

Proceedings of the Committee

Wednesday 14 July 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair¹

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran
Richard Graham

Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald
Sajid Javid
Stephen Lloyd
Shabana Mahmood

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee's working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the Committee approves the use of electronic equipment by Members during public and private meetings, provided that they are used in accordance with the rules and customs of the House.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Department for Work and Pensions at Caxton House, London SW1 in July.

¹ Miss Anne Begg was elected as Chair of the Committee on 9 June 2010, in accordance with Standing Order No. 122B (see House of Commons Vote and Proceedings, 10 June 2010).

4. Petition

The Committee considered the petition to the House from Maureen Faith and residents in sheltered accommodation in Kitkatts Road, Canvey Island and others relating to wheelchair access for care home residents.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 July at 4.00 pm.]

Tuesday 20 July

The Chair, Harriett Baldwin, Karen Bradley, Ms Karen Buck, Margaret Curran, Richard Graham, Kate Green, Mr Oliver Heald, Sajid Javid, Stephen Lloyd and Shabana Mahmood visited the Department for Work and Pensions, Caxton House, London SW1 in accordance with the Committee's decision of 14 July.

Monday 26 July 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran
Richard Graham

Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald
Stephen Lloyd
Shabana Mahmood

1. DWP Main Estimate 2010-11

Ordered, That the Department for Work and Pensions Memorandum to the Committee on the Main Estimate 2010-11 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the impact of the changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Youth unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund.

3. Housing Benefit

Ordered, That Professor Steve Wilcox be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the impact of the changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget.

Professor Wilcox declared an interest relevant to the Committee's work as an unpaid member of the Department for Work and Pensions Housing Benefit Strategy Committee.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 September at 4.00 pm.]

Monday 6 September 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Kate Green
Karen Bradley	Mr Oliver Heald
Ms Karen Buck	Sajid Javid
Margaret Curran	Stephen Lloyd
Richard Graham	Shabana Mahmood

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 September at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 8 September 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Karen Bradley	Sajid Javid
Margaret Curran	Shabana Mahmood
Kate Green	

1. Government Responses to Reports from the Committee in the last Parliament

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth Unemployment

Ordered, That Professor Alan McGregor and Dr Richard Dorsett be appointed as Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into youth unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund.

Professor McGregor declared that he had no interests relevant to the Committee's work.

Dr Dorsett declared that he had no interests relevant to the Committee's work.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 September at 9.10 am.]

Wednesday 15 September 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Kate Green
Karen Bradley	Mr Oliver Heald
Ms Karen Buck	Sajid Javid
Margaret Curran	Stephen Lloyd
Richard Graham	Shabana Mahmood

1. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Citizens' Advice Bureau in London in connection with the inquiry into changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

- HB01 Danny Hardie
- HB02 Snowden Award Scheme
- HB03 Zacchaeus Trust
- HB04 Building and Social Housing Foundation
- HB05 Notting Hill Housing Group
- HB06 Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
- HB07 Lister Housing Co-operative
- HB08 Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
- HB09 National Federation of Property Professionals
- HB10 Catch22
- HB11 South Yorkshire Housing Association (SYHA)
- HB12 Citizens Advice Bureau
- HB13 North West Landlords' Association
- HB14 Fast Trak Solutions (FTS)
- HB15 New Charter Housing Trust Group

- HB16 Riverside Group
- HB17 East London Housing Partnership
- HB18 London Borough of Camden
- HB19 Papworth Trust
- HB20 Conservative Administration of Brighton & Hove City Council
- HB21 Mencap
- HB22 Westminster Community Network
- HB23 Durham County Council's Revenues and Benefits and Welfare Rights Services
- HB24 Kirklees Council
- HB25 Down's Syndrome Association
- HB26 Disability Benefits Consortium
- HB27 Crisis
- HB28 London Borough of Islington
- HB29 Family Action
- HB30 Homeless Link
- HB31 Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University
- HB32 Salvation Army
- HB33 West London Housing Partnership
- HB34 Peabody
- HB35 Child Poverty Action Group
- HB36 Age UK
- HB37 Camden Federation of Private Tenants
- HB38 Mayor of London
- HB39 Leonard Cheshire Disability
- HB40 Paddington Citizens Advice Bureau
- HB41 London Borough of Newham
- HB42 Local Housing Allowance Reform Group
- HB43 Barnardo's
- HB44 Resolution Foundation
- HB45 Defend Council Housing
- HB46 National Association of Welfare Rights Advisers
- HB47 Birmingham City Council
- HB48 TUC
- HB49 Housing Rights Service
- HB50 Gingerbread
- HB51 Westminster City Council
- HB52 Guinness Northern Counties Housing Association
- HB53 Association of Housing Advice Services
- HB54 National Federation of Arm's Length Management Organisations
- HB55 St Mungo's
- HB57 Contact a Family
- HB58 Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation
- HB59 Local Government Association
- HB60 Affinity Sutton

- HB61 Council of Mortgage Lenders
- HB62 Tameside MBC
- HB63 Centrepont
- HB64 London Councils
- HB65 British Property Federation
- HB66 National Housing Federation
- HB67 Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
- HB68 Residential Landlords Association
- HB69 Citizens Advice Northern Ireland
- HB70 Department for Work and Pensions
- HB71 Children Schools and Families
- HB72 Shelter
- HB73 Equality and Human Rights Commission
- HB74 Sunderland City Council
- HB75 Chartered Institute of Housing
- HB76 Law Centre (NI)
- HB77 Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

2. Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund

Resolved, That the Committee visit a Future Jobs Fund project in London in connection with the inquiry into youth unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into youth unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

- FJF01 Cute Dog Consulting
- FJF02 Creative Development Consultancy
- FJF03 St Pauls Community Development Trust
- FJF04 Warwickshire County Council
- FJF05 Social Enterprise Solutions
- FJF06 Swansea Council for Voluntary Services
- FJF07 Wales Council for Voluntary Action
- FJF08 Acacia Destiny
- FJF09 East Lothian Council
- FJF10 Wakefield Council
- FJF11 Birmingham City Council
- FJF12 Scout Enterprises (Western) Ltd
- FJF13 National Children's Bureau
- FJF14 Social Enterprise London
- FJF15 Glasgow City Council/Glasgow Works
- FJF16 Stoke on Trent City Council
- FJF17 Social Enterprise Coalition
- FJF18 Crisis UK

- FJF19 St Mungo's
- FJF20 Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations
- FJF21 Community Skills Partnership
- FJF22 Catch 22
- FJF23 Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council
- FJF24 Oxfordshire County Council
- FJF25 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough
- FJF26 Norfolk County Council
- FJF27 Resolution Foundation
- FJF28 New Deal of the Mind
- FJF29 Portsmouth City Council
- FJF30 Association of Colleges
- FJF31 Groundwork UK
- FJF32 Hampshire County Council
- FJF33 Pathways Community Interest Company
- FJF34 Novas Scarman
- FJF35 Community Empowerment Ltd
- FJF36 Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- FJF37 National Day Nurseries Association
- FJF38 Transforming a Generation
- FJF39 Royal Opera House
- FJF40 Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- FJF41 South London Business
- FJF42 Somerset County Council
- FJF43 Wigan Council
- FJF44 Durham County Council
- FJF45 Bolsover District Council
- FJF46 Working Links
- FJF47 Lewisham Strategic Partnership
- FJF48 Salvation Army
- FJF49 National Young Volunteers Service
- FJF50 Gloucestershire First
- FJF51 South East Diamonds for Investment & Growth
- FJF52 Birmingham and Black Country City Region
- FJF53 Royal British Legion Industries
- FJF54 Rhyl City Strategy
- FJF55 Scottish Sports Association
- FJF57 Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Future Jobs Fund Partnership
- FJF58 Liverpool City Region
- FJF59 Centrepont
- FJF60 Suffolk County Council
- FJF61 North Tyneside Council
- FJF62 North Yorkshire Learning Consortium Limited
- FJF63 Trades Union Congress
- FJF64 Association of Learning Providers

- FJF65 Barnardo's
- FJF66 Local Government Association
- FJF67 National Skills Academy for Sport & Active Leisure
- FJF68 Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations
- FJF69 Department for Work and Pensions

3. EU policy on welfare and pensions

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in December to discuss EU policy on welfare and pensions.

4. Government Responses to Reports from the Committee in the last Parliament

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Nomination of members to a European Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Work of the Department for Work and Pensions

Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Sir Leigh Lewis, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 October at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 13 October 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Karen Bradley	Sajid Javid
Richard Graham	Stephen Lloyd
Kate Green	Shabana Mahmood

1. Government Responses to Reports from the Committee in the last Parliament

Draft Special Report, *The Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission and the Child Support Agency's Operational Improvement Plan: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2009–10*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Third Report from the Committee in Session 2009–10 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.

Draft Special Report, *Management and Administration of Contracted Employment Programmes: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2009–10*: proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee in Session 2009–10 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.

Draft Special Report, *Local Housing Allowance: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2009–10*: proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee in Session 2009–10 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.

2. Work Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the contracting arrangements for the Work Programme.

3. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget.

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into youth unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FJF74 Hampshire County Council

FJF71 Kirklees Council

FJF75 Action for Children

FJF72 The Healthy Hub

FJF73 Cornwall Council
FJF76 Third Sector Consortium Management Sector LLP
FJF70 Confederation of British Industry
FJF78 Manchester City Council

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 October at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 19 October

The Chair, Harriett Baldwin, Karen Bradley and Kate Green visited the Citizens' Advice Bureau in London in connection with the inquiry into changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 September.

Wednesday 20 October 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Richard Graham
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Sajid Javid
Stephen Lloyd
Shabana Mahmood

1. Meeting with the Social Security Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Committee meet the Social Security Advisory Committee on 2 February 2011.

2. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget

Cllr Lib Peck, Lambeth Housing Lead Member and Nigel Minto, Head of Sustainable Communities, London Councils; and Cllr Mike Haines, Teignbridge District Council and Deputy Chairman, Environment and Housing Board, Local Government Association gave oral evidence.

Richard Capie, Director of Policy and Practice, and Sam Lister, Policy and Practice Officer, Chartered Institute of Housing; Roger Harding, Head of Policy, Research and Public Affairs, Shelter; and Alex Fenton, Research Associate, Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research gave oral evidence

Ian Fletcher, Director of Policy (Real Estate), British Property Federation; and Chris Town, Director, and Richard Jones, Policy Director, Residential Landlords Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 October at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 26 October 2010

The Chair, Harriett Baldwin, Karen Bradley and Kate Green visited Centrepunkt in Camberwell, London in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 September.

Wednesday 27 October 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Richard Graham
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Sajid Javid
Stephen Lloyd

1. EU policy on welfare and pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund

Harriett Baldwin declared a pecuniary interest as Vice Chair of the Social Investment Business. Social Investment Business has a 10% share in 3SC, which has received funding from the Future Jobs Fund.

Jackie Mould, Director, Be Birmingham; David Coyne, Executive Director, Glasgow Works; and Tony Hawkhead, Chief Executive, Groundwork UK, gave oral evidence.

Neil Carberry, Head of Employment, Pensions and Health & Safety Policy, and Emma Watkins, Head of Public Services Policy, Confederation of British Industry; Professor Paul Gregg, Professor of Economics, University of Bristol; and Tracy Fishwick, Associate of the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 3 November 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham
Richard Graham
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Sajid Javid
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Declaration of interests

Alex Cunningham, Glenda Jackson and Teresa Pearce declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 budget

Lord Freud, Minister for Welfare Reform, Neil Couling, Benefit Strategy Director, and Paul Howarth, Divisional Manager, Housing Benefit Strategy Division, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 8 November at 4.30 pm.]

Monday 8 November 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham
Richard Graham
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Sajid Javid
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 budget

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 10 November 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham
Richard Graham
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund

Harriett Baldwin declared a pecuniary interest as Vice Chair of the Social Investment Business. Social Investment Business has a 10% share in 3SC, which has received funding from the Future Jobs Fund.

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Minister for Employment; Mark Fisher, Director, and Julia Sweeney, Deputy Director, Jobseekers and Skills, Department for Work and Pensions; and Claire Burton, Head of Apprenticeships Unit, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills/Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 17 November 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Work Programme

Ordered, that Mr Ian Mulheirn be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements.

Ian Mulheirn declared an interest as Director of the Social Market Foundation, in that some of the Foundation's work has been sponsored by private and third sector employment service providers.

Resolved, that the Committee visit the United States in February/March 2011 in connection with the inquiry into the Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements.

Ordered, That the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit to the United States.

2. DWP Main Estimate 2011-12

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Universal Credit

Resolved, that that Committee inquire into the Universal Credit.

4. Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 December at 4.30 pm.]

Tuesday 7 December and Wednesday 8 December 2010

The Chair, Harriett Baldwin, Andrew Bingham, Karen Bradley, Alex Cunningham, Kate Green, Mr Oliver Heald and Stephen Lloyd visited Brussels to discuss EU policy on welfare and pensions, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 September.

Monday 13 December 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Brandon Lewis
Karen Bradley	Stephen Lloyd
Alex Cunningham	Teresa Pearce
Kate Green	

1. Declarations of interest

Andrew Bingham and Brandon Lewis declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. DWP Winter Supplementary Estimate 2010-11

Ordered, That the Department for Work and Pensions Memorandum to the Committee on the Winter Supplementary Estimate 2010/11 be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

3. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

WP01 Association of Disabled Professionals
 WP02 Remploy
 WP03 St Loye's Foundation
 WP04 RNIB
 WP05 Faculty of Occupational Medicine
 WP06 Dorset County Council - CEDOS – ADEPT
 WP07 Reed In Partnership
 WP08 London Borough of Newham
 WP09 James Peter Cusack
 WP10 Royal National Institute for the Deaf
 WP11 Seetec
 WP12 Local Government Association
 WP13 Royal British Legion Industries
 WP14 The Prince's Trust
 WP15 Lifelong Learning UK
 WP16 Confederation of British Industries
 WP17 Social Firms UK
 WP18 G4S
 WP19 Public and Commercial Services Union
 WP20 Department for Work and Pensions
 WP21 Age UK
 WP22 A4e Group
 WP23 Association of Colleges
 WP24 Centre for Mental Health, Mind, Rethink and the Royal College of Psychiatrists
 WP25 Working Links
 WP26 Barnardo's
 WP27 Community Links
 WP28 Wise Group
 WP29 Employment Related Services Association
 WP30 Association of Learning Providers
 WP31 Papworth Trust
 WP32 MyWorkSearch Ltd
 WP33 BTCV
 WP34 Scope
 WP35 Scottish Association for Mental Health
 WP36 Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO)

4. Visteon UK company pension scheme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Work Programme

The Committee considered the arrangements for its visit to the United States in connection with this inquiry.

7. Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund

Draft Report (Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund) 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 in the First Report of the Committee, HC 472.

8. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 December at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 15 December 2010

MORNING SITTING

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham

Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald
Brandon Lewis
Teresa Pearce

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till this day at 2.30 pm.]

Wednesday 15 December 2010

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Alex Cunningham
Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald

3. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget

Draft Report (Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget) 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 in the First Report of the Committee, HC 469.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 December at 4.30 pm.]

Monday 20 December 2010

Members present:

Miss Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham

Brandon Lewis
Teresa Pearce

1. Universal Credit

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into Universal Credit be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

- UC01 Royal National Institute of Blind People
- UC02 Reform
- UC03 Oxfordshire Welfare Rights
- UC04 Association of Charity Officers
- UC05 HomeWorkers Worldwide
- UC06 Govtech Solutions Limited
- UC07 City of York Council
- UC08 J Millar and T Ridge, University of Bath
- UC09 Surrey Welfare Rights Unit
- UC10 Blaby District Council
- UC11 Professor Ruth Lister, Loughborough University

UC12 Fran Bennett, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Oxford

UC13 Royal National Institute for the Deaf

UC14 Scottish Association for Mental Health

UC15 BENX Benefit Review Group

UC16 Thanet District Council

UC17 Working Families

2. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 12 January 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin

Andrew Bingham

Karen Bradley

Alex Cunningham

Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald

Glenda Jackson

Brandon Lewis

Stephen Lloyd

Teresa Pearce

1. Child maintenance and child poverty

Ordered, That an exchange of letters with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to child maintenance and child poverty be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

2. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Committee hold a pre-appointment hearing for the post of Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee.

4. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

Harriett Baldwin declared a pecuniary interest as Vice Chair of the Social Investment Business, which invests in organisations that operate public service contracts, including employment-related contracts.

Stephen Evans, Director of Employment and Skills, London Development Agency; Professor Dan Finn, Professor of Social Inclusion, University of Portsmouth and Associate Director, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion; Dr Maria Hudson, Senior Research Fellow, Policy Studies Institute at the University of Westminster; and Dave Simmonds, Chief Executive, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 19 January 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Glenda Jackson
Andrew Bingham	Brandon Lewis
Alex Cunningham	Stephen Lloyd
Kate Green	Teresa Pearce
Mr Oliver Heald	

1. Department for Work and Pensions Business Plan 2011-2015

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Westminster Hall debates

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 26 January 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Stephen Lloyd
Alex Cunningham	Teresa Pearce
Kate Green	

1. Universal Credit

Mike Brewer, Deputy Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; Dr Patrick Nolan, Chief Economist, Reform; and Dr Stephen Brien, Chairman of the Economic Dependency Working Group, Centre for Social Justice, gave oral evidence.

Emily Holzhausen, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Carers UK; Sam Royston, Policy and Campaigns Officer, Family Action; and Jim Vine, Head of Programme (UK Housing Policy and Practice), Building and Social Housing Foundation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 2 February 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Brandon Lewis
Alex Cunningham	Stephen Lloyd
Kate Green	Teresa Pearce

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter

2. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee

The Committee considered this matter

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter

4. Pension reforms

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Government's pension reforms.

5. Employment and Support Allowance

Resolved, That the Committee visit Burnley in March in connection with its work on the migration to Employment and Support Allowance.

6. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

Harriett Baldwin declared a pecuniary interest as Vice Chair of the Social Investment Business, which invests in organisations that operate public service contracts, including employment-related contracts.

Brandon Lewis declared an interest in that his office had provided work experience placements for individuals through the Prince's Trust.

Councillor Stephen Houghton, Leader, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council; Jonny Boux, Head of Employment Links, Community Links; Caroline Taunt, Head of Fundraising (Prime Contractors), The Prince's Trust; and Christopher Knee, Chief Executive Officer, St. Loye's Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, and Rob Murdoch, Chair, Employment Related Services Association (ERSA); Sean Williams, Managing Director, G4S Welfare to Work; Richard Johnson, Managing Director, Serco Welfare to Work; and Laurie Russell, Chief Executive, The Wise Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 9 February 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee hold a meeting with disability organisations to discuss Government reforms.

2. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

The Committee considered this matter

3. Universal Credit

Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; Neil Couling, Benefit Strategy Director; and Terry Moran, Director General Universal Credit, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 16 February 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Brandon Lewis
Alex Cunningham	Stephen Lloyd
Kate Green	Teresa Pearce

1. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

The Committee considered this matter

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 March at 9.15 am.]

28 February – 5 March 2011

The Chair, Karen Bradley, Kate Green and Oliver Heald visited Wisconsin and New York City in connection with the inquiry into the Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 17 November 2010.

Wednesday 9 March 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Brandon Lewis
Alex Cunningham	Stephen Lloyd
Kate Green	Teresa Pearce

1. Employment and Support Allowance

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the migration to Employment and Support Allowance.

2. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee

The Committee considered this matter

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund

Draft Special Report, *Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2010–11*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the First Report from the Committee in Session 2010–11 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.

5. Pension reforms

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the Government's pension reforms be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- PR01 Alison Rooks
- PR02 Danny Hardie
- PR03 Julia C Clay
- PR04 Mrs Marion Hale
- PR05 James Nelson
- PR06 Brian Harvard
- PR 07 Elizabeth Cranmer
- PR 08 Helen Draper
- PR09 Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development
- PR10 Society of Pensions Consultants
- PR11 Investment Management Association
- PR12 Citizen's Advice Bureau
- PR13 VocaLink
- PR14 Saga
- PR15 GMB

- PR16 Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers
- PR17 British Australian Pensioner Association
- PR18 National Union of Rail Maritime and Transport Workers
- PR19 Association of British Insurers
- PR20 Aviva
- PR21 Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance
- PR22 Prospect
- PR23 TUC
- PR 24 Age UK
- PR 25 National Association of Pension Funds
- PR 26 Federation of Small Businesses
- PR 27 Pensions Policy Institute
- PR 28 National Federation of Occupational Pensioners
- PR 29 Wm Morrison Supermarket plc
- PR 30 M Seal
- PR 31 T Cox

Brandon Lewis declared an interest in that he had received donations to his constituency association from small and medium enterprises, as recorded in the Register of Members' Financial Interests.

Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; Evelyn Arnold, Head of State Pension Division, Department for Work and Pensions; and David Haigh, Deputy Director, Workplace Pension Reform Division, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

6. Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget

Draft Special Report, *Changes to Housing Benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2010–11*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Second Report from the Committee in Session 2010–11 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.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 March at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 14 March 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham

Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald
Brandon Lewis
Teresa Pearce

1. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

WP38 Mencap and National Autistic Society

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Minister for Employment; Mark Fisher, Jobseekers and Skills Director; and Alan Cave, Delivery Director, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 March at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 16 March 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Alex Cunningham

Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd

1. Department for Work and Pensions Spring Supplementary Estimate 2010-11

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Employment and Support Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Remploy.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 March at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 30 March 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson

1. Pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Pension Protection Fund in Croydon in May and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) in Borough, London in June.

2. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee

Mr Deep Sagar, the Government's preferred candidate for the post of Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee gave oral evidence

Draft Report (Appointment of the Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee) 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 in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 904-I.

3. Social Security Advisory Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Child maintenance

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into child maintenance

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 27 April 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Brandon Lewis
Kate Green	Stephen Lloyd
Mr Oliver Heald	Teresa Pearce

1. Social Security Advisory Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. DWP Spring Supplementary Estimate 2010-11

Ordered, That the Memorandum received from the Department for Work and Pensions on the Department's Spring Supplementary Estimate be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

3. Employment and Support Allowance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the migration to Employment and Support Allowance be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

ESA01	John Heeps
ESA02	Mrs M Bernard
ESA03	Mr S Gibbons
ESA04	Dr Sarah Campbell
ESA05	Patricia Oakley
ESA06	Peter Higginson
ESA07	Samantha Fulstow
ESA08	Helena Cairns
ESA09	Professor Paul Gregg
ESA10	North West Mental Health Welfare Rights Group
ESA11	Carole Rutherford
ESA12	West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau
ESA13	Sarah Ross

ESA14	Ursula Moss
ESA15	NAT
ESA16	Low Income Tax Reform Group
ESA17	RNIB
ESA18	Citizens Advice Scotland
ESA19	Oxfordshire Welfare Rights
ESA20	Jaki Tean
ESA21	Anne May
ESA22	CarerWatch
ESA23	Julia Cameron
ESA24	ACT NOW
ESA25	Elina Rigler
ESA26	Middlesbrough Welfare Rights Unit
ESA27	Steve Punter
ESA28	Advice Services Coventry
ESA29	Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
ESA30	Zechariah Richardson
ESA31	Darren Thomas
ESA32	David Gillon
ESA33	Law Centre Northern Ireland
ESA34	Age UK
ESA35	A4e
ESA36	Patricia Williams
ESA37	Citizens Advice
ESA38	Penny Meade
ESA39	Papworth Trust
ESA40	Joint Mental Health Sector Response
ESA41	Catherine Burns
ESA42	M Turner
ESA43	Steve Turner
ESA44	Eleanor Wakeling
ESA45	Advice Network
ESA46	Rhydian Fon James
ESA47	Mindfulness Programme
ESA48	Stockton CAB
ESA49	Action for ME
ESA50	Disability Alliance
ESA51	Mental Health Resistance Network
ESA52	Valerie Crane
ESA53	Heather Price
ESA54	Susan Marsh
ESA55	Caroline Richardson
ESA56	Department for Work and Pensions
ESA57	Careers Development Group
ESA58	RSI Action

ESA59 Advanced Personnel Management
ESA60 Employment Related Services Association
ESA61 Tom Greatrex MP

4. Ensuring the Adequacy of Retirement Income

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into ensuring the adequacy of retirement income.

5. Draft Report: Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

Draft Report (*Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements*) 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 in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 718-I.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 May at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 4 May 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Teresa Pearce
Kate Green	

1. Ensuring the adequacy of retirement income

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Child Maintenance

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Employment and Support Allowance

Harriett Baldwin declared a pecuniary interest as Vice Chair of the Social Investment Business, which invests in organisations that operate public service contracts, including employment-related contracts.

Sue Royston, Social Policy Officer responsible for Sickness and Disability Benefits, Citizens Advice Bureau; Roy O'Shaughnessy, Chief Executive, Careers Development Group; Prof Paul Gregg, Department of Economics, University of Bristol; and Jane Harris, Associate Director of Communications and Campaigns, Rethink gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 May at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 11 May 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Child Maintenance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into Child Maintenance be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

CM01 The Fatherhood Institute
CM02 Low Incomes Tax Reform Group
CM03 Dr Christine M Davies
CM04 Barnardo's
CM05 Centre for Separated Families
CM06 Gingerbread
CM07 Advice NI
CM08 National Family Mediation
CM09 Where's My Dad

2. Employment and Support Allowance

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Atos Medical Examination Centre in London in June in connection with the inquiry into the migration to ESA.

3. Remploy

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest as a member of the GMB Union, which had provided funding to the constituency association during the election campaign.

Kate Green declared an interest as a member of the GMB Union, which had provided supported telephone calls by the Labour Party's national call centre to voters in the constituency during the election campaign.

Phil Davies, GMB National Secretary (Manufacturing Section), Les Woodward, Senior GMB Convenor, Remploy Swansea and Kathleen Walker Shaw, European Officer, GMB; Kevin Hepworth, Regional Officer, Unite; and Ian Russell CBE, Chair and Tim Matthews, Chief Executive, Remploy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 May at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 16 May 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Kate Green

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Child Maintenance

Nick Woodall, Policy and Development, Centre for Separated Families; Caroline Bryson, Social Science Researcher; Adrienne Burgess, Head of Research, Fatherhood Institute; Janet Allbeson, Policy Adviser, Gingerbread; June Venters QC; and Stephen Geraghty, former Commissioner of the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 May at 9.15 am]

Wednesday 18 May 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Employment and Support Allowance

Lisa Coleman, General Manager, DWP Medical Services, Dr Laura Crawford, Clinical Director and Professor Michael O'Donnell, Chief Medical Officer, Atos Healthcare; and Professor Malcolm Harrington, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 May at 4.25 pm.]

Monday 23 May 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Glenda Jackson
Teresa Pearce

1. Ensuring the adequacy of retirement income

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 June at 9.10 am.]

Tuesday 7 June 2011

The Chair, Harriett Baldwin, Andrew Bingham, Karen Bradley, Kate Green, Stephen Lloyd and Teresa Pearce visited the Atos Medical Examination Centre in Marylebone London in connection with the inquiry into the migration to Employment and Support Allowance, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 May 2011.

Wednesday 8 June 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald

Stephen Lloyd
Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Teresa Pearce

1. DWP Main Estimate 2010-11

Ordered, That the Department for Work and Pensions Memorandum on the Main Estimate 2011-12 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Ensuring the adequacy of retirement income

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Child maintenance

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Employment and Support Allowance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the migration to Employment and Support Allowance be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

ESA 62 Equality 2025

ESA 63 Independent Resource Centre Clydebank

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Minister for Employment; Karen Foulds, IB/IS to ESA Migration Project Manager, Jobcentre Plus; and Dr Bill Gunnyeon, Director for Health, Work and Wellbeing, Chief Medical Adviser and Chief Scientist, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 June at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 15 June 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin

Andrew Bingham

Karen Bradley

Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald

Glenda Jackson

Brandon Lewis

Teresa Pearce

1. Estimate Day debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petitions

The Committee considered petitions to the House concerning the Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance: members, volunteers and supporters of the Chippenham Gateway Club; care home residents and others concerned for their welfare; Muscular Dystrophy Campaign and others.

4. Employment and Support Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Child Maintenance

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into child maintenance be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

CM10-NACSA

CM11-Caroline Bryson

CM12- Stephen Geraghty

Maria Miller MP, Minister for Disabled People; Dame Janet Paraskeva, Chair and Noel Shanahan, Chief Executive Office and Commissioner, Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 June at 9.25 am.]

Tuesday 21 June 2011

The Chair, Harriett Baldwin, Andrew Bingham, Kate Green, Stephen Lloyd and Teresa Pearce visited the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) in London in connection with its work on pensions reform, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 March 2011.

Wednesday 22 June 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin

Andrew Bingham

Karen Bradley

Kate Green

Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd

Teresa Pearce

1. Employment support for disabled people

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 June at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 29 June 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Declaration of interests

Debbie Abrahams declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix)

2. DWP Statistics

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Child maintenance

Draft Report (The Government's proposed child maintenance reforms) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 1047)

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 July at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 6 July 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Kate Green

Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd

1. Westminster Hall debates

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pensions

Ordered, That Alan Woods be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to pensions. Alan Woods declared his interests (see Appendix).

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST).

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace the Disability Living Allowance.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report 2011.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in December 2011 to discuss EU policy on welfare and pensions.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 July at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 13 July 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Kate Green
Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Teresa Pearce

1. Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements

Draft Special Report, *Work Programme: providers and contracting arrangements: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2010–12*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee in Session 2010–12 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.

2. The role of incapacity benefit reassessment in helping claimants into employment

Draft Report (*The role of incapacity benefit reassessment in helping claimants into employment*) 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 in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1015.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 September at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 7 September 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Teresa Pearce

1. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NEST 1	Henry Tapper
NEST 2	FairPensions
NEST 3	Consumer Focus
NEST 4	Aviva
NEST 5	Royal Society of Arts' Tomorrow's Investor Programme
NEST 6	Centre for Retirement Reform
NEST 7	National Association of Pension Funds
NEST 8	Society of Pension Consultants
NEST 9	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
NEST 10	Forum of Private Business
NEST 11	Legal & General
NEST 12	Nick Wood
NEST 13	Age UK
NEST 14	Building and Civil Engineering Benefit Schemes
NEST 15	Investment and Life Assurance Group
NEST 16	Aon Hewitt
NEST 17	Compass Group PLC

NEST 18	Mercer
NEST 19	Dean Wetton Advisory
NEST 20	Tax Incentivised Savings Association
NEST 21	Financial Services Consumer Panel
NEST 22	Pensions Management Institute
NEST 23	Friends Life
NEST 24	GMB
NEST 25	Pensions Policy Institute
NEST 26	Trades Union Congress
NEST 27	AEGON UK
NEST 28	Jardine Lloyd Thompson
NEST 29	Association of British Insurers
NEST 30	KPMG LLP
NEST 31	Universities and Colleges Employers Association
NEST 32	Royal London Group
NEST 33	Supertrust UK Master Trust
NEST 34	Investment Management Association
NEST 35	Recruitment and Employment Confederation
NEST 36	Prudential

2. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- PIP 1 Robert Leonard Brown
- PIP 2 Kevin Kelleher
- PIP 3 Martin Wilsher
- PIP 4 Lisa Egan
- PIP 5 Centre for Mental Health, Hafal, Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Scottish Association for Mental Health
- PIP 6 The Children's Society
- PIP 7 Trades Union Congress
- PIP 8 National Centre for Independent Living
- PIP 9 Mencap
- PIP 10 Citizens Advice
- PIP 11 Disability Benefits Consortium
- PIP 12 Carers UK
- PIP 13 Creative Support
- PIP 14 Inclusion London
- PIP 15 Sofie Rosemary Haidon
- PIP 16 Oxfordshire Welfare Rights
- PIP 17 Muscular Dystrophy Campaign

- PIP 18 Citizens Advice Scotland
- PIP 19 North West Mental Health and Welfare Rights Group
- PIP 20 Ecas
- PIP 21 MS Society
- PIP 22 Margery M Browning
- PIP 23 Richmond Citizens Advice Bureau Service
- PIP 24 Papworth Trust
- PIP 25 Motor Neurone Disease Association
- PIP 26 Every Disabled Child Matters
- PIP 27 Mental Health Advocacy Project (West Lothian)
- PIP 28 CLIC Sargent
- PIP 29 Law Centre Northern Ireland
- PIP 30 Association of British Insurers
- PIP 31 National AIDS Trust
- PIP 32 Community Mental Health Team (Kentish Town)
- PIP 33 Local Government Association Social Security Advisers Group
- PIP 34 Scottish Disability Equality Forum
- PIP 35 RNIB, Action for Blind People, Guide Dogs, Sense, Visionary, National Blind Children's Society, SeeAbility and the National Federation of the Blind
- PIP 36 The National Deaf Children's Society
- PIP 37 Headway - the brain injury association
- PIP 38 ECDP
- PIP 39 Scope
- PIP 40 Yare Valley & District Citizens Advice Bureau
- PIP 41 Macmillan Cancer Support
- PIP 42 ENABLE Scotland
- PIP 43 The National Autistic Society
- PIP 44 Danka Gordon
- PIP 45 Sense
- PIP 46 Contact a Family
- PIP 47 South Lanarkshire Council Money Matters Advice Service
- PIP 48 Scottish Campaign on Welfare Reform
- PIP 49 Motability
- PIP 50 David Gillon
- PIP 51 London Borough of Lambeth
- PIP 52 Professor Steve Fothergill, Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research, Sheffield Hallam University

3. Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 September at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 14 September 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Andrew Bingham
Glenda Jackson
Kate Green

Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd

1. Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NEST 37	British Chamber of Commerce
NEST 38	Department for Work and Pensions
NEST 39	National Employment Savings Trust
NEST 40	Federation of Small Businesses
NEST 41	Scottish Widows

3. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PIP 53	Department for Work and Pensions
PIP 54	Convention Of Scottish Local Authorities
PIP 55	Arthur Rucker

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 October at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 12 October 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Glenda Jackson
Mr Oliver Heald
Brandon Lewis
Teresa Pearce

1. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit South Wales in November 2011 in connection with this inquiry.

2. Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit New Zealand (and Australia) in January 2012 in connection with this inquiry.

Ordered, That the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit New Zealand (and Australia).

Baroness Jeannie Drake; Paul Johnson, Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; and David Pitt-Watson, Hermes Equity Ownership Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 19 October 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Glenda Jackson

Mr Oliver Heald
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd

1. Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Government responses to committee reports

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest as a recipient of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance.

Professor Steve Fothergill, Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research, Sheffield Hallam University; Sue Royston, Social Policy Officer, Citizens Advice; Professor Roy Sainsbury, Research Director, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York; and Claudia Wood, Head of Public Services and Welfare Programme, Demos, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 October at 4.25 pm.]

Monday 24 October 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Andrew Bingham

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd

1. Social Security Advisory Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Coordination of benefits between EU member states

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 October at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 26 October 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams	Mr Oliver Heald
Harriett Baldwin	Glenda Jackson
Andrew Bingham	Brandon Lewis
Karen Bradley	Stephen Lloyd
Sheila Gilmore	Teresa Pearce

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 2 November 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams	Mr Oliver Heald
Harriett Baldwin	Glenda Jackson
Andrew Bingham	Brandon Lewis
Karen Bradley	Stephen Lloyd
Sheila Gilmore	Teresa Pearce

1. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

PIP 56 Professor Roy Sainsbury, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York

2. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

Resolved, That the Committee withdraw its bid to the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with a visit to New Zealand (and Australia) in January 2012 in connection with this inquiry.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

NEST 42 The Pensions Advisory Service

NEST 43 Which

NEST 44 CBI

NEST 45 Randstad UK Holding Limited

NEST 46 Now: Pensions

John Longworth, Director General, British Chambers of Commerce; Neil Carberry, Director of Employment Policy, Confederation of British Industry; Graeme Fisher, Head of Policy, Federation of Small Businesses; and Nigel Stanley, Head of Campaigns and Communications, Trades Union Congress, gave oral evidence.

Marta Phillips OBE, Chief Executive, and Alison-Jane Bailey, Head of Policy and Technical Development, The Pensions Advisory Service; and Niki Cleal, Director, and Chris Curry, Research Director, Pensions Policy Institute, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 9 November 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. The role of incapacity benefit reassessment in helping claimants into employment

Draft Special Report, *The role of incapacity benefit reassessment in helping claimants into employment: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2010–12*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee in Session 2010–12 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.

2. Child maintenance

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11

Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary of State, and Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 November at 4.25 pm.]

Monday 14 November 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham

Sheila Gilmore
Teresa Pearce

1. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Ensuring the adequacy of retirement income

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 November at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 22 November 2011

The Chair, Debbie Abrahams, Andrew Bingham and Sheila Gilmore visited South Wales in connection with the inquiry into the introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 October.

Wednesday 23 November 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Mr Oliver Heald
Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson

1. EU policy on welfare and pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

Neil Coyle, Director of Policy, Disability Alliance; Paul Farmer, Chief Executive, Mind; Amanda Batten, Director of External Affairs, National Autistic Society; Geoff Fimister, Campaigns Officer, RNIB; and Eugene Grant, Public Policy Officer, Scope, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 30 November 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham

Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis

1. European Parliament seminar on economic policy coordination, February 2012

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

Otto Thoresen, Director General, Association of British Insurers; Jonathan Lipkin, Head of Research and Pensions, Investment Management Association; Joanne Segars OBE, Chief Executive, National Association of Pension Funds; Martin Palmer, Head of Corporate Benefits Marketing, Friends Life; Adrian Boulding, Pensions Strategy Director, Legal & General; and Morten Nilsson, Chief Executive, and Nigel Waterson, Advisory Board Member, NOW: Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 December at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 12 December 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore

Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. EU policy on welfare and pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

PIP 35A Royal National Institute of Blind People

Maria Miller MP, Minister for Disabled People; James Bolton, Deputy Chief Medical Adviser; and Simon Dawson, Deputy Director, Independent Living and the Office for Disability Issues, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 December at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 14 December 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Sheila Gilmore
Mr Oliver Heald
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd

1. EU policy on welfare and pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Universal Credit

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Department for Work and Pensions offices in Warrington in March 2012 to discuss the IT system for Universal Credit.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

Lawrence Churchill CBE, Chair; Tim Jones, Chief Executive; and Mark Fawcett, Chief Investment Officer, National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 19 December at 4.30 pm.]

Monday 19 December 2011

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Harriett Baldwin

Andrew Bingham

Karen Bradley

Sheila Gilmore

Teresa Pearce

1. Child maintenance

Draft Special Report, *The Government's proposed child maintenance reforms: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2010–12*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee in Session 2010–12 was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Introduction of Personal Independence Payments to replace Disability Living Allowance

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into governance and best practice in occupational pension provision.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 11 January 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Mr Oliver Heald

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

Bill Galvin, Chief Executive; and Charles Counsell, Executive Director for Employer Compliance, The Pensions Regulator, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 18 January 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Sheila Gilmore
Mr Oliver Heald
Stephen Lloyd

1. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The labour market

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 January at 4.25 pm.]

Monday 23 January 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley

Sheila Gilmore
Brandon Lewis

1. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 25 January 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

Sheila Gilmore

1. Health and safety

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Work Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

Steve Webb MP, Minister of State for Pensions; and Jos Jours, Head of Workplace Pension Reform, DWP, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 1 February 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley

Sheila Gilmore
Mr Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Teresa Pearce

1. EU pensions and benefits policy

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Government support for the additional living costs of working-age disabled people

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 February at 2.15 pm.]

Monday 6 February 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams	Mr Oliver Heald
Harriett Baldwin	Glenda Jackson
Andrew Bingham	Brandon Lewis
Karen Bradley	Teresa Pearce
Sheila Gilmore	

1. Work Programme and Work Capability Assessments

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Government support towards the additional living costs of working-age disabled people

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 8 February 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Harriett Baldwin	Glenda Jackson
Andrew Bingham	Brandon Lewis
Karen Bradley	Stephen Lloyd
Sheila Gilmore	Teresa Pearce
Mr Oliver Heald	

1. EU policy on welfare and pensions

Resolved, That the Committee cancel its visit to Brussels in February 2012.

2. Government support for the additional living costs of working-age disabled people

Draft Report (*Government support towards the additional living costs of working-age disabled people*) 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 in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1493.

3. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Members present:

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore
Mr Oliver Heald

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Oliver Heald was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Work Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Universal Credit

Resolved, That the Committee postpone its visit to the Department for Work and Pensions offices in Warrington in March 2012 to discuss the IT system for Universal Credit.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into youth unemployment and the Youth Contract.

4. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

The Committee considered this matter.

5. European Commission White Paper on Pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Health and safety

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 29 February 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Brandon Lewis
Sheila Gilmore	Teresa Pearce

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Oliver Heald was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Health and safety

The Committee considered this matter.

2. European Commission White Paper on Pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Work Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 March at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 7 March 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams	Sheila Gilmore
Harriett Baldwin	Mr Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Karen Bradley	Stephen Lloyd

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Oliver Heald was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. DWP Supplementary Estimate 2011-12

Ordered, That the Memorandum received from the Department for Work and Pensions on the Department's Supplementary Estimate 2011-12 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust

Draft Report *Automatic enrolment in workplace pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust* 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 in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1494.

[Adjourned till Monday 19 March at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 19 March 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

In the absence of the Chair, Harriett Baldwin was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Nomination to European Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. EU pensions policy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into EU pensions policy be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Association of British Insurers (ABI)
Confederation of British Industry (CBI)
European Federation for Retirement Provision (EFRP)
National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF)

Trades Union Congress (TUC)

3. Work Programme

Harriett Baldwin declared a pecuniary interest as Vice Chair of the Social Investment Business, which invests in organisations that operate public service contracts, including employment-related contracts.

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Minister for Employment; Alan Cave, Contracted Customer Services Director, Department for Work and Pensions; and Chris Hayes, Labour Market and Conditionality Director, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 26 March at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 26 March 2012

Members present:

Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd

In the absence of the Chair, Karen Bradley was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. State Pension reform

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pensions

Ordered, That David Yeandle OBE be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to pensions. David Yeandle declared his interests (see Appendix).

3. Social Security Advisory Committee Triennial Review

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Health and safety

The Committee considered this matter.

6. EU pensions policy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into EU pensions policy be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

Association of British Insurers
Confederation of British Industry
European Federation for Retirement Provision
National Association of Pension Funds
Trades Union Congress

Maggie Craig, Director of Financial Conduct Regulation, Association of British Insurers; Neil Carberry, Director of Employment and Skills Policy, Confederation of British Industry; Matti Leppälä, Secretary General, European Federation for Retirement Provision; Joanne Segars OBE, Chief Executive, National Association of Pension Funds; and Nicola Smith, Head, Economic and Social Affairs Department, Trades Union Congress, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 April at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 18 April 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams	Sheila Gilmore
Andrew Bingham	Oliver Heald
Harriett Baldwin	Brandon Lewis
Karen Bradley	Stephen Lloyd

In the absence of the Chair, Oliver Heald was called to the Chair for the meeting.

4. End of session review of committee effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Youth unemployment

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into youth unemployment be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

YU1 Forum of Private Business
YU2 Department for Work and Pensions

YU3 Trades Union Congress
 YU4 Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations
 YU5 The Wise Group
 YU6 Working Links
 YU7 YMCA England
 YU8 Local Government Association
 YU9 Association of Employment and Learning Providers
 YU10 Learndirect
 YU11 Shaw Trust
 YU12 JHP Group
 YU13 Changemakers
 YU14 Gateshead Council
 YU15 UK Commission for Employment and Skills
 YU16 Careers Development Group
 YU17 The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
 YU18 New Economy
 YU19 Centrepont
 YU20 The Foyer Federation
 YU21 Prospects Services Ltd
 YU22 Employment Related Services Association
 YU23 Rehab Group
 YU24 Reachfor
 YU25 Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc
 YU26 A4e
 YU27 vInspired
 YU28 Avanta Enterprise Ltd
 YU29 Young Fabians
 YU30 Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion
 YU31 City & Guilds

7. Good governance in workplace pension schemes

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into good governance in workplace pension schemes be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

PG1	Federation of Small Businesses
PG2	HISL Limited
PG3	Pensions Action Group
PG4	Dimensional Fund Advisors
PG5	Dr Peter Lapinskas
PG6	Scottish Life
PG7	Saga
PG8	Investment Sub-Committee of the Association of Pension Lawyers

PG9	Royal Society of Arts Tomorrow's Investor Project
PG10	National Federation of Occupational Pensioners
PG11	Trades Union Congress
PG12	Standard Life Assurance Ltd.
PG13	Hargreaves Lansdown
PG14	Aon Hewitt
PG15	Fidelity Worldwide Investment
PG16	Pensions Management Institute
PG17	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
PG18	FairPensions
PG19	Mercer
PG20	PricewaterhouseCoopers
PG21	Friends Life
PG22	Ipsos MORI
PG23	Dean Wetton Advisory
PG24	Pensions Advisory Service
PG25	TheCityUK
PG26	ABI
PG27	NOW:Pensions
PG28	St. James's Place
PG29	Phoenix Group
PG30	Society of Pension Consultants (SPC)
PG31	National Association of Pension Funds
PG32	Association of Consulting Actuaries
PG33	Prudential
PG34	NEST
PG35	EEF
PG36	UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association
PG37	Pensions Policy Institute

8. Health and safety

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 23 April at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 23 April 2012

Members present:

Andrew Bingham
Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd

In the absence of the Chair, Stephen Lloyd was called to the Chair for the meeting.

9. EU Pensions Policy

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into EU pensions policy be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

Towers Watson

Karen van Hulle, Head of the Insurance and Pensions Unit, Directorate-General for the Internal Market and Services and Ralf Jacob, Head of Unit for Active Ageing, Pensions, Healthcare and Social Services, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, of the European Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 April at 1.20 pm.

Wednesday 25 April 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham

Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson

In the absence of the Chair, Harriett Baldwin was called to the Chair for the meeting.

10. Draft order on the transfer of functions of the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission (CMEC)

The Committee considered this matter.

Maria Miller MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Noel Shanahan, Chief Executive, Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 May at 9.15 am.

APPENDIX TO THE FORMAL MINUTES OF 14 JULY 2010

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Harriett Baldwin

Directorships: Social Investment Business, (investing in charities and social enterprises). Three days per month chairing Investment Committee for Futurebuilders Fund and as Vice Chair of the Board. (It has 10% ownership of the Third Sector Consortium).

Sponsorships: Donation to constituency association from Mr Bruce Bossom.

Shareholdings: Astley Research Ltd, consultancy; JP Morgan Chase, banking.

Holder of a self-invested pension fund.

Miss Anne Begg

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Fee of £75 received from Ipsos MORI for completion of survey.

Sponsorships: Donations to constituency association from National Administration Unit, Paisley, and GMB union.

Overseas visits: 16-17 July 2009 to visit Total's Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) demonstration plant in Lacq, SW France as a member of the British Offshore Oil and Gas Industry All Party Parliamentary Group. I was accompanied by a member of my staff. Total E&P UK met the costs of the visit.

In receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

Member of GMB and EIS trade unions.

President of the Blue Badge Network and the Shop Mobility National Federation.

Karen Bradley

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: use of a company car and health cover from previous employer, KPMG, London.

Sponsorships: Donations to constituency association from Biddulph Conservative and Unionist Club; JCB Research, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, and Westminster Dining Club, Biddulph.

Karen Buck

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payment for articles for "Regeneration and Renewal" magazine, Teddington, Middlesex (declared because some payments received within the last 12 months but I have now resigned from this role).

Margaret Curran

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Member of the Scottish Parliament. I receive one third of an MSP's salary. I will donate this to charity.

Member of the Commercial Workers' Union and Unite union. Member of Glasgow East Women's Aid.

Richard Graham

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Until 31 January 2010 Head of Institutional Business at Baring Asset Management (BAM) and Chairman of the International Financial Services Ltd (IFSL) Pensions Group (declared as I held these posts within the last year)

Sponsorships: Donations to the constituency association from Peter Batey, Nicholas Harris, Tom Henderson

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Occupational Pensions.

Kate Green

Sponsorships: Stretford and Urmston Labour Party; GMB union (supported telephone calls by the Labour Party's national call centre to voters in the constituency).

Member of the Child Poverty Action Group; The Fawcett Society; GMB and Unite unions; The Fabian Society

I am also expecting to be appointed a trustee of the Webb Memorial Trust shortly.

I am a financial supporter of Gingerbread and was formerly its Chief Executive.

Oliver Heald

Sponsorships: Royston Conservative Club.

I employ my wife, Christine Heald, as Office Manager.

Sajid Javid

Sponsorships: donations to the constituency association from Mr Rajeev Misra and Mr Wilf Gilbert

Land and Property: House in Bristol.

Shareholdings: Deutsche Bank AG

Trustee of the London Early Years Foundation (a charity that runs nurseries in London).

Previously a member of the Centre for Social Justice.

Stephen Lloyd

Directorships: DWD Ltd (provides advice to corporate clients on disability and diversity access) (I plan to resign from this post).

Sponsorships: Donations to the constituency association from Cllr Alex Hough, John Lloyd, David Evans, Henry Tinsley.

Patron of Hearing Concern Link.

I expect to become Patron of Age Concern Eastbourne.

Shabana Mahmood

Member of GMB and Unite trade unions.

3 November 2010: Declaration of interests by new Members of the Committee

Alex Cunningham

Directorships: Tees Valley Communicators Ltd, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland.

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: payment for completion of surveys for Ipsos MORI, London, June 2010, fee donated to constituency party; payment for completion of surveys for ComRes, London, June 2010, fee donated to charity and August 2010, fee donated to constituency party.

Sponsorships: Donation to the constituency party from UNISON, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK): first class rail pass for the period June 2010 to December 2011 donated by Grand Central Railway Company Ltd, York, used for parliamentary travel only.

Shareholdings: Tees Valley Communicators Ltd.

Member of the Labour Party UNISON group of MPs.

Glenda Jackson

Nil.

Teresa Pearce

Sponsorships: donation to the constituency party by GMB union.

Land and property: part share of a house in Uzes, France.

13 December 2010: Declaration of interests by new Members of the Committee

Andrew Bingham

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Member of High Peak Borough Council, Hayfield Road Chapel-en-le-Frith; Payment of £181.58 received in Councillor's

allowance and repayment of broadband expenses. Hours 20. No further payments to be made. (*Registered 10 August 2010*)

Sponsorships: Donations to the constituency association from Mr James Tyler; Mr Andrew Cook.

Partner (wife) is a Housing Benefit Fraud Manager at High Peak Borough Council

Brandon Lewis

Directorships: Director of Woodlands Schools Ltd. Received payment of £6,860 for 10 hours' work done prior to the general election and £4,658.72 for June–November 2010.

Sponsorships: Donations to the constituency association from Mr Jack K Lewis, Unique Network Solutions LLP; J and H Bunn Ltd; Mr Theodore Agnew; Woodlands School Ltd; Gorleston Conservative and Pogson and Davies.

29 June 2011: Declaration of interests by new Member of the Committee

Debbie Abrahams

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:

MEL Research, 8 Holt Court, Aston Science Park, Birmingham B7 4AX; public health consultancy. Payment pending for 2 days work prior to my election and 2 days work since election; contractual commitment prior to being selected

Eurocities, 1 Square de Meeus, 1000 Brussels, Belgium; Payment pending for 3 days work done prior to my election and 2 hours work since election; contractual commitment prior to being selected.

Land and Property: Joint ownership with her daughter of terraced house in Nottingham

6 July 2011: Declaration of Specialist Adviser's interests

Alan Woods

Paid adviser to the Workplace Retirement Income Commission

Governor at the Pensions Policy Institute (unpaid)

Volunteer at the Pensions Advisory service

Adviser to Cleveland Associates (public affairs company).

Updated 12 October 2011

Consultancy work for the National Association of Pension Funds

Governor at the Pensions Policy Institute (unpaid)

Volunteer at the Pensions Advisory service

Updated 25 January 2012

Commissioned by the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) to undertake a review of the effectiveness of its trustee board.

26 October 2011: Declaration of interests by new Member of the Committee

Sheila Gilmore

Land and property: one-bedroom flat in Edinburgh.

Miscellaneous: solicitor (non-practising).

26 March 2012: Declaration of Specialist Adviser's interests

David Yeandle OBE

Member of NEST Corporation's Employers' Panel.

Governor and Member of the Council of the Pensions Policy Institute.