



Formal Minutes of the Petitions Committee in Session 2022–23

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They include:

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

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Thursday 12 May 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on the impact of increases in the cost of motor fuel

Tuesday 17 May 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair ¹

Elliot Colburn

Marsha De Cordova

Nick Fletcher

Christina Rees

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [603988](#), relating to breed specific legislation”, on 6 June, to be opened by Christina Rees.

Resolved, that the debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [597715](#), relating to the school week”, previously scheduled for 13 June, be moved to 27 June, to be opened by the Chair.

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [29 January 2020].

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [613556](#), relating to transgender conversion therapy”, on 20 June, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

Ordered, That the Chair and Elliot Colburn write to the Government Equalities Office, requesting more information about their plans regarding transgender conversion therapy.

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

Correspondence to the Minister for Equalities regarding transgender conversion therapy, dated 17 May 2022

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 17 May 2022](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 21 April and 12 May be reported to the House for publication.

3. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 17 May 2022](#).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 May at 2 pm

Tuesday 24 May 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn

Marsha De Cordova

Christina Rees

Matt Vickers

1. This week's debate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that the debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [613556](#), relating to transgender conversion therapy”, previously scheduled for 20 June, be moved to 13 June, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [593775](#), relating to the use of cages for farmed animals”, on 20 June, to be opened by Matt Vickers.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 24 May 2022](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 13 and 19 May be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 24 May 2022](#).

5. Publication of correspondence

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

Correspondence from Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families regarding curriculum content on water safety, 16 May 2022

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families, relating to employment rights for new parents, dated 24 May 2022

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, relating to animal welfare, dated 24 May 2022

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June at 2 pm

Monday 13 June 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities regarding transgender conversion therapy, dated 10 June 2022

Tuesday 14 June 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Marsha De Cordova

Martyn Day, Christina Rees

1. This week's debate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [604383](#), relating to assisted dying”, on 4 July, to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [602285](#), relating to the use of real bearskin hats by the Queen's Guards”, on 11 July, to be opened by Martyn Day.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [592642](#), relating to BTEC qualifications”, on 18 July, to be opened by Marsha De Cordova.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 14 June 2022](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions [608745](#), [610300](#) and [610936](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 20 May and 9 June be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 14 June 2022](#).

5. The use of snares

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

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the use of snares, dated 24 May 2022

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 June at 2 pm

Tuesday 21 June 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on the school week

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn

Martyn Day

1. This week's debate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [597171](#), relating to the hunting of dolphins and whales in the Faroe Islands”, on 11 July, to be opened by John Nicolson.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 21 2022](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 10 and 16 June be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 21 2022](#).

5. Employment rights of new parents

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

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy regarding employment rights for new parents, dated 16 June 2022

6. Breed specific legislation

Ordered, That the Chair and Christina Rees write to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to follow up on the recent debate on breed specific legislation.

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

Correspondence to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, regarding breed specific legislation, dated 21 June 2022

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 June at 2 pm

Tuesday 28 June 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Marsha De Cordova

Martyn Day

1. This week's debate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [614893](#), relating to removal of parental responsibility for people convicted of serious offences”, on 12 September, to be opened by the Chair.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [602171](#), relating to the safety of covid-19 vaccines”, on 19 September, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 28 June 2022](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 17 and 23 June be reported to the House for publication.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July at 2 pm

Tuesday 5 July 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Martyn Day

Nick Fletcher

Christina Rees

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. This week's debate

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 5 July 2022](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petition [606899](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 24 and 30 be reported to the House for publication.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 July at 2 pm

Monday 1 August 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to breed specific legislation, dated 25 July 2022

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Martyn Day

Christina Rees

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [608056](#), relating to public ownership of energy companies”, on Monday 17 October, to be opened by Christina Rees.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 6 September 2022](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions [603979](#) and [617425](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 8 July and 1 September be reported to the House for publication.

3. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 6 September 2022](#).

4. Debating petitions with under 100,000 signatures

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 October at 2 pm

Tuesday 11 October 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Marsha De Cordova

Christina Rees

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee's regular meeting time move to 1pm, with effect from November.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [619781](#), relating to an early general election", on Monday 17 October, to be opened by the Chair.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [602171](#), relating to covid-19 vaccine safety", on Monday 24 October, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [607712](#), relating to human rights legislation reform", on Monday 24 October, to be opened by Scott Benton.

Resolved, that the debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [608056](#), relating to public ownership of energy companies", be moved to Monday 31 October.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [614893](#), relating to suspension of parental responsibility for people convicted of serious offences", on Monday 7 November, to be opened by the Chair.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 11 October 2022](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions [619615](#), [614869](#) and [608931](#) be published.

Resolved, That the corrected Government responses to e-petitions [600966](#) and [617425](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 2 September and 6 October be reported to the House for publication.

3. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 11 October 2022](#).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 October at 2 pm

Tuesday 25 October 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Scott Benton

Elliot Colburn

Martyn Day

Marsha De Cordova

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that the debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [608056](#), relating to public ownership of energy companies”, on Monday 31 October, be opened by Martyn Day.

Resolved, the debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [614893](#), relating to suspension of parental responsibility for people convicted of serious offences”, on Monday 7 November, be opened by Mark Tami.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [615623](#), relating to staff-child ratios in early years childcare”, on Monday 14 November, to be opened by the Chair.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [619334](#), relating to legal rights to access abortion”, on Monday 21 November, to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [607317](#), relating to requirements to stop and report road traffic collisions involving cats”, on Monday 28 November, to be opened by Martyn Day.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 November at 1 pm

Tuesday 1 November 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn

Martyn Day

Marsha De Cordova

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [617603](#), relating to the state pension”, on Monday 12 December, to be opened by Marsha De Cordova.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [604509](#), relating to child bed poverty”, on Monday 19 December, to be opened by the Chair.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 1 November 2022](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [620962](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 7 and 27 October be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 1 November 2022](#).

5. Debating petitions with under 100,000 signatures

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Publication of correspondence

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

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 November at 1 pm

Tuesday 15 November 2022

The following decisions were made under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

That the debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [619334](#), relating to legal rights to access abortion", to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi, be rescheduled to Monday 28 November.

That the debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [607317](#), relating to requirements to stop and report road traffic collisions involving cats", to be opened by Martyn Day, be postponed to a date to be agreed by the Committee.

Tuesday 22 November 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Marsha De Cordova

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [619442](#), relating to the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill”, on Monday 5 December, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [607317](#), relating to requirements to stop and report road traffic collisions involving cats”, on Monday 9 January, to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 22 November 2022](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 28 October and 17 November be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 22 November 2022](#).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 November at 1 pm

Tuesday 29 November 2022

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Scott Benton

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [600593](#), relating to the use of snares, on Monday 9 January, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 29 November 2022](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [617939](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 18 and 24 November be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 29 November 2022](#).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 January at 1 pm

Tuesday 9 December 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on the state pension

Tuesday 9 December 2022

The following decision was made under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 3 March 2020:

That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [611810](#), relating to commercial breeding for laboratories, on Monday 16 January, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

19 December 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on requirements for motorists to stop and report collisions with cats

Tuesday 10 January 2023

Members present

Tonia Antoniazzi

Elliot Colburn

Martyn Day

Nick Fletcher

In the absence of the Chair, Tonia Antoniazzi was called to the chair.

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [604472](#), relating to immigration fees for healthcare workers”, on 30 January, to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [589677](#) and [597840](#), relating to assessments for autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder”, on 6 February, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 10 January 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petitions [619190](#) and [623900](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 25 November 2022 and 5 January 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 10 January 2023](#).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 January at 1 pm

Wednesday 11 January 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence to the Minister for Women and Equalities, relating to the overdue response to e-petition [623243](#), dated 11 January 2023

Tuesday 17 January 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Martyn Day

Jonathan Gullis

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [619615](#), relating to the open season for woodcock”, on 27 February, to be opened by Jonathan Gullis.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 17 January 2023](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 16 and 12 January 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 17 January 2023](#).

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 1 pm

Tuesday 24 January 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Martyn Day

Nick Fletcher

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [594390](#), relating to prescription charges for people aged 60 or over", on 6 March 2023, to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [623390](#), relating to suicide prevention and the national curriculum", on 13 March 2023, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions [605030](#) and [622284](#), relating to the acceptance of cash", on 20 March 2023, to be opened by Martyn Day.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions [594065](#) and [617340](#), relating to home education", on 27 March, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 24 January 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [624876](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 13 and 19 January 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

3. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 24 January 2023](#).

4. Research into barriers in political engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 1 pm

Tuesday 24 January 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on immigration fees for healthcare workers

Thursday 26 January 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence from the Minister for Women and Equalities, relating to the overdue response to e-petition [623243](#), dated 26 January 2023

Tuesday 31 January 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on assessments for autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Elliot Colburn

Martyn Day

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee hold an informal meeting on suicide prevention and the national curriculum, ahead of the debate on this subject on Monday 13 March.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 31 January 2023](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 20 and 26 January 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

4. Water safety education

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Department for Education, requesting an update on their work to improve water safety education.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 February at 1 pm

Monday 27 February 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on prescription charges for people aged 60 or over

Tuesday 28 February 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [614335](#), relating to World Health Organization treaty on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response", on 17 April 2023, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions [589716](#) and [585304](#), relating to food labelling and care for people with allergies", on 15 May 2023, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions [610300](#) and [617425](#), relating to financial support for disabled people", on 22 May 2023, to be opened by Marsha De Cordova.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 28 February 2022.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [618456](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 27 January and 23 February be reported to the House for publication.

The Committee considered e-petition 632572.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 28 February 2022.

5. Publication of correspondence

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

Correspondence to the Minister for Mental Health and Women's Health Strategy relating to assessments for ADHD and autism, dated 28 February 2023

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 March at 1 pm

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Martyn Day

Marsha De Cordova

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [628226](#), relating to the impact of the UK's exit from the European Union”, on 24 April 2023, to be opened by Martyn Day.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 7 March 2023](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 24 February and 2 March be reported to the House for publication.

4. Water safety education

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 1 pm

Tuesday 14 March 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on access to cash

Tuesday 21 March 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [622847](#), relating to the duty of care for students in higher education”, on 5 June 2023, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 21 March 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions [631763](#) and [622758](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 3 and 16 March be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 21 March 2023](#).

5. Water safety education

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

Correspondence with the Minister for Schools relating to water safety education, dated 14 February and 2 March 2023

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 April at 1 pm

Tuesday 21 March 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to e-petition 622806, dated 21 March 2023

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to e-petition 630751, dated 21 March 2023

Wednesday 22 March 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on home education

Tuesday 28 March 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Minister for Mental Health and Women's Health
Strategy relating to assessment for ADHD and autism, dated 22 March 2023

Tuesday 18 April 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair
Elliot Colburn
Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Debating petitions with under 100,000 signatures

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 18 April 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petitions [622806](#) and [628746](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 17 March and 13 April be reported to the House for publication.

5. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 18 April 2023](#).

6. Research into the use of petitions as part of a wider campaign

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 1 pm

Tuesday 25 April 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Martyn Day

Marsha De Cordova

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions [623243](#) and [627984](#), relating to the definition of "sex" in the Equality Act 2010", on 12 June, to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 25 April 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [632748](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 14 and 21 April 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 25 April 2023](#).

5. A statutory duty of care for higher education students

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on a statutory duty of care for higher education students.

Resolved, That members of the Education Committee and Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 16 May relating to a statutory study of care for higher education students, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 May at 3 pm.

Thursday 27 April 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence from the Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs, relating to e-petitions 622806 and 630751, dated 14 April 2023

Wednesday 10 May 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on food allergy labelling and support for people with allergies

Tuesday 16 May 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Marsha De Cordova

Nick Fletcher

Robin Walker and Paul Blomfield also attended for item 5 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Petitions Committee resolution of 25 April 2023).

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [626737](#), relating to the use of swift bricks in new housing”, on 10 July, to be opened by Matt Vickers.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 16 May 2023](#).

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [617155](#), relating to the cost of living and statutory parental pay”, on 19 June, to be opened by the Chair.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [599985](#) and [633550](#), relating to local road user charging schemes”, on 26 June, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [600966](#), relating to the Approved Mileage Allowance Payment rate”, on 3 July, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [620264](#), relating to pay for teaching assistants”, on 17 July, to be opened by Tonia Antoniazzi.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 21 April and 11 May 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 16 May 2023](#).

5. A statutory duty of care for higher education students

Lee Fryatt, Petition Creator, Ben West, Hilary Grime and Mark Shanahan gave evidence.

Ged Flynn, Chief Executive, PAPYRUS, Dominic Smithies, Influencing and Advocacy Lead, Student Minds, and Chloe Field, Vice President for Higher Education, NUS, gave evidence.

Jill Stevenson, Chair, AMOSSHE, and Professor Steve West CBE, President, Universities UK, gave evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 June at 1 pm

Tuesday 16 May 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on the cost of living and financial support for disabled people

Thursday 18 May 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to e-petition 631948, dated 18 May 2023

Wednesday 24 May 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to e-petition 624406, dated 24 May 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on a statutory duty of care for higher education students

Friday 2 June 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Correspondence with the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries relating to e-petition 631948, dated 24 May 2023

Correspondence with the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries relating to e-petition 624406, dated 31 May 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on the cost of living and statutory parental pay

Tuesday 13 June 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn

Nick Fletcher

Matt Vickers

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 13 June 2023](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 12 May and 8 June 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 13 June 2023](#).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 27 June at 1 pm

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 27 June 2023](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 9 and 22 June be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 27 June 2023](#).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 July at 1 pm

Tuesday 4 July 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Martyn Day

Marsha De Cordova

Elliot Colburn

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [593296](#), [619481](#) and [620962](#), relating to assessments for disability benefits”, on 4 September, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [610557](#), [616557](#) and [6196409](#), relating to pay and financial support for healthcare students”, on 11 September, to be opened by Marsha De Cordova.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 4 July 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [635904](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 23 and 29 June be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 4 July 2023](#).

5. Committee visits

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Welsh Parliament, to discuss ways or working and share best practice.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 July at 1 pm

Wednesday 12 July 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on pay for teaching assistants

Tuesday 18 July 2023

Members present

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Scott Benton

Martyn Day

Nick Fletcher

1. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [561730](#) and [576886](#), relating to honesty in politics”, on 23 October, to be opened by Martyn Day.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 18 July 2023.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [634090](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 30 June and 12 July be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 18 July 2023.

5. Petition standards

Resolved, That the Committee not accept petitions that request action at a local level.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday xx September at 1 pm

Tuesday 5 September 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 17 March 2020:

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of public engagement on pay and financial support for healthcare students

Tuesday 12 September 2023

Members present

Tonia Antoniazzi

Scott Benton

Elliot Colburn

Martyn Day

Nick Fletcher

1. Temporary Chair

Resolved, That Tonia Antoniazzi take the Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the meeting and for the meeting on 17 October.

2. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [624461](#), relating to childcare", on Monday 16 October, to be opened by Elliot Colburn.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 12 September 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [624406](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 13 July and 7 September 2023 be reported to the House for publication.

5. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 12 September 2023](#).

6. Chamber Engagement Team

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 1 pm

Tuesday 17 October 2023

Members present

Tonia Antoniazzi
Marsha De Cordova
Nick Fletcher
Matt Vickers

1. Temporary Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 12 September 2023.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions [610557](#), [616557](#) and [6196409](#), relating to pay and financial support for healthcare students", on 20 November 2023, to be opened by Marsha De Cordova.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [624876](#) and [643611](#), relating to legislation in respect of dangerous dogs”, on 27 November 2023, to be opened by Nick Fletcher.

Resolved, that the Committee not schedule e-petition [624461](#) for debate.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 17 October 2023](#).

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions [633298](#), [635105](#) and [636542](#) be published.

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 8 September and 12 October be reported to the House for publication.

4. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 17 October 2023](#).

5. Publication of correspondence

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

Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care, relating to e-petition 638701, dated 13 September and 17 October 2023

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 1 pm

Tuesday 24 October 2023

Members present

Cat Smith, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Elliot Colburn

Nick Fletcher

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Recent debates

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, that there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [648225](#) and [648383](#), relating to Israel and Palestine”, on 11 December 2023, to be opened by Cat Smith.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 24 October 2023](#).

Ordered, That the list of petitions that closed between 13 and 19 October be reported to the House for publication.

5. Public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for 24 October 2023](#).

6. Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That the Committee reject e-petition 648228.

Resolved, That the Committee reject e-petition 648603.

Resolved, That the Committee accept e-petition 648365, with some amendments.

Resolved, That the Committee accept e-petition 638802, with some amendments.

Resolved, That the Committee accept e-petition 641521, with some amendments.

Resolved, That the Committee accept e-petition 641438 or 643132, with some amendments.

Resolved, That the Committee accept e-petition 643540, with some amendments.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 1 pm

Wednesday 25 October 2023

e-petition 643418 was removed under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 3 March 2020.

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee

(i) Members of the Committee

Scott Benton MP

5 July 2022: Register of Members' Interest (as at 27 June 2022)

Employment and earnings

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

- 8 July 2021, received £275 for a survey completed in June 2021. Hours: 1 hr 10 mins. (Registered 19 July 2021)
- 12 January 2022, received £225 for a survey completed in December 2021. Hours: 1 hr 10 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)
- Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for surveys:
 - 27 May 2021, received £120 for a survey completed in May 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 15 June 2021)
 - 9 December 2021, received £100 for a survey completed in November 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 05 January 2022)
 - 13 January 2022, received £150 for a survey completed in January 2022. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 18 January 2022)

Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Gamesys Group

Address of donor: 10 Piccadilly, London W1J 0DD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality for myself at England v Czech Republic football game, value £1,537.60

Date received: 22 June 2021

Date accepted: 22 June 2021

Donor status: company, registration 10303804
(Registered 02 July 2021)

Name of donor: Betting and Gaming Council
Address of donor: 1st Floor, 90 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EU
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality at Royal Ascot, valued at £1,400
Date received: 17 June 2021
Date accepted: 17 June 2021
Donor status: company, registration 12213577
(Registered 07 July 2021)

Name of donor: McDonalds Restaurant Ltd
Address of donor: 11/59 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 8AW
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality at the FA Community Shield Football Game for two people, total value £700
Date received: 7 August 2021
Date accepted: 7 August 2021
Donor status: company, registration 01002769
(Registered 26 August 2021)

Name of donor: Betting and Gaming Council (BGC)
Address of donor: 1st Floor, 90 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EU
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Entrance to and hospitality at the Brit Awards, O2 Centre, London, total value £1,164
Date received: 8 February 2022
Date accepted: 8 February 2022
Donor status: company, registration 12213577
(Registered 28 February 2022)

Name of donor: English Football League
Address of donor: EFL House, 10-12 West Cliff, Preston PR1 8HU
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality for the Championship Play Off Final, with a guest, value £700
Date received: 29 May 2022
Date accepted: 29 May 2022
Donor status: company, registration 00080612
(Registered 15 June 2022)

Gifts and benefits from sources outside the UK

Name of donor: Entain Operations Ltd

Address of donor: Suite 6, Atlantic Suites, Europort, Gibraltar

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket and hospitality for me at Wimbledon, value £1,100

Date received: 1 July 2021

Date accepted: 1 July 2021

Donor status: company, registration number 112454
(Registered 12 July 2021)

Name of donor: Entain Operations Ltd

Address of donor: Suite 6, Atlantic Suites, Europort, Gibraltar

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket and hospitality for me at England v Denmark football match, value £3,457

Date received: 7 July 2021

Date accepted: 7 July 2021

Donor status: company, registration 112454
(Registered 12 July 2021)

Miscellaneous

From 1 February 2020, member of Blackpool Town Funds Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 24 January 2020)

Cat Smith MP

24 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 16 October 2023)

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 £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)