

Proceedings of the Committee

Tuesday 15 May 2012

Harriett Baldwin, Andrew Bingham, Karen Bradley, Sheila Gilmore and Oliver Heald visited the Prince's Trust in Kennington, London to discuss youth unemployment, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 18 April.

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams
Andrew Bingham
Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore

Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

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

1. Committee attendance

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Draft Special Report, *Government support towards the additional living costs of working-age disabled people: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh 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 Seventh Report from the Committee in Session 2010–12 was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Youth unemployment and the Youth Contract

The Committee considered this matter.

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

YU32 Community Links
YU33 Runnymede Trust
YU34 Association of Colleges
YU35 Confederation of British Industry

4. Governance and best practice in workplace pension schemes

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

PG 38 Association of Member Nominated Trustees
PG39 The Pensions Regulator
PG40 Department for Work and Pensions
PG41 Investment Management Association

5. State pension reform

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 May at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 23 May 2012

Members present:

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

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

1. Automatic Enrolment in Workplace Pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust

Draft Special Report, Automatic Enrolment in Workplace Pensions and the National Employment Savings Trust: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth 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 Eighth Report from the Committee in Session 2010–12 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.

2. Nomination of members to European Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

3. DWP Main Estimate 2012-13

Ordered, That the Department for Work and Pensions' memorandum on the DWP Main Estimate 2012-13 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract

Harriett Baldwin declared an interest in that she has carried out voluntary work for the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO) and that the Chair of the Social Investment Business, of which she is vice Chair, is the Chief Executive of ACEVO.

Ralph Michell, Director of Strategy, Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations, Tony Wilson, Director of Policy, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, Katerina Rudiger, Skills Policy Adviser, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, Dr Genevieve Knight, Head of Work and Social Policy Group, Policy Studies Institute and Dr Rob Berkeley, Director, Runnymede Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 June at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 13 June 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams
Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Andrew Bingham

Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

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

1. DWP Main Estimate 2012-13

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-appointment hearing

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract

Resolved, That the Committee visit Jobcentre Plus in Twickenham in connection with this inquiry.

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, and might therefore be involved in the Youth Contract.

Neil Carberry, Director of Employment and Skills, Confederation of British Industry, Alex Jackman, Senior Policy Adviser, Forum for Private Business, Chris Bowman, Managing Director and owner, Paramount Precision Engineering and Nicola Smith, Head of Economic and Social Affairs Department, Trades Union Congress, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 June at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 20 June 2012

Members present:

Debbie Abrahams
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore

Oliver Heald
Glenda Jackson

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

1. Youth Unemployment

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Mr Paul Gray CB, the Government's preferred candidate for the post of Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee, and the current interim Chair, gave oral evidence.

3. Appointment of the Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee

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 First Report of the Committee, HC 297-1.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 June at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 27 June 2012

Members present:

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Karen Bradley
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

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

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth unemployment

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, and might therefore be involved in the Youth Contract.

Peter Mucklow, National Director for Young People, Education Funding Agency, Councillor Shona Johnstone, Vice-Chair, Economy and Transport Programme Board, Local Government Association, Michele Roberts, Head of Apprenticeships, National Apprenticeship Service and Judi Baxter, Director of Provider Performance, Skills Funding Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 July at 4.35 pm.]

Monday 2 July 2012

Members present:

Harriett Baldwin
Andrew Bingham
Sheila Gilmore

Oliver Heald
Teresa Pearce

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

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 July at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 4 July 2012

Members present:

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

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

1. Youth unemployment

The Committee considered this matter.

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, and might therefore be involved in the Youth Contract.

David MacDougall, Head of Research and Development, Avanta Enterprise Ltd, Maeve McGoldrick, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Community Links, Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, Employment Related Services Association and Kevin Green, Chief Executive Officer, Recruitment and Employment Confederation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 July at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 10 July

Debbie Abrahams, Harriett Baldwin, Karen Bradley, Sheila Gilmore and Oliver Heald visited Jobcentre Plus in Twickenham in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 June.

Wednesday 11 July 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams	Oliver Heald
Andrew Bingham	Glenda Jackson
Sheila Gilmore	Teresa Pearce

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 July at 4.00 pm]

Monday 16 July 2012

Members present:

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

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

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth Unemployment

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Minister for Employment, and Iain Walsh, Head of Labour Market Intervention Strategy, Department for Work and Pensions, and John Hayes MP, Minister for Further Education and Lifelong Learning, Department for Education/ Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 September at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 5 September 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Harriett Baldwin
Karen Bradley
Glenda Jackson

Brandon Lewis
Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. European Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

2. State Pension reform

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Youth Unemployment

The Committee considered this matter.

4. DWP annual report and accounts 2011-12

The Committee considered this matter.

5. 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.

UC1	Jane Clout
UC2	Women's Budget Group
UC3	Gingerbread
UC4	Halton Housing Trust
UC5	Refuge
UC6	UNISON
UC7	VocaLink
UC8	Children's Food Trust
UC9	MAXIMUS Employment and Training UK
UC10	Personal Finance Research Centre
UC11	Shelter
UC12	Places for People
UC13	Chartered Institute of Taxation
UC14	South Lanarkshire Council
UC15	MND Association
UC16	AdviceUK

UC17	Lasa
UC18	Home Group
UC19	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
UC20	Liberata UK Ltd
UC21	National Housing Federation
UC22	Public and Commercial Services Union
UC23	Homeless Link
UC24	Community Links
UC25	National Landlords Association
UC26	Peter Williams and Steve Wilcox
UC27	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
UC28	London Borough of Newham
UC29	Inclusion London
UC30	Child Poverty Action Group
UC31	Pharmacy Voice
UC32	Department for Work and Pensions
UC33	Women's Aid
UC34	College of Optometrists and the Optical Confederation
UC35	YMCA England
UC36	Citizens Advice Scotland
UC37	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)
UC38	Notting Hill Housing
UC39	Simon Community NI
UC40	Welsh Local Government Association
UC41	Barnardo's
UC42	London Borough of Lambeth
UC43	London Borough of Tower Hamlets
UC44	St Mungo Community Housing Association
UC45	Age UK
UC46	The Children's Society
UC47	Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS)
UC48	Avanta
UC49	Contact a Family
UC50	LACA Ltd
UC51	Social Market Foundation
UC52	London Councils
UC53	The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
UC54	Fiona Nicholson
UC55	Low Incomes Tax Reform Group (LITRG)
UC56	Confederation of British Industry (CBI)
UC57	Manchester City Council
UC58	Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
UC59	Crisis
UC60	Grandparents Plus
UC61	Centrepont

UC62	Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation (IRRV)
UC63	City West Housing Trust
UC64	Citizens Advice
UC65	Stockton and District Advice and Information Service (Stockton CAB)
UC66	Community Housing Cymru Group
UC67	Council of Mortgage Lenders
UC68	Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion
UC69	The Chartered Institute of Housing
UC70	Local Government Association
UC71	Jamie Black
UC72	Northern Ireland Welfare Reform Group
UC73	Law Centre Northern Ireland
UC74	Women's Resource and Development Agency

Gavin Smart, Director of Policy and Practice, Chartered Institute of Housing, Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman and Councillor Catherine West, Islington Council, Local Government Association, Pete Challis, National Officer (Local Government and Housing), UNISON, Tony Wilson, Director of Policy, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, Prof Mike Brewer, Research Fellow, and James Browne, Senior Research Economist, Institute of Fiscal Studies and Fran Bennett, Women's Budget Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 September at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 10 September 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Andrew Bingham
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Committee membership and attendance

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Westminster Hall debates

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Universal Credit

Alison Garnham, Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group, Gillian Guy, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice and Dr Sam Royston, Poverty and Early Years Adviser, The Children's Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 September at 10.30am.]

Tuesday 11 September 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Andrew Bingham
Stephen Lloyd

Teresa Pearce

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 September at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 12 September 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Andrew Bingham
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Westminster Hall debate

The Committee considered this matter.

2. DWP Annual Report and Accounts 2011-12

The Committee considered this matter.

3. DWP consultation on cessation of publication of statistics on estimated take-up of income-related benefits

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Youth Unemployment

Draft Report *Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract* 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 Second Report of the Committee, HC 151.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 September at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 17 September 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Andrew Bingham
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Universal Credit

Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP, Secretary of State, and Lord Freud, Minister for Welfare Reform, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 October at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 17 October 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Debbie Abrahams
Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Employment and Support Allowance and the Work Capability Assessment

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Introduction of the Personal Independence Payment

The Committee considered this matter.

3. State Pension reform

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Governance of Workplace Pensions

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 October at 9.15 am.]

Monday 29 October 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Debbie Abrahams
Sheila Gilmore

Stephen Lloyd
Teresa Pearce

1. Personal Independence Payment and Draft Order under the Public Bodies Act 2011

The Committee considered this matter.

2. European Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2011-12

Robert Devereux, Permanent Secretary, and Mike Driver, Finance Director, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 October at 9.15am.]

Wednesday 31 October 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Debbie Abrahams
Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

1. European Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Declarations of Interest

Aidan Burley, Jane Ellison, Graham Evans, Nigel Mills and Anne Marie Morris declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

3. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 November at 4.30pm.]

Monday 12 November 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Nigel Mills
Teresa Pearce

1. Personal Independence Payment and draft Order on the abolition of the DLA Advisory Board

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

Resolved, That the Committee visit NEST in Borough High Street, south London on 11 December.

3. The Work Programme: experience of different user groups

Ordered, That Richard Johnson be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the Work Programme: experience of different user groups.

Richard Johnson declared an interest relevant to the Committee's work in that he is currently advising Brent Council on how to coordinate its services with the Work Programme.

4. Committee work practices and future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Centre for Social and Economic Inclusion in south east London on 10 January 2013 to hold a seminar on its practices and future programme.

5. Universal Credit

Draft Report *Universal Credit implementation: meeting the needs of vulnerable claimants*, 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 576.

[Adjourned till Monday 19 November at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 19 November 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore
Teresa Pearce

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

PG 42 Prospect
PG 43 Hymans Robertson LLP
PG 44 Age UK
PG 45 Partnership

Michael Johnson, Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Studies, and David Pitt-Watson, RSA Tomorrow's Investor project; and Niki Cleal, Director and Chris Curry, Research Director, Pensions Policy Institute, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 21 November 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Teresa Pearce

1. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Employment and Support Allowance and the Work Capability Assessment

Mark Hoban MP, Minister for Employment and Dr Bill Gunnyeon, Director for Health and Wellbeing, Chief Medical Adviser and Chief Scientist, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 November at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 28 November 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Debbie Abrahams
Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

1. Personal Independence Payment

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

Otto Thoresen, Director General, Association of British Insurers, Jonathan Lipkin, Associate Director of Research & Pensions, Investment Management Association

and Joanne Segars, Chief Executive, National Association of Pension Funds; and Richard Parkin, Head of Proposition, Defined Contribution and Workplace Savings, Fidelity, Steve Groves, Chief Executive Officer, Partnership, Sean Lloyd, Pensions Product Manager, Phoenix, and Ronnie Morgan, Strategic Insight Manager, Scottish Life, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 December at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 5 December 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Debbie Abrahams
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris

1. Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Work Programme: experience of different user groups

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 11 December 2012

Chair, Debbie Abrahams, Jane Ellison, Stephen Lloyd and Nigel Mills visited the National Employment Savings Trust in London to discuss pensions governance in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 November.

Wednesday 12 December 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Debbie Abrahams
Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris

1. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Committee work practices and future programme

4. The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Work Programme: experience of different user groups

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry into the Work Programme: experience of different user groups be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

WPUG 1	Indigo Foundation (Norfolk)
WPUG 2	A G and I (UK) Ltd.
WPUG 3	DROP the TAG
WPUG 4	Milton Keynes Women & Work
WPUG 5	Wallace School of Transport
WPUG 6	Somali Golden Centre Of Opportunities
WPUG 7	Mrs M J Canning
WPUG 8	Social Firms UK
WPUG 9	NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action)
WPUG 10	LifeLine
WPUG 11	The Pluss Organisation
WPUG 12	Wheatsheaf Trust
WPUG 13	Scope
WPUG 14	Papworth Trust
WPUG 15	Single Parent Action Network (SPAN)
WPUG 16	Locality
WPUG 17	3SC
WPUG 18	Turning Point
WPUG 19	A4e

WPUG 20	Association of Colleges
WPUG 21	Shaw Trust and Careers Development Group
WPUG 22	Cymorth Cymru
WPUG 23	Clinks
WPUG 24	DrugScope / Homeless Link
WPUG 25	ERSA
WPUG 26	UK Council on Deafness
WPUG 27	RNIB
WPUG 28	Mental health organisations (Mind, CMH, SAMH and Rethink)
WPUG 29	DWP
WPUG 30	Rehab Group
WPUG 31	G4S
WPUG 32	St Mungo's
WPUG 33	Mencap
WPUG 34	Single Homeless Project (SHP)
WPUG 35	Community Links
WPUG 36	London Voluntary Service Council (LVSC)
WPUG 37	National AIDS Trust (NAT)
WPUG 38	National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (England and Wales)
WPUG 39	Citizens Advice
WPUG 40	Social Market Foundation
WPUG 41	The Camden Society
WPUG 42	Gingerbread
WPUG 43	Ross Bradford
WPUG 44	David Marshall
WPUG 45	Douglas Coombs
WPUG 46	Prospects Services
WPUG 47	Crisis

6. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

Neil Carberry, Director for Employment and Skills, Confederation of British Industry, Tim Thomas, Head of Employment Policy, EEF, Andrew Vaughan, Chairman, Association of Consulting Actuaries, Kevin Wesbroom, Partner, Aon Hewitt, Jim Doran, Principal, Mercer, and Will Aitken, Senior Consultant, Towers Watson, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 December at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 19 December 2012

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the chair

Debbie Abrahams
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris

1. National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Petition

The Committee considered a petition to the House concerning reform of Disability Living Allowance from the National League of Blind and Disabled and residents of Teesside.

3. Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract

Draft Special Report, *Youth Unemployment and the Youth Contract: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2012–13*, 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 2012–13 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.

4. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The Work Programme: experience of different user groups

Tony Wilson, Policy Director, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, Ian Mulheirn, Director, Social Market Foundation and Professor Roy Sainsbury, Research Director and Professor of Social Policy, University of York, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

1. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Westminster Hall debates

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Work Programme: experience of different user groups

Resolved, That the Committee visit St Mungo's in Southwark in connection with this inquiry.

4. Pensions Governance

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 January at 4.15 pm.]

The Chair, Debbie Abrahams, Jane Ellison, Graham Evans, Sheila Gilmore, Stephen Lloyd, Nigel Mills and Anne Marie Morris visited Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion in London to discuss the committee work programme and practices, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 November.

Monday 14 January 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

1. Petition

The Committee considered a petition to the House concerning welfare issues from Mr Martin Burke.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Pensions Governance

Jane Vass, Head of Public Policy, Age UK; Alison Bailey, Head of Policy, The Pensions Advisory Service; Craig Berry, Pensions Policy Officer, Trades Union Congress; Dominic Lindley, Financial Services Policy Team Leader, Which?; Martin Wheatley, Managing Director, Conduct Business Unit, Financial Services Authority and Chief Executive Officer Designate, Financial Conduct Authority; and Bill Galvin, Chief Executive, The Pensions Regulator, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 January at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 21 January 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

1. Petition

The Committee considered a petition to the House concerning the Welfare Reform Act and Work Capability Assessments from Mr Adrian Miles.

2. Pre-legislative scrutiny

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Personal Independence Payment

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

Esther McVey MP, Minister for Disabled People, Simon Dawson, PIP Policy, Design, Test and Assurance Programme Manager and Dr Bill Gunnyeon, Director for Health and

Wellbeing, Chief Medical Adviser and Chief Scientist, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 23 January 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Mr Aidan Burley

Jane Ellison

Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson

Nigel Mills

Anne Marie Morris

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

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

PG46 CBI

PG47 Which?

PG48 Mr Peter Halligan

Steve Webb MP, Minister for Pensions, John McCallion, Deputy Director, Pensions Protection and Stewardship and Bridget Micklem, Deputy Director, Private Pensions Policy and Analysis, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 January at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 30 January 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

6. National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Liaison Committee Report on Select Committee Effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

9. Work Programme: experience of different user groups

Resolved, That the Committee visit the London Borough of Brent in connection with this inquiry.

Duncan Shrubsole, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Crisis, Paul Anders, Senior Policy Officer, Drugscope, Sophie Corlett, Director of External Relations, Mind, Robert Trotter, Senior Research Officer and Public Policy Advisor (Employment and Skills), Scope, and Laura Dewar, Senior Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Single Parent Action Network, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 February at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 6 February 2013

Members present:

Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

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

10. Universal Credit

The Committee considered this matter.

11. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the role of Jobcentre Plus.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into health and safety.

12. Governance and best practice in workplace pension provision

The Committee considered this matter.

13. Restrictions on the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, *Lifting the Restrictions on NEST*, 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 950.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 February at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 12 February 2013

The Chair, Graham Evans and Sheila Gilmore, visited St Mungo's in London in connection with the inquiry into the Work Programme, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 January.

Wednesday 13 February 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

1. Work Programme: experience of different user groups

Dave Allan, Managing Director, emqc Ltd, Martin Davies, Chief Executive Officer, The Pluss Organisation, Michele Rigby, Chief Executive Officer, Social Firms UK and Jonathan Cheshire, Chief Executive, Wheatsheaf Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 February at 4.30 pm.]

Monday 25 February 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris

1. DWP Supplementary Estimate 2012-13

Ordered, That the Department for Work and Pensions Memorandum to the Committee on the Supplementary Estimate 2012-13 be reported to the House for publication on the Internet.

2. Committee papers

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Pensions Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Pensions Bill be reported to the House for publication on the Internet:

DPB1	International Consortium of British Pensioners
DPB2	Jill Klee
DPB3	Stephen Hawley
DPB4	Anthony VT Johnson
DPB5	Lynne Johnson
DPB6	Madeline Fox
DPB 7	James Nelson
DPB8	CBI
DPB9	Prof Jay Ginn, Women's Budget Group
DPB10	Aegon
DPB11	Age UK
DPB12	Aon Hewitt
DPB13	National Federation of Occupational Pensioners
DPB14	Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance
DPB15	The Pensions Action Group
DPB16	Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners
DPB17	Unite
DPB18	National Pensioners Convention
DPB19	Engineering Employers Federation (EEF)
DPB20	British Australian Pensioner Association Inc (BAPA)
DPB21	Police Federation of England & Wales
DPB22	Institute for Fiscal Studies
DPB23	Public and Commercial Services Union
DPB24	Mercer
DPB25	Trades Union Congress
DPB26	Aviva
DPB27	GMB
DPB28	Unison
DPB29	Dr Ros Altmann
DPB30	aquilaheywood
DPB31	Hymans Robertson
DPB32	Citizens Advice
DPB33	Towers Watson
DPB34	Anne M Street
DPB35	Institute of Directors
DPB36	National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)
DPB37	Pensions Policy Institute
DPB38	Association of British Insurers
DPB39	National Association of Pension Funds

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 26 February 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Graham Evans
Glenda Jackson

Anne Marie Morris

4. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Pensions Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 27 February 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abraham
Mr Aidan Burley
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson
Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

5. Estimates Day Debate

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Pensions Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Sally West, Income and Poverty Strategy Adviser, Age UK, Dr Ros Altmann, Emily Holzhausen, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Carers UK, Craig Berry, Pensions Policy Officer, Trades Union Congress, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Paul Johnson, Director and Gemma Tetlow, Programme Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Chris Curry, Research Director, Pensions Policy Institute, and Prof Jay Ginn, Women's Budget Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 March at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 4 March 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Jane Ellison

Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson

Nigel Mills

Anne Marie Morris

Teresa Pearce

7. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Pensions Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Otto Thoresen, Director General, Association of British Insurers, Joanne Segars, Chief Executive, National Association of Pension Funds, Neil Carberry, Director for Employment and Skills, Confederation of British Industry, and Malcolm Small, Senior Adviser, Pension Policy, Institute of Directors, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 6 March at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 6 March 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Mr Aidan Burley

Jane Ellison

Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd

Nigel Mills

Anne Marie Morris

Teresa Pearce

1. Work Programme: experience of different user groups.

The Committee considered this matter.

Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, Employment Related Services Association, Sean Williams, Managing Director, G4S Employment Support Services, Andrew Conlan-Trant, Director of Labour Market Services, Rehab Group and Richard Clifton, Business Development Director, Shaw Trust and CDG, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 March at 4.15 pm.]

Monday 11 March 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Jane Ellison

Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd

Nigel Mills

Anne Marie Morris

2. Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the draft Pensions Bill

Steve Webb MP, Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 March at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 13 March 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Mr Aidan Burley

Jane Ellison

Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd

Nigel Mills

Anne Marie Morris

Teresa Pearce

3. Work Programme: experience of different user groups.

The Committee considered this matter.

Susan Scott-Parker OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Business Disability Forum, Charles Gray, Group Sales and Marketing Director, de Poel, Gouy Hamilton-Fisher, Head of People Support, Timpson, Mike Lycett, Head of Commercial Centre of Excellence and Andrea Fozard, Supplier Skills Project Manager, Transport for London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 March at 4.15 pm.
Tuesday 19 March 2013

The Chair, Jane Ellison, Sheila Gilmore and Stephen Lloyd visited the London Borough of Brent, to discuss the Work Programme, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 January.

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams	Glenda Jackson
Jane Ellison	Stephen Lloyd
Graham Evans	Nigel Mills
Sheila Gilmore	Teresa Pearce

4. Work Programme: experience of different user groups.

Mr Mark Hoban MP, Minister for Employment and Julia Sweeney, Contracted Customer Services Director, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 March at 9.15 am.]

Tuesday 26 March 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams	Glenda Jackson
Jane Ellison	Stephen Lloyd
Graham Evans	Nigel Mills
Sheila Gilmore	Anne Marie Morris

5. Pensions governance

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Pensions Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, *The Single-tier State Pension: Part 1 of the draft Pensions Bill*,

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 1000.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 April at 4.30 pm.]

Wednesday 17 April 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams
Jane Ellison
Graham Evans
Sheila Gilmore
Glenda Jackson

Stephen Lloyd
Nigel Mills
Anne Marie Morris
Teresa Pearce

7. Training in questioning skills

The Committee considered this matter

8. Work Programme

The Committee considered this matter

9. Role of Jobcentre Plus

The Committee considered this matter

10. Pensions governance

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report, *Improving governance and best practice in workplace pensions*, 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 768-I.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 April at 9.15 am.]

Wednesday 24 April 2013

Members present:

Dame Anne Begg, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Mr Aidan Burley

Graham Evans

Sheila Gilmore

Glenda Jackson

Nigel Mills

Anne Marie Morris

Teresa Pearce

11. Department for Work and Pensions Main Estimate 2013-14

Ordered, That the Department for Work and Pensions' memorandum on the DWP Main Estimate 2012-13 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

12. Committee programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the North West of England in connection with implementation of Universal Credit.

13. Health and safety

The Committee considered this matter

[Adjourned till Monday 13 May at 4.30 pm.]

APPENDIX

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

31 October 2012

Mr Aidan Burley

Sponsorships: Donations to constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission from J C B Research.

Overseas visits: The Sri Lankan High Commission contributed to the costs of a visit to Sri Lanka from 30 July 2012 to 5 August 2012.

Land and Property: Joint owner (with father) of a leasehold flat in London, from which rental income is received.

Jane Ellison

Land and Property: Two flats in London from which derive rental income is derived.

Graham Evans

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Received £150 for opinion survey from Ipsos Mori. Received £75 for opinion survey from ComRes. Both payments donated to local charity.

Overseas visits: The Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme contributed to the costs of a visit to Canada from 1 to 5 September 2011. The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributed to the costs of a visit to Israel from 18 to 23 September 2011.

Nigel Mills

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Received payment of £150 from Ipsos MORI for opinion research. Received payment of £75 from CommunicateResearch Ltd for opinion research. Both payments donated to constituency party.

Overseas visits: Voluntary Service Overseas met some of the costs of my visit to Tajikistan from 21 September to 6 October 2011

Anne Marie Morris

Directorships etc : Manteion Ltd (non trading) (unremunerated director); PRU (director); LawWorks (trustee); Genesis (director); Small Business Bureau (director)

Sponsorships: Cash donations from Britania Ltd of (1) £1,500, (2) £1,500, (3) £1,500, (4) £1,500 and (5) £140 for cleaning services, in payments of £20 and £40: total £6,140 between July and October 2011. Cash donations from Britania Ltd of (1) £1,500, (2) £1,500, (3) £40 for cleaning services, in 2 payments of £20; total £3,040 between December 2011 and February 2012

Land and Property: Flat in London from which rent is received.

Shareholdings: Manteion Ltd (not trading), marketing consultancy of which I am an unremunerated director

Miscellaneous: Non-practising member of Law Society of England and Wales. Non-practising member of Chartered Institute of Marketing. Non-practising member of European Mentoring and Coaching Council.

Declaration of Specialist Adviser's interests

Alan Woods (appointed July 2011; declaration updated 11 March 2013)

Governor at the Pensions Policy Institute (unpaid)
Volunteer at the Pensions Advisory service
Consultancy work for the National Association of Pension Funds
Specialist adviser at the Pensions Regulator
Fellow at SAMI Consulting
Deferred member of civil service pension scheme