



Formal Minutes of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in Session 2024–26

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They include:

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

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

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Wednesday 30 October 2024

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Alicia Kearns
Jerome Mayhew
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith

Gavin Robinson also attended items 1-3.

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Committee methods of working

Ordered, That the Committee examine witnesses in public unless it otherwise orders.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorized 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 where the Committee has evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the

Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication.

Resolved, That the Chair will report correspondence or written evidence to the House between meetings in order to enable its publication.

Resolved, That the Chair will engage in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature.

Resolved, That the Chair will arrange informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit.

Resolved, That the Chair will amend the timing of committee meetings, where necessary.

Resolved, That the Chair will authorise the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports.

Resolved, That the Chair will decide which parliamentary proceedings Committee reports should be tagged for debate in the House (or Westminster Hall) and propose reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Belfast in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's work programme.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Belfast in a representative capacity for the purposes of attending the Interparliamentary Forum.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Belfast in connection with its work programme.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 9.30am

Wednesday 13 November 2024

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Jerome Mayhew
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Public services funding.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Windsor Framework.

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

Draft Special Report (The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland: Government response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2023-24), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee of Session 2023-24 as 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. Evidence reported to the House for publication

Main Estimates

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Office, dated 12 November 2024.

Renewable Energy and Net Zero in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Department for the Economy, dated 11 June 2024.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 2.00pm

Thursday 14 November – Friday 15 November 2024

The Chair visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's work programme, and to attend the Interparliamentary Forum in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 October 2024.

Tuesday 19 November 2024

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Declaration of interests

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

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Evidence reported to the House for publication

Integrated education

Correspondence from Dr Yifei Yan, dated 18 January 2024.

6. The work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, Fleur Anderson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern

Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, Julie Harrison, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, and Mark Davies, Director of the Windsor Framework Task Force, Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 9.30am

Wednesday 27 November 2024

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Alicia Kearns
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 1.00pm

Monday 2 December – Tuesday 3 December 2024

The Chair, Dan Aldridge, Leigh Ingham, Alicia Kearns, Katrina Murray, Adam Jogee, Dr Al Pinkerton, David Smith, Claire Hanna, Sorchá Eastwood, and Gavin Robinson visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's work programme, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 October 2024.

Thursday 5 December 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Impact of the Autumn Budget on the farming sector in Northern Ireland

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland Assembly, dated 5 December 2024.

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Evidence reported to the House for publication

Autumn Budget 2024

Correspondence from Target Transport, dated 22 November 2024.

Correspondence from the Society and College of Radiographers, dated 3 December 2024.

Correspondence from Hospitality Ulster, dated 4 December 2024.

Public services funding

Correspondence from the Society and College of Radiographers, dated 3 December 2024.

8. Impact of the Autumn Budget on the farming sector in Northern Ireland

William Irvine, President, Ulster Farmers Union, Richard Beattie, President, Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster, and Peter McCann, Northern Ireland correspondent, Irish Farmers Journal gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 9.30am

Wednesday 08 January 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith
Gavin Robinson
Simon Hoare

1. Declaration of Interests

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Acquisition of Spirit AeroSystems

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 6 January 2025.

Repeal of the Legacy and Reconciliation Act 2023

Correspondence from Major AJA Brown-Hovelt, dated 5 December 2024.

4. Funding and delivery of public services: follow up

Sir Robert Chote, Chair, Northern Ireland Fiscal Council, Dorinnia Carville, Comptroller and Auditor General, Northern Ireland Audit Office and Professor Stephen Farry, Co-Director of the Strategic Policy Unit, Ulster University gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 15 January 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 15 January 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Dan Aldridge
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith
Gavin Robinson
Simon Hoare

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland in connection with its inquiry into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The funding and delivery of public services: follow-up

Women's Platform [FDPS0005]

PSNI [FDPS0010]

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Policing Board, dated 13 January 2025

Autumn Budget 2024

Correspondence with the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, dated 16 December and undated reply.

3. Funding and delivery of public services: follow-up

Alex Brennan, Co-ordinator, Northern Ireland Women's Budget Group, Celine

McStravick, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action, Ann Watt, Director, Pivotal gave oral evidence.

Dr Graham Gault, National Secretary, National Association of Headteachers Northern Ireland, Dr Alan Stout, Chair, British Medical Association Northern Ireland Council, Pamela McCreedy, Chief Operating Officer, Police Service of Northern Ireland gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 22 January 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 22 January 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith
Gavin Robinson
Simon Hoare

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin in connection with its inquiries into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, and the operation of the Windsor Framework.

2. The surveillance of journalists and press freedoms in Northern Ireland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Funding and delivery of public services:

Royal College of Nursing [FDPS0006]
Nevin Economic Research Institute [FDPS0007]
Indaver [FDPS0008]
The Bar of Northern Ireland [FDPS0009]
Governing Bodies Association Northern Ireland [FDPS0011]
British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy [FDPS0012]
Pivotal [FDPS0013]
The Law Society of Northern Ireland [FDPS0014]

Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance [FDPS0015]

Correspondence with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, dated 16 January 2025.

Modernisation Committee:

Correspondence with the Chair of the Modernisation Committee, dated 21 January 2025.

4. Funding and delivery of public services: follow up

Fleur Anderson MP, Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office, Ciarán Hayes, Deputy Director Fiscal (Economy and Trade Group), Northern Ireland Office, Stephen Rusk, Deputy Director Transformation (Constitution and Rights Group), Northern Ireland Office gave oral evidence

Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Finance Minister, Northern Ireland Executive, Neil Gibson, Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance, Joanne McBurney, Budget Director, Department of Finance gave oral evidence

Adjournment

Adjourned till 29 January 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 29 January 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
Simon Hoare

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland:

Dr Austen Morgan [LPNI0001]

Operation of the Windsor Framework:

British Veterinary Association [OWF0002]

The funding and delivery of public services: follow-up:

Correspondence from Dr Alan Stout, British Medical Association NI, dated 21 January 2025

3. The conduct of elections in Northern Ireland

Cahir Hughes, Head of Electoral Commission, Northern Ireland, Sarah Ling, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, Dr David Marshall, Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland and Vijay Rangarajan, Chief Executive Officer, Electoral Commission gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 5 February 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 5 February 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland:

Relatives for Justice [LPNI0003]
Dr Giada Lagana [LPNI0004]

The funding and delivery of public services: follow-up:

PSNI [FDPS0016]

3. The surveillance of journalists and press freedoms in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence from Trevor Birney, Journalist and Producer, Séamus Dooley, Assistant General Secretary, National Union of Journalists, Barry McCaffrey, Journalist, Malachi O'Doherty, Journalist and Author, Allison Morris, Crime Correspondent, Belfast Telegraph and Paul Tweed, Senior Partner, WP Tweed & Co.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 12 February 2025 at 9.30am.

Wednesday 12 February 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Daniel Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiry into the operation of the Windsor Framework, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Law Society of Northern Ireland [LPNI0002]
Northern Ireland Veterans Movement [LPNI0005]
Pat Finucane Centre [LPNI0008]
Committee on the Administration of Justice [LPNI0010]
Prof. Thomas Hennessy [LPNI0013]
Profs Anna Bryson and Louise Mallender [LPNI0016]
Nadine Finch [LPNI0019]
ICRIR [LPNI0020]
Young European Movement UK [LPNI0023]
Northern Ireland Office [LPNI0024]
The Baroness O'Loan DBE MRIA [LPNI0026]

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 5 February 2025.

The operation of the Windsor Framework

National Office of Animal Health [OWF0003]

Dr Andrew Sanders [OWF0004]

Electricity Association of Ireland [OWF0005]

Horticultural Trades Association [OWF0006]

Mr Jack Steele [OWF0007]

Profs David Phinnemore and Katy Hayward [OWF0008]

Food and Drink Federation [OWF0009]

Equality Commission NI and NI Human Rights Commission [OWF0010]

SSE plc [OWF0011]

Northern Ireland Retail Consortium [OWF0012]

Ulster Farmers Union [OWF0013]

Traditional Unionist Voice [OWF0014]

FSB NI [OWF0015]

Energy UK [OWF0016]

EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

Correspondence with the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, dated 16 and 31 January 2025.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 26 February 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith
Simon Hoare

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the Troubles:

NI Human Rights Commission [LPNI0007]
NI Retired Police Officers Association [LPNI0009]
Professor Neophytos Loizides et al [LPNI0014]
PSNI [LPNI0015]
Amnesty International [LPNI0021]
Dr Simon Prince and Professor Maggie Scull [LPNI0022]
Commission for Victims and Survivors [LPNI0025]
Malone House Group [LPNI0027]
Rights & Security International [LPNI0028]
Danny Kinahan, former Veterans Commissioner for Northern Ireland [LPNI0029]
South East Fermanagh Foundation [LPNI0030]

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Provision Trade Federation [OWF0017]
Road Haulage Association [OWF0018]
Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 19 December 2024 and 13 February 2025

The surveillance of journalists and press freedoms in NI

Correspondence from Paul Tweed, dated 13 February 2025.

Supplementary Estimates

Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Act 2022

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 17 February 2025

9. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Ordered, That Dr Eamonn O'Kane be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to the Government's new approach to dealing with the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

The Committee took evidence from Professor Anna Bryson, Professor of Law, Queen's University Belfast, Daniel Holder, Director, Committee on the Administration of Justice, Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 12 March 2025 at 9.00am.

Sunday 2 March – Tuesday 4 March 2025

The Chair, Dan Aldridge, Claire Hanna, Sorchá Eastwood, Leigh Ingham, Adam Jogee, Katrina Murray, Gavin Robinson and David Smith visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 January 2025.

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The funding of public services: follow-up

Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Finance Minister, dated 5 February and 4 March 2025

Correspondence from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, dated 7 March 2025

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Jane Donaldson [LPNI0017]
Prof. Colin Murray and Anurag Deb [LPNI0031]
Ulster Human Rights Watch [LPNI0034]
NI Human Rights Commissioner [LPNI0007]

Correspondence from the Committee on the Administration of Justice, dated 28 February 2025

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Traditional Unionist Voice [OWF0019]
NI Consumer Council [OWF0020]

Common Travel Area

Correspondence with the Minister for Migration and Citizenship, dated 3 February and 6 March 2025.

Correspondence with the Minister for Migration and Citizenship, dated 21 January and 7 March 2025.

Defence investment in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Industry, dated 6 March 2025

3. The operation of the Windsor Framework

The Committee took evidence from Neil Johnston, Director, Northern Ireland Retail Consortium, Nichola Mallon, Head of Trade and Devolved Policy, Logistics UK, Anne-Marie Murphy, Director of Strategy and Emerging Markets, NI Consumer Council and Jennifer Pheasey, Director of Public Affairs, Horticultural Trades Association.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 19 March 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (supplementary evidence) [LPNI0037]
Committee on the Administration of Justice (supplementary evidence) [LPNI0036]
[LPNI0037]
Profs Anna Bryson and Louise Mallinder (supplementary evidence) [LPNI0038]

3. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence from Alan Brecknell, Advocacy Support Worker, The Pat Finucane Centre, Kenny Donaldson, Director, South-East Fermanagh Foundation and Sandra Peake Chief Executive Officer, WAVE Trauma Centre.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 1 April 2025 at 9.30am.

Sunday 23 March – Tuesday 25 March 2025

The Chair, Dan Aldridge, Claire Hanna, Sorchá Eastwood, Leigh Ingham, Adam Jogee, Katrina Murray and David Smith visited Dublin in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the operation of the Windsor Framework and the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 22 January 2025.

Tuesday 1 April 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland in connection with its inquiries into violence against women and girls, the operation of the Windsor Framework and the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Conduct of elections in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 6 February and 21 March 2025

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the Troubles

The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland [LPNI0039]

The operation of the Windsor Framework

The Centre for Cross Border Co-operation [OWF0021]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 24 March 2025

3. Funding and delivery of public services: follow-up

Draft Report (Funding and delivery of public services), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 477.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 23 April 2025 at 9.00am.

Thursday 17 April 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland, dated 14 April 2025.

Wednesday 23 April 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence from Jon Boutcher, Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Claire McGuigan, Detective Chief Superintendent, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Baroness Nuala O'Loan, Member, House of Lords, and Sir Iain Livingstone, Lead Officer, Operation Kenova.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 30 April 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 30 April 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Gavin Robinson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 2 July 2025 relating to ending violence against women and girls, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the Troubles

Kieran McEvoy, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast [LPNI0041]

3. The operation of the Windsor Framework

The Committee took evidence from Dr Kirsten Dunbar, President, British Veterinary Association NI and North of Ireland Veterinary Association, Joël Reland, Research Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe, Dr Anthony Soares, Director, Centre for Cross Border Co-operation, and Dr Lisa Claire Whitten, Research Fellow, Queen's University Belfast.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 7 May 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Leigh Ingham
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Alliance Party [LPNI0042]

Ulster Unionist Party [LPNI0043]

3. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence from Chris Albiston, Executive Committee Member, Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association, Dave Holmes, Rolling Thunder Liaison, Northern Ireland Veterans Movement, David Johnstone, Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner, Office of the Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner, and Axel Schmidt, Advocacy Support Manager, Ulster Human Rights Watch.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 21 May 2025 at 9.00am.

Monday 12 May – Wednesday 14 May 2025

The Chair, Dan Aldridge, Claire Hanna, Leigh Ingham, Adam Jogee, Katrina Murray, Gavin Robinson and Dr Al Pinkerton visited Derry/Londonderry, Larne and Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiries into violence against women and girls, the operation of the Windsor Framework and the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 1 April 2025.

Thursday 15 May 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from Sinn Féin, dated 6 May 2025.

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Members present:

Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith

In the absence of the Chair, David Smith was called to the Chair.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from White Ribbon NI, dated 11 May 2025

Paramilitarism

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 9 April and 13 May 2025

The Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of Duration of Non-jury Trial Provisions) Order 2025

Correspondence from the Under-Secretary of State, dated 6 May 2025

Main Estimates

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Office, dated 15 May 2025

3. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence from Sir Declan Morgan, Chief Commissioner, Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR), Peter Sheridan, Commissioner for Investigations, ICRIR, Louise Warde Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, ICRIR, and Steven Bramley, General Counsel ICRIR.

Adjournment

Adjourned till 4 June 2025 at 9.30am.

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from Mr John Burney, dated 21 May 2025

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Correspondence with the Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 8 May and 23 May 2025

Adjournment

Adjourned till 11 June 2025 at 9.30am.

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
Dr Al Pinkerton
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

10. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 11 June 2025

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Correspondence from the Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 5 June 2025

Adjournment

Adjourned till 18 June 2025 at 9.00am.

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The funding and delivery of public services: follow up

Draft Special Report (The funding and delivery of public services: follow up: Government response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2024-25), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the First Report from the Committee of Session 2024-25 as appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Women's Aid Federation Northern Ireland

Women's Resource and Development Agency

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the solicitor of the Rush family, dated 6 May 2025 and 9 June 2025

The surveillance of journalists and press freedoms in NI

Correspondence with Home Office, and Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey, dated 20 February 2025 and 10 June 2025

Spirit AeroSystems

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 10 June 2025

4. Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

The Committee took evidence from Dr Siobhan McAlister, Senior Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast, DCS Zoe McKee, Head of Public Protection, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Sonya McMullen, Regional Services Manager, Women's Aid NI

Adjournment

Adjourned till 23 June 2025 at 4.00pm.

Monday 23 June 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit the Police Service of Northern Ireland headquarters in Belfast in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiries into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, and the funding of public services: follow up.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with PA Duffy and Company, dated 10 June 2025

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 18 June 2025

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

Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, Fleur Anderson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, Julie Harrison, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, and Fleur Johnson, Windsor Framework, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 9.30am

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Leigh Ingham
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson

Emily Darlington also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee's resolution of 30 April).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Oxford in September to attend the British-Irish Association conference in a representative capacity.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 24 June 2025

3. Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Professor Olga Jurasz, Director, Centre for Protecting Women Online, Bernie McNally, Independent Chair, Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland, and Jessica Smith, Online Safety Principal, Ofcom gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 9.30pm

Friday 4 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The funding and delivery of public services: follow up

Correspondence with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, dated 2 July 2025.

Wednesday 9 July 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Simon Hoare
Leigh Ingham
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Correspondence with the Minister for Creative Industries, Arts and Tourism, dated 2 July 2025

Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from HERe NI, undated

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 9.00am

Friday 11 July – Sunday 13 July 2025

The Chair visited Belfast in a representative capacity in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, and the funding and delivery of public services: follow-up, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 23 June 2025.

Monday 14 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Wave Trauma Centre [LPNI0045]

Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, relating to oral evidence taken on 23 June 2025, dated 27 June and 10 July 2025

Thursday 17 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Correspondence to the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls, dated 17 July 2025

Friday 18 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from Amnesty UK and the Committee on the Administration of Justice, dated 11 July 2025

Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from the National Crime Agency, dated 17 July 2025

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Correspondence with the Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to Not for EU labelling, dated 20 June and 16 July 2025

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Correspondence with the Minister for the Cabinet Office, dated 21 July 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for the Cabinet Office, dated 21 July 2025

Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Anonymous

Correspondence with Foyle Family Justice Centre, dated 11 August 2025

Illegal migration

Correspondence with the Chief Constable of the Police Service for Northern Ireland, dated 19 August 2025

3. Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Rt Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, Julie Harrison, Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, and Sharon Carter, Deputy Director for Legacy, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 9.30pm

Wednesday 10 September 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Claire Hanna
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin in connection with its inquiries into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, Policing and Security in Northern Ireland and Economic Growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Citizenship and passport processes

Correspondence with the Minister for Migration & Citizenship, dated 2 September 2025

Economic growth in NI: new and emerging sectors

Dr Tariq Umar, University of West of England [EGNI0001]
Society of Independent Brewers and Associates [EGNI0002]

Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland

Correspondence with the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls, dated 2 September 2025

Correspondence with Victim Support NI, dated 19 June and 29 April 2025

Levelling Up

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Building Safety, Fire and Local Growth, dated 2 September 2025

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 October 2025 at 9.00am

Wednesday 15 October 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

ADS [EGN0007]
Solace NI & NILGA [EGNI0008]
Makers Alliance [EGNI0011]
Queen's University Belfast [EGNI0015]
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council [EGNI0018]
CBI [EGNI0020]
Ulster University [EGN0022]
NI Chambers of Commerce [EGNI0023]

Reciprocal disregards for compensation payees

Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions, dated 11 September 2025

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Ulster Human Rights Watch [LPNI0049]
Rights & Security International [LPNI0050]
Dr Giada Lagana, Cardiff University [LPNI0051]
Malone House Group [LPNI0052]
Northern Ireland Veterans Movement [LPNI0053]

Human Rights First [LPNI0054]

Professor Feargal Cochrane, Dr Aimee Smith, Professor Neophytos, University of Warwick [LPNI0056]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 19 September 2025

The surveillance of journalists and press freedoms in NI

Correspondence with the Minister for Security, dated 10 September 2025

3. Lough Neagh

William Irvine, President, Ulster Farmers' Union, Kathleen McBride, CEO, Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co-operative Society Ltd., Gerry Darby, Manager, Lough Neagh Partnership, Gary Curran, Director of Engineering and Sustainability, Northern Ireland Water, Angela Halpenny, Head of Environmental Regulation, Northern Ireland Water, gave oral evidence.

Andrew Muir MLA, Minister, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Alistair Carson, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Julie Thompson, Environment, Marine and Fisheries Group, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, David Reid, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 October 2025 at 9.00am

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council [EGNI0003]
Seagate Technology [EGNI0005]
Chartered Accountants Ireland [EGNI0006]
Belfast City Regional Deal [EGNI0009]
Youth Start Consortium [EGNI0010]
Belfast City Airport [EGNI0012]
Encirc [EGNI0013]
techUK [EGNI0019]
Innovation City Belfast [EGNI0021]
Microsoft NI [EGNI0025]

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Professor Anna Bryson, Queen's University Belfast [LPNI0046]
Committee on the Administration of Justice [LPNI0047]
Amnesty International [LPNI0048]
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission [LPNI0055]
Relatives for Justice [LPNI0057]
Nadine Finch, Honorary Senior Policy Fellow, University of Bristol [LPNI0061]

The operation of the Windsor Framework

Correspondence with the Minister for the Cabinet Office, dated 13 October 2025.

3. The operation of the Windsor Framework

The Rt Hon. Lord Murphy of Torfaen, independent reviewer of the Windsor Framework, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, Rt Hon. Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Cabinet Office Minister, Fleur Johnson, Director Windsor Framework, Cabinet Office, and Simeon Hanfling, Deputy Director, Fiscal, Economy & Trade, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

4. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Rt Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, and Sharon Carter, Deputy Director of the Legacy Group, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 October 2025 at 9.00am

Wednesday 29 October 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Sorcha Eastwood
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Build Homes NI [EGNI0014]
Indaver [EGNI0017]
Dalradian [EGNI0024]

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

The Ulster Unionist Party [LPNI0058]
Dr Giada Lagan, Cardiff University [LPNI002]

Policing and security in Northern Ireland

Gemma Davies, Durham University, Shelly Deane, Dublin City University, Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast [PSNI009]

3. Local Growth Fund

Celine McStravick, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action, David Babbington, Chief Executive, Action Mental Health, and Dr Martin McMullan, YouthAction NI, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 November 2025 at 9.00am

Wednesday 5 November 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Claire Hanna
Sir Simon Hoare
Katrina Murray
Dr Al Pinkerton
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Citizenship fees and passport processes

Correspondence with the Minister for Migration & Citizenship dated 16 September and 24 October 2025.

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Anna Bryson, Queen's University Belfast [LPNI0063]
Human Rights First [LPNI0064]
Rights & Security International [LPNI0065]
Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association [LPNI0066]
The Alliance Party [LPNI0067]
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission [LPNI0068]
Nadine Finch, University of Bristol [LPNI0069]
Police Service of Northern Ireland [LPNI0071]
Feargal Cochrane, Neophytos Loizides, Aimee Smith, University of Warwick [LPNI0073]

Policing and security in Northern Ireland

Neil Ferguson, Liverpool Hope University [PSNI010]

3. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

David Johnstone, Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner, Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief

Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Joe McVey,
Commissioner for Victims & Survivors for Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 9.00am

Wednesday 12 November – Thursday 13 November 2025

The Chair, Chris Bloore, Claire Hanna, Adam Jogee, Katrina Murray and Gavin Robinson visited Brussels in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the operation of the Windsor Framework, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 February 2025.

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Declaration of interests

Mike Kane and Mr Paul Kohler declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

Mike Kane declared that he is Chair of Chair of Initiatives of Change.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Professor Margaret Scull, Syracuse University London and Dr Simon Prince, Canterbury Christ Church University [LPNI0076]
Ulster Human Rights Watch [LPNI0078]
Professor Colin Murray, Newcastle Law School & Anurag Deb, Queen's University Belfast [LPNI0079]
Committee on the Administration of Justice [LPNI0080]
MUVE [LPNI0081]
Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery [LPNI0082]

Policing and security in Northern Ireland

Dr Jonny Byrne, Ulster University [PSNI0013]
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission [PSNI0014]
End Deportations Belfast [PSNI0015]
National Union of Journalists [PSNI0016]

Migrants Rights Network [PSNI0017]

Professor Andrew Silke, Royal Holloway University of London and Dr John Morrison, Maynooth University [PSNI0018]

Andy George, National Black Police Association [PSNI0019]

International Peace Education Resources [PSNI0020]

Northern Ireland Policing Board [PSNI0021]

Police Service of Northern Ireland [PSI0022]

Delegated Legislation

Correspondence from the Minister for Employment Rights and Consumer Protection, dated 21 October 2025

4. Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Stuart Anderson, Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce, Professor Paul Bartholomew, Ulster University, Robert Hill, Matrix Panel, and David Quinn, Queen's University Belfast, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 9.00am

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

WAVE Trauma Centre [LPNI0083]
Commission for Victims and Survivors [LPNI0084]
Commission for Victims and Survivors [LPNI0085]
Professor Kieran McEvoy, Queen's University Belfast [LPNI0086]

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 20 November 2025

Policing and security in Northern Ireland

Police Federation for Northern Ireland [PSNI0023]

Lough Neagh

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, dated 21 November 2025

3. The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Draft Report (The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 586.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 9.00am

Monday 1 December – Tuesday 2 December 2025

The Chair, Chris Bloore, Claire Hanna, Adam Jogee, Mike Kane, Katrina Murray, and David Smith visited Dublin in connection with the Committee's inquiries into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, Policing and Security in Northern Ireland and Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 September 2025.

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland, in connection with its inquiries into Policing and security in Northern Ireland and Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Policing and security in Northern Ireland

Committee on the Administration of Justice and North West Migrants Forum
[PSNI0024]
ECNI [PSNI0025]

The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 3 December 2025.

3. Policing and Security in Northern Ireland

Dr Jonny Byrne, Independent Reviewer of exercised powers under the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 and for National Security Arrangements, and Professor Marie Breen-Smyth, International Peace Education Resources, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 7 January 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Policing and security in Northern Ireland

Department of Justice [PSNI0026]

Agricultural Property Relief

Correspondence from the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, dated 12 December 2025.

3. Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Councillor Tim McLelland, Northern Ireland Local Government Association, Alison McCullagh, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, and Steven Norris, Antrim and Newtonabbey Borough Council, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 14 January 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi, in the Chair
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Mike Kane
Alicia Kearns
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith
Robin Swann

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Local Growth

Correspondence from the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland and for Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 8 January 2026.

Operation of the Windsor Framework

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, dated 5 January 2026.

4. Operation Kenova

Chief Constable Jon Boutcher, Police Service of Northern Ireland, and Sir Iain Livingstone, Operation Kenova Lead Officer, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 21 January 2026

Members present:

Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Alicia Kearns
Gavin Robinson
David Smith
Robin Swann

In the absence of the Chair, Simon Hoare was called to the Chair.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Policing and Security in Northern Ireland

PSNI0027 National Crime Agency

Local Growth

Correspondence with the Leader of the House of Commons, dated 8 and 14 January 2026.

Correspondence from NICVA, dated 14 January 2026.

Correspondence from YouthStart dated 15 January 2026.

Local Regeneration Fund

Correspondence with the Minister for Faith, Devolution and Communities Government, dated 7 October 2025 and 12 January 2026.

3. Policing and Security in Northern Ireland

Sir Hugh Orde and Sir George Hamilton, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 9.00am

Monday 26 January – Wednesday 28 January 2026

The Chair, Chris Bloore, Sorchá Eastwood, Claire Hanna, Adam Jogee, Mike Kane, Mr Paul Kohler, Katrina Murray, and Gavin Robinson visited Belfast and Derry/Londonderry in connection with the Committee's inquiries into Policing and Security in Northern Ireland and Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 December 2025.

Wednesday 4 February 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Adam Jogee
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Operation Kenova: final report

Draft Report (Operation Kenova: final report), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC1580.

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Operation Kenova: final report

Correspondence from Sir Iain Livingstone, Officer In Overall Command, Operation Kenova, dated 20 January 2026.

Economic Growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Matrix Panel [EGNI0027]

4. Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Rt Hon. Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee, Intertrade UK, and Colin McAbrey, InterTradeIreland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Government's new approach to the Legacy of the Troubles

Draft Special Report (The Government's new approach to the Legacy of the Troubles: Government response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2024-25), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee of Session 2024-25 as appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Gambling Policy

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 2 February 2026.

Northern Ireland Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2025-26

Northern Ireland Office

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 25 February 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Gavin Robinson
David Smith
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Policing and Security in Northern Ireland

Dr Jonny Byrne, Ulster University PSNI0028

Local Growth

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 17 February 2026

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, dated 13 February 2026

3. Policing and Security in Northern Ireland

Sinead Simpson, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Policing Board, Mukesh Sharma, Chair at Northern Ireland Policing Board, Brendan Mullan, Vice-Chair at Northern Ireland Policing Board, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Balmoral Show in connection with its economic growth inquiry.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Economic Growth

InterTradeIreland EGNI0028

Local Growth

Correspondence from Include Youth, dated 24 February 2026

Correspondence from NICCY, dated 24 February 2026

Digital Economy

Correspondence from the Minister for Digital Government and Data, dated 11 February 2026

3. Work of the Department

Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office,
Matthew Patrick MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland,

Northern Ireland Office, Ruth Sloan, Director of Strategy, Northern Ireland Office and Fleur Johnson, Windsor Framework Director, Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Alicia Kearns
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Policing and Security in Northern Ireland

Gemma Davies, Associate Professor of Law, Durham University, Rob Jones, Director General, Operations, National Crime Agency, Miles Bonfield, Deputy Director for Economic Crime and Devolved Administrations, National Crime Agency, Gordon Summers, Head of ICE and ROM North, Home Office gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 18 March 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Mike Kane
Gavin Robinson
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Gambling Policy

Correspondence from the Minister for Gambling, dated 10 March 2026

3. Violence Against Women and Girls in Northern Ireland

Jess Phillips MP, Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls, Home Office, and Gisela Carr, Deputy Director, Interpersonal Abuse Unit, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

4. Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors

Draft Report (Economic growth in Northern Ireland: new and emerging sectors), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC1193.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Simon Hoare
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Reconciliation.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Spain in connection with its work on reconciliation.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Balmoral Show in connection with its work on economic growth.

2. Reconciliation

Ordered, That Professor Graham Spencer be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Reconciliation in Northern Ireland. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Policing and Security in NI
Home Office [PSNI0029]

4. Policing and Security in Northern Ireland

Chief Constable Jon Boutcher, Police Service of Northern Ireland, and Assistant Chief Constable Davy Beck, Police Service of Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 15 April 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Adam Jogee
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Work of the Department

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 9 April 2026

Energy costs in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of IKIFDA, dated 9 April 2026

Gambling policy

Correspondence from the Minister for Gambling, dated 8 April 2026

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 9.00am

Wednesday 22 April 2026

Members present:

Tonia Antoniazzi (Chair)
Chris Bloore
Sorcha Eastwood
Claire Hanna
Mike Kane
Mr Paul Kohler
Katrina Murray
Gavin Robinson
David Smith
Robin Swann

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Energy Costs in Northern Ireland

David Blevings, Northern Ireland Oil Federation, Declan Pang, Road Haulage Association, William Irvine, Ulster Farmers' Union, Noyona Chundur, Consumer Council for Northern Ireland, Pat Austin, National Energy Action NI, and John French, Utility Regulator NI gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 9.00am

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Tonia Antoniazzi (Gower) [Member from 9 September 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

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

Name of donor: Francesca Perrin

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 donation to general election campaign

Date received: 28 May 2024

Date accepted: 28 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 3 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: SC4

Address of donor: Canolfan SC4 Yr Egin, Carmarthen SA31 3EQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket with hospitality for Wales v France rugby match at the Principality Stadium (value is estimated), value £500

Date received: 10 March 2024

Date accepted: 10 March 2024

Donor status: company, registration 03418710

(Registered 14 March 2024)

Name of donor: Allwyn Entertainment Limited

Address of donor: Tolpits Lane, Watford WD18 9RN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Travel, hotel and tickets for Paralympics, value £4,095

Date received: 30 August 2024 to 1 September 2024

Date accepted: 30 August 2024

Donor status: company, registration 13157556

(Registered 11 September 2024)

Name of donor: Scenario UK

Address of donor: 13 Lime Court, Conduitt Lane, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8EP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: ticket to the National Television Awards with hospitality, value £1,140

Date received: 11 September 2024 to 11 September 2024

Date accepted: 11 September 2024

Donor status: company, registration OC365594

(Registered 2 October 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Director of the board of Scarlets Regional Ltd. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 15 May 2024

(Registered 9 July 2024)

Dan Aldridge (Weston-super-Mare) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Head of Policy and Public Affairs

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT (A Chartered Institute and professional body), 3 Newbridge Square Swindon SN1 1BY

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Payment: £1,046.20 Final payment

Received on: 22 July 2024. Hours: Non since my election.

(Registered 29 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: The Communication Workers Union

Address of donor: CWU Office, Station Buildings, Rougemont Telephone Exchange, Queen Street, Exeter EX4 4TL

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,100 for my general election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Advisory Board Member of Software Sustainability Institute. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Trustee of Somewhere to Go charity in Weston-super-Mare. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Chris Bloore (Redditch) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Sole director and shareholder

Payer: What'sNextCommunicationsLTD (Consultancy firm offering training and communications services.), 9 Bridge Street, Walton-On-Thames KT12 1AE

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Payment: £2,500

Received on: 22 July 2024. Hours: no hours since my election.

(Registered 1 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: UNITE the Union West Midlands

Address of donor: Unite the Union, Regional Office, 30 Jennens Road, Birmingham B7 4EH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for support with election expenses

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to help with setting up campaign infrastructure including printed materials

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: Knights Pharmacy

Address of donor: 9 Palmers Road, Redditch B98 0RF

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 for support with election expenses

Donor status: company, registration 10697506

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: The Musicians' Union

Address of donor: Musicians' Union 30 Snowsfields, London SE1 3SU

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 for support with election expenses

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 25 July 2024)

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

Name of company or organisation: What'sNextCommunicationsLTD

Nature of business: Consultancy firm offering training and communications services

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Sorcha Eastwood (Lagan Valley) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

Nil

30 October 2024: Additional interests: My husband is employed by the Department for Economy.

Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Embassy of Ireland, Brazil (Irish Department of Foreign Affairs,)

Address of donor: Brazil SHIS QL 2 conjunto 05 casa 09, Lago Sul, Brasília, DFCEP 71630-255, Brazil

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): International and internal flights, accommodation, value £900

Destination of visit: Brazil

Dates of visit: 1 February 2024 to 2 February 2024

Purpose of visit: Attending St Brigid's Day event on Good Friday Agreement and reconciliation.

(Registered 14 February 2024)

**Simon Hoare (North Dorset) [Member from 16 December 2024]
Declaration of interest (as of 6 January 2025)**

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: John Romans

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,232 in aid of General Election Fighting Fund.

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1 Location: Oxfordshire

Ownership details: Owned jointly with my wife

Rental income: from 1 September 2015 until 2 December 2024

(Registered 21 May 2015; updated 8 January 2018 and 4 December 2024)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

Name: Kate Hoare

Relationship: Spouse

Role: Office Manager

Working pattern: Full time

(Registered 29 February 2016; updated 20 December 2019 and 14 November 2023)

Leigh Ingham (Stafford) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: Dr Paul Blakeman

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Office premises for party and campaign use, value £10,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 30 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Governor of Burton Manor School, Stafford. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 8 July 2024

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Musicians' Union

Address of donor: 30 Snowfields, London SE1 3SU

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Gary Lubner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £15,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: UNISON

Address of donor: UNISON West Midlands, 24 Livery Street, Birmingham B3 2PA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: GMB (Midland and East)

Address of donor: 542 Woodborough Road, Nottingham NG3 5FJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,600

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

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

Name of donor: The Musicians' Union

Address of donor: 30 Snowfields, London SE1 3SU

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Date received: 22 August 2023

Date accepted: 22 August 2023

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Christian Klapp

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Date received: 17 June 2024

Date accepted: 17 June 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

Address of donor: Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Date received: 26 March 2024

Date accepted: 26 March 2024

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Jason Howlett

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000

Date received: 24 May 2023

Date accepted: 24 May 2023

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Christian Klapp

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Date received: 14 November 2023

Date accepted: 14 November 2023

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Mike Kane (Wythenshawe and Sale East) [Member since 17 November 2025]

Declarations of interest (as of 3 November 2025)

8. Miscellaneous

A non-Executive Director of The Oxford Group, whose programmes include initiatives to develop sustainable communities; making films about conflict resolution; working to bring trust and integrity into the business and financial sectors; helping young people to find a sense of vocation. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 28 May 2022

(Registered 13 September 2022)

Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Stamford) [Member from 21 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Writing articles

Payer: Reach PLC (commercial news publisher), One Canada Square, London E14 5AP

Payment: £700 for two articles for the Daily Express.

Received on: 7 December 2023. Hours: 2 hrs.

(Registered 18 December 2023)

Role, work or services: Presenting a radio show

Payer: LBC Radio Ltd, 30 Leicester Square, London WC2H 7LA

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Payment expected: £1,000

Completed or provided on: 26 July 2024. Hours: 3 hrs.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Rishi Fernando

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 payment for campaign materials

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Mark C C Samworth

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Stamford Property Company Limited

Address of donor: 14-15 All Saints Street, Stamford, PE9 2PA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration 03016148

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 27 September 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Attitude Magazine - Stream Publishing Limited

Address of donor: The Cowshed, Ladycross Farm, Hollow Lane, Dormansland RH7 6PB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket for the Virgin Atlantic Attitude Awards 2023, value £600

Date received: 11 October 2023

Date accepted: 11 October 2023

Donor status: company, registration 6766284

(Registered 9 November 2023)

Name of donor: Lord Michael Hintze

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket for the Conservative Party Winter Ball, value £1,000

Date received: 29 February 2024

Date accepted: 29 February 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 28 March 2024)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in London

Address of donor: 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W8 7HA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£466.90), accommodation and meals (£500), value £966.90

Destination of visit: Jordan

Dates of visit: 23 October 2023 to 26 October 2023

Purpose of visit: Meetings with Jordanian Government, Parliamentarians and Jordanian Armed Forces.

(Registered 9 November 2023)

Name of donor: Government of Kosovo

Address of donor: Government Building, Nëna Terezë Square, 10000 Prishtinë, The Republic of Kosovo

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Transport and accommodation for me and a member of staff, value £1,548.59

Destination of visit: Kosovo

Dates of visit: 19 October 2023 to 22 October 2023

Purpose of visit: Meetings with Kosovan Government, Parliament, civil society, NATO and police.

(Registered 8 December 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

Board Member of the Great British-China Centre, a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee operating as an executive non-departmental public body, established by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to support UK-China relations.

Date interest arose: 23 June 2022

(Registered 28 July 2022)

Director of the China Research Group, a company limited by guarantee which works to inform MPs on the long term challenges arising from the rise of China. This is an unpaid role with no financial benefits.

Date interest arose: 22 June 2023

(Registered 23 April 2024)

Mr Paul Kohler (Wimbledon) [Member from 13 November 2025]

Declarations of interest (as of 3 November 2025)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Councillor

Payer: Merton Council, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Remuneration: £1,001.17 a month

Hours: 10 hrs a week approximate

(Registered 3 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Fulham FC

Address of donor: Fulham Football Club, Training Ground, Motspur Park, New Malden, Surrey KT3 6PT

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Tickets for FA Cup match included hospitality, Fulham vs Crystal Palace, for myself and my family (total of six). Value provided by supplier, value £1,792.80

Date received: 29 March 2025

Date accepted: 29 March 2025

Donor status: company, registration 02114486

(Registered 31 March 2025)

Name of donor: Football Association Limited

Address of donor: Wembley Stadium, Wembley, London HA9 0WS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets and hospitality to the FA cup semi-final with Crystal Palace F.C., value £494.36

Date received: 26 April 2025

Date accepted: 26 April 2025

Donor status: company, registration 00077797

(Registered 9 May 2025)

Name of donor: AFC Wimbledon

Address of donor: Plough Lane Stadium, Plough Lane, London SW17 0NR

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets and hospitality to see AFC Wimbledon in the league 2 play-off final at Wembley, value £700

Date received: 26 May 2025

Date accepted: 26 May 2025

Donor status: company, registration 04458490

(Registered 24 June 2025)

Name of donor: The All England Lawn Tennis Club (Championships) Limited

Address of donor: Church Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 5AE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two Royal Box tickets to watch the Wimbledon Championships, value £560

Date received: 4 July 2025

Date accepted: 4 July 2025

Donor status: company, registration 07546773320

(Registered 1 August 2025)

Name of donor: UK Music

Address of donor: Work.Life, 33 Foley Street, London, England W1W 7TL

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for the BST in Hyde Park, including hospitality on the terrace, value £599.88

Date received: 11 July 2025

Date accepted: 11 July 2025

Donor status: company, registration 03245288

(Registered 1 August 2025)

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

Name of company or organisation: Babylon Bars (London) Ltd

Nature of business: Hospitality

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Babylon Bars Ltd

Nature of business: Hospitality

(Registered 3 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid Director, Babylon Bars Ltd.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Unpaid Director, Babylon Bars (London) Ltd.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Katrina Murray (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Voluntary Services Manager

Until: 4 August 2024.

Payer: NHS Lanarkshire (NHS Board), Kirklands Hospital, Fallside Road, Bothwell G71 8BB

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Payment: £615.85

Received on: 31 July 2024. Hours: 7.5 hrs.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: UNISON Labour Link

Address of donor: 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,000 for use in my election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: UNISON Affiliated Political Fund

Address of donor: 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,500 for my election campaign.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: UNISON Affiliated Political Fund

Address of donor: 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for use in my election Campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Gary Lubner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £11,250 for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: UNISON Labour Link

Address of donor: 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500 for my election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 2 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Member of the National Executive Council of the trade union UNISON.

Date interest ended: 4 August 2024

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Member of the Conference Arrangement Committee for the Annual Labour Party Conference.

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Employee (Teaching/Research)

From: 10 September 2008.

Payer: Royal Holloway University (Higher Education institution), Egham, Surrey
TW20 0EX

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Remuneration: £5,569 a month this is the average monthly gross salary over the period June 2023-July 2024

Hours: 40 hrs a week

(Registered 2 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Chris Phoenix

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 a donation to the Surrey Heath Liberal Democrats General Election fighting fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: David Simmonds

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 donation to the Surrey Heath Liberal Democrats General Election fighting fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Cliff Betton

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 donation to the Surrey Heath Liberal Democrats General Election fighting fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Gavin Robinson (Belfast East) [Member from 4 November 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 11 November 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Director of EastSide Partnership, which is a broad-based social partnership with community, statutory, political and business members who are dedicated to the regeneration of East Belfast. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 1 August 2019

(Registered 6 August 2019)

Chair of EastSide Tourism Ltd, which promotes East Belfast as a tourist destination. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 1 August 2019

(Registered 6 August 2019)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

Name: John Robinson

Relationship: Father

Role: Office Manager

Working pattern: Part time

(Registered 1 August 2016)

David Smith (North Northumberland) [Member from 28 October 2024]

Declarations of interest (as of 14 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Andrew Cribb

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for the North Northumberland Labour Party general election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Business property

Number of properties: 1

Location: Northumberland

Ownership details: Co-owned with a family member

Rental income: Yes

Rental income details: The rental is paid to my family member

(Registered 15 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee, Together for the Common Good. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 15 July 2024)

Chief Executive, Oasis Community Housing

Date interest ended: 11 July 2024

(Registered 29 July 2024)

30 October 2024: Additional interests: Between 2001 and 2004, I was Programme Officer for the Preparing Youth for Peace Programme, a peace-making youth programme of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, based in Belfast.

Swann, Robin (South Antrim) [Member from 12 January 2026]

Declarations of interest (as of 5 January 2026)

8. Miscellaneous

Honorary President, Farmers' Choir Northern Ireland. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 16 January 2025

(Registered 18 July 2024; updated 17 January 2025 and 21 October 2025)

Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Date interest arose: 3 July 2023

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Director and Trustee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (UK Branch).

Date interest arose: 16 October 2024

(Registered 31 October 2024)

Honorary Associate of the British Veterinary Association.

Date interest arose: 25 September 2025

(Registered 4 October 2025)

ii) Specialist Advisers

Dr Eamonn O'Kane

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into the Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland, declared the following interests:

26 February 2025: none

Prof. Graham Spencer

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Reconciliation, declared the following interests:

25 March 2026: member of the Political Studies Association of Ireland which promotes the study of politics both in and of Ireland; membership of the University and Colleges Union as an Emeritus Professor, under the retirement category; no longer a paid employee.