor and Dr Emily Lydgate be re-appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters related to trade deals. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Food security

Robert Sturdy and Emma Sturdy [FS0004]

Thames Crossing Action Group [FS0005]

Aquatic Life Institute [FS0012] Lightsource BP [FS0023]
Feedback [FS0025]
National Sheep Association [FS0030]
Feeding Liverpool [FS0035]
Humane Being [FS0062]
British Veterinary Association [FS0069]
Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) [FS0077]
Food and Drink Federation (FDF) [FS0087]
Farmers Union of Wales [FS0088]

Marine mammals

David Lasseau [MM0024]
Rob Deaville [MM0025]
David Lasseau [MM0026]
Mark Simmonds, OceanCare [MM0027]
Sea Mammal Research Unit [MM0028]
Correspondence with Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs, dated 25 November 2022

4. Work of the Department

Rt Hon Dr Thérèse Coffey MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Tamara Finkelstein, Permanent Secretary, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 December at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 13 December 2022

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Julian Sturdy

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:

Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Correspondence from the Secretaries of State for Defra and International Trade, dated 6 December 2022

Avian influenza

British Egg Industry Council [AI0003]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 12 December 2022

Food security

Kelly Parsons [FS0093]

Michael Winter [FS0094]

Sea life mortality off the north east coast

Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science [SM0013]

PD Ports [SM0014]

British Port Association [SM0015]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 13 December 2022

3. Food security

Professor Tim Lang, Emeritus Professor of Food Policy, City University, London; and Dr Kelly Parsons, MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge, gave oral evidence.

Emily Hunter, Lead Policy Advocate on Land Use, Woodland Trust; Mark Tufnell, President, Country Land and Business Association (CLA); and Professor Michael Winter OBE, Professor of Agricultural Change, University of Exeter, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 10 January 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonnar
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, in connection with its inquiry into Soil health.

2. Temporary Chair

Resolved, That Mrs Sheryll Murray take the Chair of the Committee for the subsequent meeting.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fisheries negotiations

Correspondence from the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 4 January 2023

Marine mammals

Whale and Dolphin Conservation [MM0029]

Work of the Department

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, dated 10 January 2023

4. Marine mammals

Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs, and James Smith, Deputy Director, International Marine Environment, Defra; and Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith, Minister of for Overseas Territories, Commonwealth, Energy, Climate and Environment, and Lowri Griffiths, Acting Deputy Director, Ocean Policy, FCDO, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 January at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 17 January 2023

Members present

Ian Byrne

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

Mrs Sheryll Murray took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 10 January 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:

Food security

Correspondence from the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 16 January 2023

3. Fisheries negotiations

Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP, Minister of State for Food, Farming and Fisheries, Mike Dowell, Deputy Director for EU Fisheries Negotiations and Policy, and Colin Faulkner, Deputy Director for External Fisheries Negotiations, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 January at 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday 24 January 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonnar
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Tenant Farmers.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Pet Welfare and Abuse.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Liverpool in connection with its inquiry into Food Security.

2. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Draft Special Report (The price of plastic: ending the toll of plastic waste: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Food security

Mallard Pass Solar Farm [FS0092]
Dr Kelly Parsons, University of Cambridge [FS0093]
Professor Michael Winter [FS0094]
Professor Tim Lang and Dr Kelly Parsons [FS0095]

Marine mammals

Defra and FCDO [MM0030]

Sea life mortality off the north east coast

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 20 January 2023

Species reintroduction

Norfolk Rivers Trust [SR0001]
Landmark Associates Ltd [SR0002]
Rewilding Britain [SR0003]
Dr Alan Bainbridge; Dr Adriana Consorte-McCrea [SR0004]
Mr Ross McNally [SR0005]
IUCN/SSC CTSG Human-Wildlife Interactions Working Group [SR0006]
NatureScot [SR0007]
Mr Thomas Smith [SR0008]
Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust [SR0009]
Mrs Robyn Munt [SR0011]
Mr Leslie Morris [SR0012]
The Wildwood Trust [SR0014]
Beaver Trust [SR0015]
The Wildlife Trusts [SR0016]
Wild Planet Trust [SR0017]
Citizen Zoo [SR0018]
Mrs Caroline Knox [SR0020]
Countryside Alliance [SR0021]
National Pig Association [SR0022]
ADA (Association of Drainage Authorities) [SR0023]
British Association for Shooting & Conservation (BASC) [SR0024]
Joint Nature Conservation Committee [SR0025]
Natural England [SR0027]
National Sheep Association [SR0028]
The Lifescape Project [SR0029]
Defra [SR0030]
Environment Agency [SR0031]
British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) [SR0032]
The Zoological Society of London – ZSL [SR0033]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [SR0034]
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds [SR0036]
Michael Rodgers [SR0037]
National Farmers Union [SR0038]
Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation [SR0039]
Councillor Suzie Ellis [SR0040]
IUCN National Committee UK Species Survival Working Group [SR0042]
Humanist Climate Action [SR0043]
CLA [SR0044]
Vincent Wildlife Trust [SR0045]
Dr Sarah Dalrymple; Dr Carlo Meloro [SR0047]
West Dorset Wilding [SR0048]
Chester Zoo [SR0050]

Dr Katie Beckmann [SR0051]
Professor Richard Brazier [SR0052]
Institute of Zoology [SR0053]
Professor Richard Brazier [SR0054]

Work of the Department

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, dated 12 December 2022

4. Food security

Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP, Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, and David Kennedy CB, Director General for Food, Biosecurity and Trade, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January at 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Julian Sturdy
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Port of Dover, Kent, in connection with its inquiry into Import Check Readiness.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Sea life mortality off the north east coast

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 20 January 2023

Species Reintroduction

Forestry Commission [SR0035]
Sarah Dalrymple [SR0055]
England Species Reintroduction Task Force [SR0056]

Work of the Department

Defra [WOD0004]

3. Species reintroduction

Dr Katie Beckmann, Lecturer in Wildlife Health and Conservation Medicine, University of Edinburgh; Professor Richard Brazier, Director, Centre for Resilience in Environment, Water and Waste (CREWW), University of Exeter; Sarah Dalrymple, Reader in Conservation Ecology, Programme Leader BSc Wildlife Conservation, Liverpool John Moores University; and Dr Tony Sainsbury, Senior Lecturer in Wild Animal Health, Institute of Zoology, Institute of Zoology, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 January at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 7 February 2023

The Chair, Ian Byrne, Geraint Davies, Barry Gardiner and Dr Neil Hudson visited Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, in connection with its inquiry into *Soil health*, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 January.

Friday 10 February 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 11 March 2020 (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137; see Votes and Proceedings 14 February 2023):

Environmental Improvement Plan

Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, dated 31 January 2023.

Sealife mortality off the north east coast

Report of the independent Crustacean Mortality Expert Panel, from the Secretary of State, dated 7 February 2023.

Work of the Department

Questions following the Committee hearing on 6 December 2022 on the Annual Report and Account Qualification 2021-22, from the Permanent Secretary, dated 3 February 2023.

Wednesday 23 – Thursday 24 February 2023

The Chair, Ian Byrne, Geraint Davies, Rosie Duffield, Dr Neil Hudson and Robbie Moore visited Liverpool, in connection with its inquiry into Food security, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 24 January 2023.

Tuesday 28 February 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Bavaria, Germany, in connection with its inquiry into Species Reintroduction.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Natural History Museum, London, in connection with its inquiry into Soil Health.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Marine Mammals

Wildlife and Countryside Link [MM0031]

Species Reintroduction

Anonymous [SR0046]

Professor Richard Brazier [SR0057]

3. Species reintroduction

Evan Bowen-Jones, Chief Executive, Kent Wildlife Trust; Tom Bradshaw, Deputy President, National Farmers' Union (NFU); Professor Alastair Driver, Director, Rewilding Britain; and Judicaelle Hammond, Director of Policy, Country Land and Business Association (CLA), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 March at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Wildwood Trust and the Kent Wildlife Trust, Canterbury, Kent, in connection with its inquiry into Species Reintroduction.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Soil health

UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology [SH0034]

Environment Agency [SH0044]

British Society of Soil Science [SH0069]

CPRE, the countryside charity [SH0077]

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [SH0080]

Natural England [SH0081]

Society for the Environment [SH0085]

ClientEarth [SH0086]

Sustainable Soils Alliance [SH0094]

Species Reintroduction

Professor Alistair Driver [SR0058]

Sea life mortality off the north east coast

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain, dated 27 February 2023

3. Soil health

Martin Ballard, Group Head of Environment, Society for the Environment; Professor Bridget Emmett, Science Area Head for Soils and Land Use, UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology; and Dr Jacqueline Hannam, Senior lecturer in Pedology, Cranfield University, and President of the British Society of Soil Science, gave oral evidence.

Kyle Lischak, Head of UK, ClientEarth; Matthew Orman, Executive Director, Sustainable Soils Alliance; and Graeme Willis, Agricultural Lead, CPRE – the countryside charity, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 March at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 14 March 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Dog's Trusts site at Canterbury in connection with its inquiry into *Pet welfare and abuse*.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Avian influenza

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

Soil health

Jonathan Sheppard [SH0001]

David Holmes [SH0006]

The Unyte Group [SH0007]

Nicola Renison [SH0011]

Professor John Quinton [SH0014]
Bio-based and Biodegradable Industries Association BBIA [SH0015]
Carbon Farm Hub [SH0016]
Lorna Anguilano and Uche Onwukwe [SH0017]
Professor Nick Voulvoulis and Dr Bonnie Waring [SH0019]
Various authors from Durham University and Durham County Council [SH0020]
Cornwall Council [SH0021]
Forest Stewardship Council [SH0022]
Agricultural Industries Confederation [SH0023]
Applied Microbiology International [SH0024]
Charles Paynter [SH0026]
National Trust [SH0028]
Sustain Alliance [SH0029]
Nature Friendly Farming Network [SH0030]
AHDB [SH0031]
NFU Scotland [SH0032]
British Geological Survey [SH0033]
NRM [SH0035]
TI Soil Ecology laboratory [SH0036]
Fidra [SH0037]
Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology [SH0038]
Southern Water [SH0039]
Renewable Energy Assurance Limited [SH0040]
UK Petroleum Industry Association [SH0041]
National Sheep Association [SH0042]
Anglo American [SH0043]
Norwich Research Park [SH0045]
MK Soil Science Ltd [SH0046]
The Greenhouse Gas Removal Hub (CO2RE) and the GGR-D Programme [SH0048]
LEAF [SH0049]
Philipson Estates [SH0050]
Anthony Powell [SH0051]
The Chemical Industries Association (CIA) [SH0052]
John Turner [SH0053]
HTA [SH0054]
Soil Benchmark [SH0055]
British Sugar [SH0056]
TIPA [SH0057]
Professor Jim Harris, Cranfield University [SH0058]
Future Biogas [SH0059]
Dr Rodney Everett [SH0060]
Compassion in World Farming [SH0061]
Mr Culley [SH0062]

The Wildlife Trusts [SH0063]
National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) [SH0064]
Wildlife & Countryside Link [SH0065]
The Soil Association [SH0066]
Dr Elizabeth Westaway [SH0067]
McCain Food GB [SH0068]
The University of Sheffield [SH0071]
CL:AIRE [SH0072]
L Long [SH0073]
Arcadis [SH0074]
The Carbon Free Group CIC [SH0075]
The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) [SH0076]
Tom Knowles [SH0078]
Mr A Measures [SH0079]
National Farmers Union (England and Wales) [SH0082]
Organic Farmers & Growers CIC(OF&G) [SH0084]
University of Leeds [SH0087]
Cranfield University [SH0088]
Nature 2030 [SH0089]
ABDA [SH0090]
The Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) [SH0091]
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) [SH0092]
Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust [SH0095]
United Kingdom Without Incineration Network (Ukwin) [SH0096]
Canterbury Christ Church University [SH0097]
Bill Grayson [SH0098]
Conscious Plant – Save Soil [SH0099]

Species Reintroduction

Rewilding Britain [SR0060]

Work of the Environment Agency

Mr Steve Lavelle [EA0001]
United Kingdom Without Incineration Network (UKWIN) [EA0003]
Renewable Energy Assurance Ltd [EA0005]
The Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology (REA) [EA0006]
Veolia [EA0007]
Envar Composting [EA0008]
Charlie Trousdell Associates Ltd [EA0009]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [EA0010]
Environment Agency [EA0011]

3. Work of the Environment Agency

Alan Lovell, Chair, and Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 March at 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 19 – Monday 20 March 2023

The Chair, Ian Byrne, Barry Gardiner and Dr Neil Hudson visited Bavaria, Germany, in connection with its inquiry into Species reintroduction, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 28 February 2023.

Tuesday 21 March 2023

The Chair, Ian Byrne, Rosie Duffield, Barry Gardiner, Dr Neil Hudson, Robbie Moore and Mrs Sheryll Murray visited the Natural History Museum, London, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 28 February 2023.

Tuesday 21 March 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) Demonstration site at Bognor Regis in connection with its inquiries into *Soil Health*.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the APHA's site at Weybridge in connection with its inquiries into *Avian Influenza and Import Check Readiness*.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Food security

Correspondence with the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 9 March 2023

Soil health

Organic Research Centre [SH0047]

3. Species Reintroduction

Dr Andy Clements, Chair, England Species Reintroduction Taskforce, gave oral evidence.

Dr Tony Juniper, Chair, and John Holmes, Strategy Director, Natural England gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 March at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 28 March 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Steven Bonnar

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Defra Supplementary Estimates 2022-23 and Spring Budget 2023

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Sea Life's County Hall site in London in connection with their conservation work and to discuss Defra's proposed "Standards of Modern Zoo Practice for Great Britain".

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animal Health and Welfare Pathway financial assistance schemes

Correspondence with the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 23 March 2023.

Work of Defra

Jon Roberts [WoD0005]
Peter Sutton [WoD0006]
Chas Townley [WoD0008]
Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation [WoD0009]
PR Wormwell Farms [WoD0011]
Thames Crossing Action Group [WoD0012]
Compassion in World Farming [WoD0013]
Scottish SPCA [WoD0014]
Tetra Pak [WoD0016]
British Farming Union [WoD0017]
RSPCA [WoD0018]
Andrew Dale [WoD0019]
Humane Society International UK [WoD0020]
Cruelty Free International [WoD0021]
Stephen Rawlings [WoD0022]
Dogs Trust [WoD0023]
British Horse Society [WoD0024]
Ann Gawthorpe [WoD0025]
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals [WoD0026]
Richard Boden [WoD0027]
Greener UK [WoD0030]
Born Free Foundation [WoD0031]
Local Abattoirs R Key (LARK) [WoD0032]
Ramblers [WoD0033]
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home [WoD0035]
World Animal Protection [WoD0036]
Byways and Bridleways Trust [WoD0037]
British Coatings Federation [WoD0039]
Construction Products Association [WoD0041]
Cats Protection [WoD0042]

Humane League UK [WoD0043]
Green Alliance [WoD0044]
Somerset Local Access Forum [WoD0045]
League Against Cruel Sports [WoD0047]
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust [WoD0053]

4. Work of Defra

Rt Hon Dr Thérèse Coffey MP, Secretary of State, and Tamara Finkelstein, Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 April at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 18 April 2023

The Chair, Ian Byrne, Rosie Duffield, Dr Neil Hudson, Mrs Sheryll Murray and Julian Sturdy visited the Port of Dover, Kent, in connection with its inquiry into Import Check Readiness, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 31 January 2023.

The Chair, Ian Byrne, Rosie Duffield and Dr Neil Hudson visited the Kent Wildlife Trust and Wildwood Trust, Canterbury, Kent, in connection with its inquiry into Species Reintroduction, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 7 March 2023.

Wednesday 26 April 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonnar
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, London in connection with their inquiry into Pet welfare and abuse.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Integrated Plan for Delivering Clean and Plentiful Water

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 4 April 2023

National Food Crime Unit

Correspondence from the Chair of the Food Standards Agency (FSA), dated 31 March 2023

Work of Defra

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 26 April 2023

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, dated 26 April 2023

3. Species reintroduction

Trudy Harrison MP, Minister for Natural Environment and Land Use, and Richard Pullen, Head of National Biodiversity Policy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 May at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 9 May 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

1. Rural Mental Health

Draft Report (Rural Mental Health), 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 248.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Fairness in the food supply chain.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into UK trade policy: food and agriculture.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew in London in connection with their biodiversity work.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Use of peat for professional growers

Correspondence from the owners of Irtton Garden Centre regarding banning the use of peat for professional growers on 31st December 2026, dated April 2023

Food Security

Malcolm Read [FS0096]

British Poultry Council [FS0097]

The Food Foundation [FS0098]

National Farmers' Union [FS0099]

Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) [FS0100]

FareShare [FS0101]

Soil health

The Energy Institute [SH0070]

4. Soil Health

Richard Bramley, Chair, NFU Environment Forum; Professor Pippa Chapman, Chair in Biogeochemistry in the School of Geography, University of Leeds; James Robinson, England Vice Chair, Nature Friendly Farming Network; and James Woodward, Sustainable Farming Officer, Sustain Alliance gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 24 May at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

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:

British Waterways Board Transfer Scheme 2012

Correspondence from the Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience, dated 16 May 2023

DEFRA Main Estimates 2022/23

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Main Estimate
Memorandum 2023/24

Import check readiness

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

Internal Drainage Board Levies

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Government and Building Safety, DLUHC, dated 16 May 2023

Soil health

Floodplain Meadows Partnership [SH0083]

3. Soil Health

Dr Martin Blackwell, Soil Biogeochemist, Rothamsted Research; Professor Karen Johnson, Professor in Environmental Engineering, Durham University; and Professor David Spurgeon, Ecotoxicological researcher, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH), gave oral evidence.

Helen Browning, Chief Executive, Soil Association; Dr Jane Gilbert, Fellow, The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM); Jenny Grant, Head of Organics and Natural Capital, Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology (REA); and John Williams, Head of Soils and Nutrients, ADAS, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 June at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 13 June 2023

The Chair, Steven Bonnar, Ian Byrne, Rosie Duffield and Dr Neil Hudson visited the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, in connection with its inquiry into Pet welfare and abuse, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 26 April 2023.

Tuesday 13 June 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonner
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

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:

Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill

Correspondence with the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 13 June 2023

Food Security

Sustain [SH0100]

Water Quality

Correspondence from the Chair of the Port of London Authority, dated 5 June 2023

Work of the Environment Agency

Environment Agency [EA0012]

3. Soil Health

Professor John Galliland OBE, Special Advisor, Agriculture Horticulture Development Board (AHDB); Tony Grayling, Director of Sustainable Business and Development, Environment Agency; and Dr Eleanor Reed, Principal Specialist Soils, Natural England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 June at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 20 June 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Cat Smith

Derek Thomas

1. Declaration of interests

Cat Smith 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.

Resolved, That Ian Byrne and Sir Robert Goodwill attend the meeting of the Business and Trade Committee on 27 June relating to Food and fuel price inflation: will prices come down this year?, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate, in connection with its inquiry into Species Reintroduction.

3. Species Reintroduction

Draft Report (Species Reintroduction), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

4. Marine Mammals

Draft Report (Protecting Marine Mammals in the UK and Abroad), 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 697.

5. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fisheries negotiations

Correspondence with the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 12 June 2023

Plastic waste

Correspondence with the Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience, dated 14 June 2023

Resources and Waste provisional Common Framework

Greener UK [RCF0001]

Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment – INCPEN [RCF0002]

Coca Cola Europacific Partners [RCF0003]

UKELA [RCF0004]

UKRI CircularChem, ICEC-MCM Centre [RCF0005]

Environmental Services Association [RCF0006]

British Retail Consortium (BRC) [RCF0007]

British Beer & Pub Association (BBPA) [RCF0008]

LARAC - (Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee) [RCF0009]

Wildlife and Countryside Link [RCF0010]

Office for the Internal Market [RCF0012]

Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) [RCF0013]

Mura Technology [RCF0015]

arc21 [RCF0016]

Food and Drink Federation Scotland [RCF0017]

HARIBO Dunhills (Pontefract) Plc [RCF0018]
GS1 UK [RCF0019]
British Soft Drinks Association [RCF0020]
Re-Gen Waste Ltd [RCF0021]

Soil health

LEAF [SH0102]

Species Reintroduction

Correspondence with the Minister for Natural Environment and Land Use, dated June 2023

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 27 June at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonner
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Cat Smith
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Temporary Chair

Resolved, That Dr Neil Hudson take the Chair of the Committee for the subsequent meeting.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management Scheme: Progress Report

Correspondence from the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, dated 21 June 2023

Import Check Readiness

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 21 June 2023

Pet welfare and abuse

Elizabeth Janny [PWA001]
Mrs Cath Jones [PWA005]
Paws against [PWA006]
Animal Behaviour and Training Council (ABTC) [PWA0009]
Dr Joshua Jowitt [PWA0010]
Independent Cat Rescue Prestwich [PWA0012]
Julie Davies [PWA0013]
The Kennel Club [PWA0015]
Professor Diane Reyniers [PWA0016]
Four Paws UK [PWA0017]
RSPCA [PWA0018]
Woodgreen Pets Charity [PWA0019]
Tuks Law Scan Me [PWA0020]
Ms Virginia Bell [PWA0021]
RWAf [PWA0024]
Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation [PWA0026]
Association of Dog and Cat Homes [PWA0027]
Welsh Government [PWA0028]
Professor Vanessa Bettinson [PWA0029]
Pupils 2 Parliament [PWA0030]
Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Scottish SPCA) [PWA0031]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) [PWA0032]
Battersea Dogs & Cats Home [PWA0033]
Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA) [PWA0034]
League against Cruel Sports [PWA0035]
Dogs Trust [PWA0036]
Protect our Pets [PWA0037]
Naturewatch Foundation [PWA0038]
The Self Help Group for Farmers, Pet Owners and Others experiencing difficulties with the RSPCA (The SHG) [PWA0039]
Dog Breeding Reform Group [PWA0040]
Hope Rescue [PWA0041]
Canine & Feline Sector Group [PWA0042]
Blue Cross [PWA0043]
Pets at Home [PWA0044]
Schnauzerfest [PWA0045]

National Equine Welfare Council [PWA0046]
World Horse Welfare [PWA0047]
Pet Theft Awareness [PWA0048]
PDSA [PWA0050]
IVC Evidensia [PWA0051]
British Veterinary Association [PWA0052]
Pet Industry Federation [PWA0053]
NOAH (National Office of Animal Health) [PWA0054]
Dog Control Coalition [PWA0055]
Naturewatch Foundation, All-party Parliamentary Dog Advisory Welfare Group (APDAWG), UK Centre for Animal Law (A-law), Hope Rescue Centre, Focus on Animal Law (FOAL), Jordan Shelley, animal welfare campaigner, Scottish SPCA, British Veterinary Association (BVA) [PWA0056]
Legal Advisory Group on Extreme Conformation in Dogs (LAGECD) [PWA0057]
Animal Protection Agency [PWA0058]
3rd Planet Solutions Limited [PWA0059]
BaBBA Campaign (Ban all Baby Bunny Ads) [PWA0060]
Blue Cross [PW0063]
Cats Protection [PWA0064]

Soil Health

Soil Association [SH0103]
Rothamsted Research [SH0104]

Tenant Farmers

Dr Richard Byrne [TEN0001]
Central Association of Agricultural Valuers (CAAV) [TEN0002]
Mr John Hawkins [TEN0003]
Tenant Farmers Association [TEN0004]
E J Moody and Son [TEN0005]
Kenn Lumley [TEN0006]
Mr Edward Dewes [TEN0007]
Mr and Mrs Sturdy [TEN0008]
R Watson & Sons [TEN0009]
National Farmers Union [TEN0010]
National Trust [TEN0011]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [TEN0012]
Country Land and Business Association (CLA) [TEN0013]

Work of APHA

Correspondence from Dr Ben Spencer MP, dated 16 June 2023

Work of Defra

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, dated 19 June 2023

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 20 June 2023

4. Tenant farmers

Baroness Rock, Chair, Rock Review of Tenant Farming in England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 July at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 4 July 2023

Members present

Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Derek Thomas

Dr Neil Hudson took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 27 June 2023.

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Water industry.

Resolved, That members of the Business and Trade Committee and the Environmental Audit Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 July 2023 relating to the Water industry, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Pet welfare and abuse

Sarah Carr, CEO, Naturewatch Foundation; Dr Melisa Donald, President, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS); Dr Justine Shotton, Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association (BVA); and Dr Sean Wensley, Senior Veterinary Surgeon for Animal Welfare and Professional Engagement, People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA), gave oral evidence.

Dr Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust's; Dr Maggie Roberts, Director of Feline Welfare, Cats Protection; Jessica Stark, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, World Horse Welfare; and Becky Thwaites, Head of Public Affairs, Blue Cross, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 July at 9.00 a.m.

Monday 10 July

The Chair, Rosie Duffield and Barry Gardiner visited the Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate, Yorkshire, in connection with its inquiry into Species reintroduction, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 June 2023.

Wednesday 12 July 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Barry Gardiner

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Cat Smith

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

Alan Brown, Philip Dunne and Darren Jones also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's resolution of 4 July).

1. Thames Water and the financial resilience of the water industry

Sir Adrian Montague CBE, Chair, Alastair Cochran, Joint interim CEO, and Cathryn Ross, Joint interim CEO, Thames Water, gave oral evidence.

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

Rebecca Pow MP, Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience, and David Hill, Director General, Environment, Rural and Marine, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 July at 3.15 p.m.

Tuesday 18 July 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Barry Gardiner
Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Sheryll Murray
Cat Smith
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Food Security

Draft Report (Food Security), 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 622.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

Climate Change Committee

Correspondence from the Scottish Red Meat Resilience group relating to the Climate Change Committee's recommendations on reducing meat consumption

Environmental sanctions

Correspondence from the Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience regarding Strengthening Environmental Civil Sanctions, dated 12 July 2023

Fairness in the Food Supply Chain

British Poultry Council [FSC0004]

Ofwat Main Estimates 2022/23

Ofwat Main Estimate Memorandum 2023/24

Pet welfare and abuse

Correspondence from the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries relating to the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill

Post implementation reviews

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to post implementation reviews, June 2023 update

Soil Health

The Nitrogen Collaboration [SH0105]

Natural England [SH0106]

Environment Agency [SH0107]

Thames Water and the financial resilience of the water industry

Anonymous [THW0001]

Tuna

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office relating to Protocol to amend the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

UK trade policy: food and agriculture

British Poultry Council [TFA0002]

4. Soil health

Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP, Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries; Fiona James, Deputy Director for Policy Design, Farming and Countryside Programme, Defra; and Sion McGeever, Deputy Director for Access, Landscapes, Peatland and Soil, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 September at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Cat Smith
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into fisheries.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the Canal and River Trust.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fairness in the Food Supply Chain

[FSC0002] Sustain
[FSC0003] Andrew Wilson
[FSC0004] British Poultry Council
[FSC0009] Groceries Code Adjudicator
[FSC0010] Better Food Traders
[FSC0012] Association of Labour Providers
[FSC0013] NFU Scotland
[FSC0014] Landworkers' Alliance
[FSC0015] Professor Tim Lloyd, Professor Steve McCorriston and Professor Wyn Morgan
[FSC0016] Quality Meat Scotland
[FSC0017] Mr David Knight
[FSC0018] Mr Alastair Large
[FSC0020] British Berry Growers
[FSC0021] British Free Range Egg Producers Association
[FSC0022] Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union
[FSC0024] The Sustainable Soils Alliance
[FSC0025] The Agricultural Industries Confederation
[FSC0026] British Retail Consortium
[FSC0027] The Country Land and Business Association
[FSC0028] Focus on Labour Exploitation
[FSC0029] National Pig Association
[FSC0031] Which?
[FSC0032] Small Steps Big Changes Partnership
[FSC0033] The National Allotment Society
[FSC0034] Dairy UK
[FSC0035] National Farmers' Union

[FSC0036] RSPB

[FSC0037] Global Food and Environment Institute, University of Leeds

Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business on the publication of the report on the third statutory review of the Groceries Code Adjudicator, dated 19 July 2023.

Fisheries

Correspondence from the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries regarding consultations, reforms and funding for UK fisheries, dated 17 July 2023.

Livestock vaccines

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the National Sheep Association on the availability of vaccines for the farm livestock sector, dated 27 July 2023.

Pet welfare and abuse

[PWA0068] Tuks Law

[PWA0069] Tom Lonsdale

[PWA0070] Naturewatch foundation

Single-use carrier bag charge

Correspondence from the Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience regarding results from the single-use carrier bag charge 2022-23, dated 10 August 2023.

Tenant farmers

Correspondence from Baroness Rock regarding oral evidence to the tenant farmers inquiry, dated 14 July 2023.

Thames Water

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Ofwat regarding oral evidence to the Committee's evidence session on Thames Water, dated 20 July 2023.

Correspondence from the Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience regarding oral evidence to the Committee's evidence session on Thames Water, dated 28 July 2023.

UK trade policy: food and agriculture

Correspondence from and to the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands regarding the UK trade policy: food and agriculture inquiry, dated 28 July 2023.

Water body data

Correspondence from the Chair of the Environment Agency regarding an update to its water body data, dated 4 August 2023.

3. Pet welfare and abuse

Dr Samantha Gaines, Head of Companion Animals, RSPCA; Pip Griffin, Senior Dog Warden, Worcestershire Regulatory Services; Marisa Heath, Adviser, Local Government Animal Welfare Group, gave oral evidence.

Bill Lambert, Health, Welfare and Breeder Services Executive, The Kennel Club; Dr Gudrun Ravetz, Chief Veterinary Officer, Pets at Home/Vets4Pets; Alexandra Baker, Chief Operating Officer, Pet Industry Federation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 September at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 12 September 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Steven Bonnar

Ian Byrne

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Barry Gardiner

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Cat Smith

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Education and careers in land-based sectors.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Urban green spaces.

2. Fairness in the food supply chain

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Soil health

The Committee considered this matter.

4. UK trade policy: food and agriculture

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fairness in the Food Supply Chain

[FSC0039] Transforming UK Food Systems Programme

[FSC0042] The Food Foundation

[FSC0043] Mr Richard Boden

[FSC0044] The Wildlife Trusts

[FSC0045] Pupils 2 Parliament

[FSC0046] The Provision Trade Federation

[FSC0047] British Farming Union

[FSC0048] FareShare

[FSC0053] Glyn Curnuck

[FSC0055] British Apples and Pears Limited

[FSC0056] Humphrey Mills

[FSC0057] Too Good To Go

[FSC0058] Federation of Wholesale Distributors

[FSC0059] Dr Adrian Morley

Soil Health

[SH0108] DEFRA

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 October at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 17 October 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair

Steven Bonnar

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Barry Gardiner

Robbie Moore

Cat Smith

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

Resolved, That members of the Petitions Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 18 October 2023 relating to Pet welfare and abuse, 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:

Agricultural equipment theft

Correspondence from Director General and Chief Executive of the Agricultural Engineers Association on the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023, dated 28 September 2023.

Border Target Operating Model

Correspondence to the Secretary of State on the Border Target Operating Model, dated 29 September 2023.

Pet Welfare and Abuse

[PWA0071] Companion Animal Sector Council [+ footnote to PWA0058]

[PWA0072] Dr Gudrun Ravetz (Pets and Home)

UK trade policy: food and agriculture

[TFA0001] Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation

[TFA0002] British Poultry Council

[TFA0003] Sustain

[TFA0004] The British Veterinary Association (BVA)

[TFA0005] RSPCA

[TFA0006] Quality Meat Scotland

[TFA0007] UK Trade and Business Commission

[TFA0008] NFU

[TFA0009] Trade and Animal Welfare Coalition

[TFA0010] Green Alliance

[TFA0011] Cecilia J. Flores Elizondo¹

[TFA0012] Compassion in World Farming

[TFA0013] Food and Drink Federation

[TFA0014] Friends of the Earth

[TFA0015] Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)

[TFA0016] Pesticide Action Network UK (PAN UK)

[TFA0017] WWF-UK

[TFA0018] Dairy UK

[FTA0019] FSA

[TFA0020] Trade Justice Movement (TJM)

[TFA0021] British Berry Growers
[TFA0022] Transform Trade
[TFA0023] Dr Christian Reynolds
[TFA0024] Provision Trade Federation (PTF)
[TFA0025] India Labour Solidarity (ILS)
[TFA0026] Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust
[TFA0027] The British Egg Industry Council (BEIC)
[TFA0028] Scottish Government
[TFA0029] Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
[TFA0031] Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP

Waste reforms

Correspondence from Cllr Sarah Nelmes relating to the District Councils' Network's environment on delayed waste reforms, dated 19 September 2023.

Water industry

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Ofwat on the Water Company Performance Report 2022-23, dated 26 September 2023.

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Ofwat on PR24 Business Plan Submissions, dated 6 October 2023.

3. Pet welfare and abuse

John Keefe, Chief Corporate and Public Affairs Officer, Getlink Group (Eurotunnel); Gavin Stedman, Director Port Health and Public Protection, Heathrow Animal Reception Centre; Steve Lawrie, Port Operations Manager, Group Pet Travel Co-ordinator, Brittany Ferries; and Tim Reardon, Head of EU Exit and Company Secretary, Port of Dover, gave oral evidence.

David Holdsworth, Chief Executive, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA); and Nicola Hirst, Director for Service Delivery, APHA, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 October at 9.15 a.m.

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonnar
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

Cat Smith
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

Nick Fletcher also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's resolution of 17 October).

1. Pet welfare and abuse

David Martin, Group Animal Welfare Advisor, IVC Evidensia; Dr Lawrence Newport, Lecturer in Law, Royal Holloway University of London; Dr Samantha Gaines, Head of Companion Animals, RSPCA; and James McNally, Partner, Snee Blackwell Solicitors, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 October at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 24 October 2023

Members present

Sir Robert Goodwill, in the Chair
Steven Bonnar
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

2. Species reintroduction

Draft Special Report (Species reintroduction: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. Marine mammals

Draft Special Report (Marine Mammals: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

4. Rural mental health

Draft Special Report (Rural Mental Health: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

5. Evidence reported for publication

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

APHA

Correspondence from the Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs to the Chair on APHA preparedness, dated 19 October 2023

Border Target Operating Model

Border Target Operating Model – Update to EFRA, dated October 2023

Education and Careers in Land-based Sectors

[ECL0003] G's Group Holdings Ltd

Fairness in the Food Supply Chain

[FSC0054] University of Leeds

Pet Welfare and Abuse

[PWA0073] Rebecca Strong and others

[PWA0076] Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH)

[PWA0078] Dogs Trust

Plant protection products

Correspondence from the Minister for State for Food, Farming and Fisheries to the Chair on Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023

6. Work of the Department

Rt Hon Dr Thérèse Coffey MP, Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Tamara Finkelstein, Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 November at 2.00 p.m.

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Goodwill, Sir Robert (Scarborough and Whitby)

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 3 May 2022)

1. Employment and earnings

Payment of £225 expected from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey completed on 14 December 2021. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 14 December 2021)

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.

Other interests declared at first meeting

At his first meeting, Sir Robert Goodwill declared the following other interests:

- Membership of the NFU
- Membership of the CLA⁴

Kirsty Blackman

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 3 May 2022)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Clare Sainsbury

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the payment of legal fees, value £3,492

Date received: 26 February 2021

Date accepted: 26 February 2021

Donor status: individual (Registered 27 May 2021)

Name of donor: Clare Sainsbury

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the payment of legal fees, value £2,160

Date received: 12 May 2021

Date accepted: 12 May 2021

Donor status: individual (Registered 27 May 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 5 September 2017, non-executive director (unpaid) of New City Agenda; a not-for-profit think tank aiming to develop ideas and research on financial services policy. (Registered 11 September 2017)

Steven Bonnar

Steven Bonnar Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 14 November 2021)

1. Employment and earnings

Until 25 February 2020, member of North Lanarkshire Council, Civic Centre, Motherwell ML1 1AD. I received £17,000 a year, paid 4 weekly. Hours: 5-10

⁴ See minutes of Tuesday 7 June meeting.

hrs every four weeks. (Registered 10 January 2020; updated 18 November 2021)

Ian Byrne

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 3 May 2022)

1. Employment and earnings:

Until further notice, member of Liverpool City Council, Venture Place, Sir Thomas St, L1 6BW. I receive allowances of £882.50 a month for an expected commitment of 40 hrs a month. Allowances donated to charity from January 2020. (Registered 10 January 2020).

8. Miscellaneous:

Member of the management committee, Kitty's Launderette: ecological and community launderette in Anfield. (Registered 10 January 2020).

Member of the management committee, Spirit of Shankly, which promotes the interests of football supporters. (Registered 10 January 2020).

27 June 2022: additional declaration

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Liverpool Football Club and Athletic Grounds Limited

Address of donor: Anfield Road, Liverpool, Merseyside L4 0TH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Match ticket and hospitality, value £350

Date received: 22 May 2022

Date accepted: 22 May 2022

Donor status: company, registration 3442228

(Registered 17 June 2022)

Geraint Davies

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 3 May 2022)

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

Residential property in London: (i) and (ii). (Updated 3 June 2015).

Rosie Duffield

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 3 May 2022)

1. Employment and earnings:

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

24 June 2021, received £110 for April 2021 survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 30 June 2021)

27 July 2021, received £120 for June 2021 survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 29 July 2021)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: R&A Championships Ltd

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket with lunch to the Open Golf Championship, value £350

Date received: 18 July 2021

Date accepted: 18 July 2021

Donor status: company, registration SC247047
(Registered 22 July 2021)

Barry Gardiner

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

Name of donor: NASUWT the Teachers' Union

Address of donor: Hillscourt, Rose Hill, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8RS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 21 July 2021

Date accepted: 25 July 2021

Donor status: trade union
(Registered 14 September 2021)

This is a late entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 7 January 2022. Paragraph 15 of chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

Name of donor: Unite

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1Z 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 28 July 2021

Date accepted: 4 August 2021

Donor status: trade union
(Registered 14 September 2021)

This is a late entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 7 January 2022. Paragraph 15 of chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 13 August 2021

Date accepted: 20 August 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 September 2021)

Name of donor: Prison Officers Association

Address of donor: Cronin House, Church Street, London N9 9HW

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 9 September 2021

Date accepted: 9 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 September 2021)

Name of donor: University College Union

Address of donor: Carlow Street, London NW1 7LH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 23 September 2021

Date accepted: 23 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 13 October 2021)

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: 465C Caledonian Road, London N7 9GX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 27 September 2021

Date accepted: 27 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 13 October 2021)

Name of donor: Transport Salaried Staff Association

Address of donor: 2nd Floor Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4SQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 14 October 2021

Date accepted: 14 October 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 28 October 2021)

Name of donor: National Education Union

Address of donor: Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 20 October 2021
Date accepted: 20 October 2021
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 28 October 2021)

Name of donor: GMB
Address of donor: Mary Turner House, 22 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 5 November 2021
Date accepted: 8 November 2021
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 10 November 2021)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum
Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Caseworker from 31 October 2021 to 4 February 2022, value £6,592
Date received: 31 October 2021 to 4 February 2022
Date accepted: 31 October 2021
Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 10 November 2021; updated 03 March 2022)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum
Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 5 March 2022
Date accepted: 5 March 2022
Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 16 March 2022)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum
Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 12 April 2022
Date accepted: 12 April 2022
Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 03 May 2022)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1Z 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Associated with attending Labour Party Conference, accommodation provided for five days, value £1,490

Date received: 25-29 September 2021

Date accepted: 25 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 October 2021)

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: In my capacity as Co-Chair of the All Party Group on International Conservation, travel and hospitality associated with attending Cop 26 for eight days, value £2,600

Date received: 5-12 November 2021

Date accepted: 5 November 2021

Donor status: other (registered charity)

(Registered 26 November 2021)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and Covid tests, total value £3,114.47

Destination of visit: Washington DC, USA

Dates of visit: 7-10 December 2021

Purpose of visit: Attending ICCF events in my capacity as Co-Chair of the All Party Group on International Conservation.

(Registered 20 December 2021)

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flight and accommodation, total value £2,127.60

Destination of visit: La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica

Dates of visit: 10-20 February 2022

Purpose of visit: Attending the ICCF Conference on policy coherence and political consistency on the environment in my capacity as Co-Chair of the All Party Group on International Conservation.

(Registered 08 March 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

From 7 January 2016, unremunerated Director of GLOBE International AISBL, an international non-profit network devoted to legislative leadership on sustainable development and climate change, of 235/2 Avenue des Volontaires, B-1150 Brussels. (Registered 03 February 2016)

From 4 February 2019, Trustee of Climate Parliament, which aims to educate and inform legislators about climate change and policy options for promoting renewable energy. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 28 February 2019)

From 6 July 2021, a Member and Director of Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd, a company limited by guarantee set up to manage financial support for my Private Members Bill campaign. The company is a not for profit company and the position is entirely unpaid. (Registered 10 September 2021) This is a late entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 7 January 2022. Paragraph 15 of chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

From 18 November 2021, a Member and Director of Together 2030, a company limited by guarantee. The company is a not for profit company and the position is entirely unpaid. (Registered 02 December 2021)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Caroline Smith, as Constituency Office Manager and Senior Caseworker. (Updated 5 June 2015 and 30 June 2017)

16 May 2022: additional declarations

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

Name of donor: Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen

Address of donor: 77 St John Street, London EC1M 4NN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 27 April 2022

Date accepted: 27 April 2022

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 12 May 2022)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 5 May 2022

Date accepted: 5 May 2022

Donor status: company, registration 07046518

(Registered 12 May 2022)

27 June 2022: additional declaration

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

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: The services of a strategic campaign consultant between 5 May and 5 June 2022 for Stop Fire and Re-hire Ltd of which I am a director, value £2,000. (Costs met direct on 5 June 2022.)

Date received: 5 June 2022

Date accepted: 5 June 2022

Donor status: company, registration 07046518

(Registered 27 June 2022)

8 August 2022: additional declaration

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: The services of a strategic campaign consultant between 5 July and 5 September 2022 for Stop Fire

and Re-hire Ltd of which I am a director, value £6,000

Date received: 5 July 2022

Date accepted: 5 July 2022

Donor status: company, registration 07046518

(Registered 13 July 2022)

5 September 2022: additional declaration

Name of donor: National Education Union

Address of donor: Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 2 August 2022

Date accepted: 2 August 2022

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 15 August 2022)

Name of donor: Unite

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1Z 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,027 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 5 August 2022
Date accepted: 5 August 2022
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 15 August 2022)

Dr Neil Hudson

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8. Miscellaneous

From 1 January 2020, on unpaid sabbatical leave as a senior lecturer from the University of Edinburgh. (Registered 07 January 2020)

Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. (Registered 07 January 2020)

Member of the British Equine Veterinary Association. (Registered 07 January 2020)

From 27 April 2021, Member of the British Horseracing Authority Whip Review Steering Group (2021/22). This is an unpaid role. (Registered 27 April 2021)

Robbie Moore

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

Name of donor: IX Wireless Limited

Address of donor: 4 Lockside Office Park Lockside Road Riversway Preston PR2 2YS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 for constituency campaigning activities

Date received: 5 July 2021

Date accepted: 30 July 2021

Donor status: company, registration 11008144

(Registered 02 August 2021)

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

Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; consultants and rural surveyors. This is the umbrella company of Brockthorpe Consultancy RM. (Registered 09 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid director of Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; consultants and rural surveyors. This is the umbrella company of Brockthorpe Consultancy RM. (Registered 09 January 2020)

8 August 2022: additional declaration

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

Name of donor: Businessfore

Address of donor: c/o Kerry London, Premier House, 52 London Road,
Twickenham TW1 3RJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to assist with
constituency campaigning activities

Date received: 29 June 2022

Date accepted: 1 July 2022

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 25 July 2022)

Mrs Sheryll Murray

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4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Honorary Consulate for the Republic of San Marino

Address of donor: Baird House, 15-17 St Cross St, London EC1N 8UW

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights for me and
accommodation, domestic travel and meals for me and a member of staff to the
value of £3,110

Destination of visit: Italy and San Marino

Dates of visit: 8-15 October 2021

Purpose of visit: San Marino APPG visit to strengthen bilateral relations.

(Registered 26 October 2021)

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 meals for me and a member of staff to the value of £264 (2)
domestic transport and meals for me and a member of staff to the value of £264

Destination of visit: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dates of visit: 28 September - 1 October 2021

Purpose of visit: Parliamentary delegation with the All Party Parliamentary Group
for the Armed Forces to meet current politicians from Bosnia and Herzegovina
and to learn about the Bosnian War.

(Registered 28 October 2021)

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

Until 27 July 2021, a house in South East Cornwall. The property was owned by a trust of which I am a beneficiary: (i) and (ii). (Registered 06 January 2012; updated 28 July 2021)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my partner, Mr Robert Davidson, as Office Manager.

5 September 2022: additional declaration

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)

Cat Smith

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

Name of donor: The Methodist Church Address of donor: 25 Marylebone Road,

London NW1 5JR Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind:

Services of a voluntary intern for two and a half days a week in my parliamentary office. The intern will receive a bursary of £962.50 per month,

total value £9,625 Date received: 27 September 2021 to 22 July 2022 Date

accepted: 27 September 2021 Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 27 September 2021)

Name of donor: The Methodist Church Address of donor: 25 Marylebone Road,

London NW1 5JR Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind:

Services of a voluntary intern for two and a half days a week in my

parliamentary office. The intern will receive a bursary of £916 per month, total

value £9,167 Date received: 26 September 2022 to 25 July 2023 Date accepted:

26 September 2022 Donor status: unincorporated association (Registered 07 October 2022)

Julian Sturdy

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1. Employment and earnings

I am a partner in G E Sturdy and Son; a farming partnership. Address: Westgate Farm, North Deighton, Wetherby, LS22 4EN. I provide administrative support for the partnership, as well as doing some buying and selling at certain times. Until further notice, I will receive £500 per month. Hours: no more than 4 hours a week. (Updated 9 December 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Victoria Sturdy, as part time Secretary. (Registered 04 June 2015)

Derek Thomas

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 3 May 2022)

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

Name of donor: The Methodist Church

Address of donor: 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: services of a voluntary intern for two days a week in my parliamentary office. The intern will receive a bursary per month as a member of the Methodist Church's ONE Intern Programme, amounting to £9,167 in total.

Date received: 21 September 2020 to 30 July 2021

Date accepted: 21 September 2020

Donor status: charity; other

(Registered 24 September 2020)

Name of donor: The Methodist Church

Address of donor: 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Services of a voluntary intern for two and a half days a week in my parliamentary office. The intern will receive a bursary of £962.50 per month, total value £9,625

Date received: 27 September 2021 to 22 July 2022

Date accepted: 27 September 2021

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 09 November 2021)

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

From 4 October 2017, house and adjacent retail outlet in West Cornwall, owned jointly with my wife who receives the rental income: (i) and, from 1 May 2021, (ii). (Registered 30 October 2017; updated 03 November 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

Sole Trader, Derek Thomas Building Services, not currently engaged in trading. (Registered 05 June 2015)

Since December 2015, an interest below registrable value in Mustard Seed Property Ltd, a community benefit society which provides housing in Cornwall for vulnerable people. (Registered 19 October 2016)

From 21 May 2019, Trustee and founding member of the Cornwall Sport Foundation. (Registered 03 November 2021)

(ii) Specialist Advisers

Mubeen Bhutta

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry relating to rural mental health, declared the following interests:

Employed as Head of Policy, Public Affairs and Campaigns at Samaritans – who gave oral and written evidence to the inquiry.

Alex Carson-Taylor

Specialist Adviser for the inquiries relating to trade and associated matters, declared the following interests:

Member of the Shropshire Committee, Country Land and Business Association
Chair of Shropshire Hill AONB Partnership

Emily Lydgate

Specialist Adviser for the inquiries relating to trade and associated matters, declared the following interests:

Co-own a small family farm, Lydgate Farms, in the state of Hawaii in the US. We do not export internationally (nor plan to).

I have advised on, and co-produced publications with, NGOs: Sustain and Pesticide Action Network and the Future British Standards Coalition.

Provided training to UK civil servants on trade matters, including courses delivered for Defra, FCDO, DIT, BEIS and the Welsh Government.

