



Formal Minutes of the Public Administration and Constitutional 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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Tuesday 5 November 2024

Members present¹

Simon Hoare, in the Chair²

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Lauren Edwards

John Grady

Peter Lamb

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

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 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

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

² Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [11 September 2024].

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

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to:

- (a) Engage in correspondence on committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the committee or is of a routine nature;
- (b) Arrange informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the committee's remit;
- (c) Amend the timing of committee meetings, where necessary;
- (d) Authorise the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports; and
- (e) Decide to which parliamentary proceedings committee reports should be tagged for debate in the House (or Westminster Hall) and proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall.

3. Main Estimates Memoranda

Ordered, That the following Main Estimates 2024-25 memoranda be reported to the House for publication:

The Cabinet Office

Civil Superannuation

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme

UK Statistics Authority

4. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 November at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 12 November 2024

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Lauren Edwards

John Grady

Peter Lamb

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee hold a pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the role of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Institute for Government on 19 November 2024.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Manchester in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.

Resolved, That the Committee hear from The Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations and Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the work of the Cabinet Office.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Insolvency of a large construction business:

Correspondence from Catherine Little CB, Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary dated 1 November 2024.

Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 (Extension) Bill:

Correspondence from Abena Oppong-Asare MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office dated 23 October 2024

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 November at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Lauren Edwards

John Grady

Peter Lamb

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Review of the 2024 general election

Resolved, That members of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee be invited to attend meetings relating to the Review of the 2024 general election, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Draft Cabinet Manual:

Correspondence with The Rt. Hon. Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations dated 19 November 2024.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 December at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 4 December 2024

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Lauren Edwards

John Grady

Peter Lamb

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hear from Sir Chris Wormald KCB, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the work of the Cabinet Office.

2. The work of the Cabinet Office

Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office gave oral evidence

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 December at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Lauren Edwards

John Grady

Peter Lamb

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee submit written evidence to the Modernisation Committee

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Public Bodies

Charlotte Cane declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Public Bodies, namely: former employment with Eastern Arts; English Heritage; Forestry Commission England; and the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, from which pension benefits arise.

Resolved, That the Committee hear from Right Hon the Baroness Stuart of Edgbaston, First Civil Service Commissioner in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the work of the Cabinet Office.

Resolved, That the Committee hear from Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General (Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations) in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the work of the Cabinet Office.

2. The work of the Cabinet Office

The Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations and Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 January at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 7 January 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, In the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

Chris Curtis and Mr Lee Dillon also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Resolution of 26 November 2024).

1. Declaration of interests

Sam Carling and John Lamont declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Review of the 2024 general election:

Dr Ben Stanford [RGE 01]

Professor Petra Schleiter, Professor Jonathan Homola, Dr Jeremy Siow, Joelle Tasker, and Professor Margit Tavits [RGE 02]

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's investigation on State Pension age communications and associated issues:

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP, Secretary of State for Work & Pensions, dated 17 December 2024.

4. Review of the 2024 general election

John Pullinger CB, Chair of the Electoral Commission, Vijay Rangarajan, Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission and Jackie Killeen, Director of Electoral Administration and Regulation, Electoral Commission, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 January at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 14 January 2025

The Chair, Richard Baker, Markus Campbell-Savours, Charlotte Cane, Sam Carling, Lauren Edwards, Peter Lamb, Mr Richard Quigley and Michelle Welsh visited Manchester in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 November 2024.

Tuesday 21 January 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

Mr Lee Dillon also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Resolution of 26 November 2024).

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Review of the 2024 general election:

Antisemitism Policy Trust [RGE 04]

Royal Mail [RGE 06]

The work of the Cabinet Office:

Correspondence from Catherine Little CB, Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary, dated 10 January 2025.

3. Review of the 2024 general election

David Gold, Director of Public Affairs & Policy, Royal Mail, and Ricky McAulay, UK Operations Director, Royal Mail gave oral evidence.

Peter Stanyon, Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators, and Laura Lock, Deputy Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 January at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 28 January 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

publication:

Commissioner for Public Appointments Annual Report 2023-24:

Correspondence from William Shawcross CVO, Commissioner for Public Appointments, dated 22 January 2025.

3. The work of the Civil Service Commission

The Right Hon. the Baroness Stuart of Edgbaston, First Civil Service Commissioner, Civil Service Commission gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 February at 8.45 a.m.

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. Appointment of Specialist Adviser

Ordered, That Vanessa Holden be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to the issues of statistics and data. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix).

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee hear from Catherine Little CB, Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary, in relation to the Cabinet Office Annual Report and Accounts.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its scrutiny of the UK-EU relationship, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Review of the 2024 general election:

Unlock Democracy [RGE 07]

Professor Justin Fisher, Dr Manu Savani & Dr Fotios Spyridonis [RGE 08]

Democracy Volunteers [RGE 09]

The Jo Cox Foundation [RGE 10]

The Alan Turing Institute [RGE 11]

Professor Toby S. James, University of East Anglia; Professor Paul Bernal,
University of East Anglia & Ellen Berry, UK Democracy Fund [RGE 12]

UK Democracy Fund [RGE 13]

The Royal National Institute of Blind (RNIB) [RGE 14]

Professor Toby S. James & Dr Holly Ann Garnett [RGE 15]

Migrant Democracy Project (MDP) [RGE 16]

Bremain in Spain [RGE 17]

Dr Sofia Collignon & Dr Wolfgang Rüdig [RGE 18]

The Electoral Management Board for Scotland [RGE 19]

Ken Westmoreland [RGE 20]

Liberal Democrats Abroad [RGE 21]

Scottish Assessors' Association Electoral Registration Committee [RGE 22]

Florence Banks [RGE 23]

The Electoral Reform Society [RGE 25]

Professor Edward Fieldhouse [RGE 26]

Civica Election Services [RGE 27]

The Local Government Association (LGA) [RGE 28]

The Association of Electoral Administrators [RGE 29]

The Electoral Commission [RGE 30]

Interparliamentary Forum: Spring 2025:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 27 January 2025.

Spending Review 2025:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 6 February 2025.

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: Committee visit to Manchester on 14 January 2025:

Correspondence from Rebecca Hilsenrath Ombudsman and Chair, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, dated 23 January 2025.

4. The work of the Cabinet Office

Rt Hon Nick Thomas–Symonds MP, Paymaster-General and Minister for the Cabinet Office (Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations), Cabinet Office, Darren Tierney, Director General, Propriety & Constitution Group, Cabinet Office and Hermione Gough, EU Director, Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 February at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sam Carling

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Mission Government.

2. Supplementary Estimates Memoranda

Ordered, That the following Supplementary Estimates 2024-25 memoranda be reported to the House for publication:

The Cabinet Office

Civil Superannuation

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme

The Statistics Board

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Update on Places for Growth commitments

Correspondence from Georgia Gould OBE MP, Parliamentary Secretary at the Cabinet Office, dated 14 January 2025.

Government's response to the Electoral Commission's reports on the 2024 elections:

Correspondence from Rushanara Ali MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Homelessness and Democracy at Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 12 February 2025.

Outstanding Government responses to Committee reports

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 11 February 2025.

Committee visit to Citygate on 14 January 2025

Correspondence with Rebecca Hilsenrath, Ombudsman and Chair, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, dated 11 February 2025.

4. The work of the Cabinet Office

Sir Chris Wormald KCB, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service at Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 March at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 4 March 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Transforming the UK's Evidence Base

Draft Special Report (Transforming the UK's Evidence Base: Government, UKSA, ONS and OSR Responses to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2023–24), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government, UKSA, ONS and OSR responses to the Fifth Report from the Committee of Session 2023–24 in the last Parliament were 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 for publication

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

Review of the 2024 general election:

Royal Mail [RGE 31]

Cancellation of the campaign to appoint a new Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 27 February 2025.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 March at 9.30 a.m.

Monday 10 March 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 5 November 2024:

Cancellation of the campaign to appoint a new Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 10 March 2025.

Tuesday 18 March 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into the Work of the UKSA

Resolved, That members of the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting relating to the pre-appointment hearing of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Strategy for the statistical system:

Correspondence from Sir Robert Chote, Chair, UK Statistics Authority, dated 5 March 2025.

Commissioner for Public Appointments Annual Report 2023-24:

Correspondence from Sir William Shawcross CVO, Commissioner for Public Appointments, dated 11 March 2025.

3. Review of the 2024 general election

Rushanara Ali, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Homelessness and Democracy), Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Stuart Ison, Director for Elections at Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 March at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 25 March 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. The Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025

Resolved, That the Committee agrees that the negative procedure should apply, as proposed, to the instrument titled The Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025.

Resolved, That the Chair do report this resolution to the House.—*Simon Hoare*

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Wales in relation to its scrutiny of IGR/IPR arrangements and data.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Public Bodies

Dr Henry Midgley, Professor Laurence Ferry and Aileen Murphie [PBI 06]

Institute for Government [PBI 07]

The Information Commissioner [PBI 08]

Claire Wright [PBI 09]

Nigel D Cook [PBI 10]

Fiona Watts [PBI 13]

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) [PBI 14]

Reform Think Tank [PBI 19]

Cabinet Office's proposed new strategic outcomes

Correspondence from Catherine Little CB, Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary, dated 19 March 2025.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 April at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 25 March 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 5 November 2024:

**Interim arrangements for the Chair of the Advisory Committee on
Business Appointments:**

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 25 March 2025.

Tuesday 1 April 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Michelle Welsh

1. The Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025

Resolved, That the Committee agrees that the negative procedure should apply, as proposed, to the instrument titled The Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025.

Resolved, That the Chair do report this resolution to the House.—*Simon Hoare*

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That members of the Treasury Committee be invited to attend meetings relating to the work of the UK Statistics Authority, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK Statistics Authority Strategy 2025-30

Correspondence with Sir Robert Chote, Chair, UK Statistics Authority, dated 25 March 2025.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 April at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 2 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 5 November 2024:

Interim arrangements for the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 31 March 2025.

Wednesday 23 April 2025

Members present

Lauren Edwards, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

Michelle Welsh

Resolved, That, at this day's sitting, Lauren Edwards take the Chair of the Committee.—(Michelle Welsh.)

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Review of the 2024 general election:

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government [RGE 32]

Spending Review 2025 and the outstanding Government responses to the Committee:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 31 March 2025.

Government's five Mission Boards:

Correspondence with Sir Chris Wormald KCB, Cabinet Secretary at the Cabinet Office, dated 3 April 2025.

Publication of 2024 electoral fraud data:

Correspondence with Tom Hawthorn, Director of Policy and Research at the Electoral Commission, dated 31 March 2025.

3. Pre-appointment Hearing: The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Paula Sussex CBE, the preferred candidate, gave oral evidence.

4. Appointment of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Draft Report (Appointment of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 781.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The work of the Cabinet Office

Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office, Sarah Harrison, Chief Operating Officer at Cabinet Office, Caroline Patterson, Chief Financial Officer at Cabinet Office and Mark Bourgeois, Chief Executive at Government Property Agency gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK.

Resolved, That in support of the inquiry into propriety, ethics and the wider landscape, that the Committee hear from the range of regulators and other arms-length bodies within its remit on their work.

2. Public Bodies

Matthew Gill, Programme Director at Institute for Government gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 May at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Members present

Lauren Edwards, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

Resolved, That, at this day's sitting, Lauren Edwards take the Chair of the Committee.—(John Lamont.)

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Mission Government:

Carnegie UK [MIG0003]

Dr James Cooper (Associate Professor of History and American Studies at York St John University) [MIG0006]

Charities Aid Foundation [MIG0007]

Essity [MIG0008]

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries [MIG0009]

Re:State [MIG0010]

Newcastle University UK SDG Data and Policy Hub [MIG0011]

Demos [MIG0012]

Dr Ian C. Elliott (Senior Lecturer in Public Administration at Centre for Public Policy, University of Glasgow) [MIG0013]

Early Education and Childcare Coalition [MIG0014]

TRUUD (Tackling Root Causes Upstream of Unhealthy Urban Development)
[MIG0015]

Urology Trade Association [MIG0016]

LGA [MIG0017]

Policy Evaluation and Research Unit at Manchester Metropolitan University
[MIG0018]

Greater London Authority, and London Councils [MIG0019]

Professor Mariana Mazzucato (Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL), where she is Founding Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation & Public Purpose (IIPP) at University College London) [MIG0020]

The Health Foundation [MIG0021]

Professor Carl Stephen Patrick Hunter (Chairman at Coltraco Ultrasonics)
[MIG0022]

Involve [MIG0023]

The Future Governance Forum [MIG0024]

3. Mission Government

Anna Garrod, Director of Policy and Impact, Demos; Nathan Yeowell, Executive Director, Future Governance Forum and Joe Hill, Policy Director, Re:State gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 June at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 10 June 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code.

Resolved, that the Committee hold a pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the role of Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Public Bodies:

Cabinet Office [PBI 20]

Mission Government:

London Borough of Camden [MIG 25]

UK Open Government Network (UK ONG) [MIG 26]

Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code:

Correspondence from the Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, Speaker of the House of Commons dated 23 May 2025

3. Main Estimates Memoranda

Ordered, That the following Main Estimates 2025-26 memoranda be reported to the House for publication:

The Cabinet Office [including Annex]

Civil Superannuation

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme

UK Statistics Authority

4. The work of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACoBA)

The Rt Hon Lord Pickles, former Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACoBA), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 June at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 17 June 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Women's Budget Group [UKSA 0002]

Professor Alice Sullivan [UKSA 0003]

Thomas King [UKSA 0004]

Care England [UKSA 0005]

Market Research Society [UKSA 0007]

Scottish Government - Office of the Chief Economic Adviser [UKSA 0008]

Bernard Casey [UKSA 0009]

medConfidential [UKSA 0010]

Dr Robin A Hadley and Professor Daniel Muijs [UKSA 0013]

Welsh Government [UKSA 0014]

British Society for Population Studies [UKSA 0015]

Notayesmaneeconomics Shaun Richards [UKSA 0016]

Centre for Longitudinal Study Information and User Support (CeLSIUS) [UKSA 0017]

Better Statistics CIC [UKSA 0018]

UK Data Service (Census) [UKSA 0019]

Professor Tony Champion [UKSA 0020]

Simon Briscoe [UKSA 0021]

Professor Lisa Purse and Dr Andrew Philip, University of Reading [UKSA 0022]

Carnegie UK [UKSA 0023]

Royal Statistical Society (RSS) [UKSA 0024]

Dr Arthur Barnett [UKSA 0025]

UK Statistics Authority [UKSA 0026]

Sikh Federation [UKSA 0027]

The Board of Deputies of British Jews [UKSA 0028]

Preet Kaur Gill MP [UKSA 0030]

Future census methodology:

Correspondence from Cllr Abi Brown OBE, Chairman, LGA Improvement and Innovation Board dated 6 June 2025

Cabinet Office Annual Report and Accounts:

Correspondence from Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office dated 6 June 2025

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 July at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 24 June - Wednesday 25 June 2025

The Chair, Richard Baker, Markus Campbell-Savours, Charlotte Cane, Sam Carling, Lauren Edwards, Peter Lamb, Mr Richard Quigley and Michelle Welsh visited Brussels in relation to the Committee's ongoing scrutiny of the UK-EU relationship, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 February 2025.

Tuesday 1 July 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

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Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

Yuan Yang also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Resolution of 26 November 2024)

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Correspondence with Sir Robert Chote, Chair, UK Statistics Authority dated 10 June 2025

3. The work of the UK Statistics Authority

Sir Robert Chote, Chair, UK Statistics Authority; Emma Rourke, Interim National Statistician, UK Statistics Authority and Office for National Statistics and Ed Humpherson, Head, Office for Statistics Regulation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 July at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 8 July 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Yuan Yang also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Resolution of 26 November 2024)

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK:

Professor Michael Gordon [PEW0001]

Constitution Unit, University College London [PEW0002]

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Correspondence from Sir Robert Chote, Chair, UK Statistics Authority dated 30 June 2025

Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code:

Correspondence from Sir Laurie Magnus CBE, Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests dated 30 June 2025

3. The work of the UK Statistics Authority

Sir Robert Chote, Chair, UK Statistics Authority; Emma Rourke, Interim National Statistician, UK Statistics Authority and Office for National Statistics and Ed Humpherson, Head, Office for Statistics Regulation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 July at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 15 July 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code:

Mr Ranjan Balakumaran [MSM0002]

Correspondence with Sir Laurie Magnus CBE, Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests 12 June 2025

Pre-appointment Hearing: The Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists:

Correspondence from Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 5 July 2025

Work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Correspondence from Emma Rourke, Acting National Statistician 7 July 2025

Review of the 2024 general election:

Correspondence from Vijay Rangarajan, Chief Executive, Electoral Commission 9 July 2025

3. Review of the 2024 general election

Draft Report (Review of the 2024 general election), 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 487.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 July at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code:

Sense about Science [MSM0003]

The Constitution Society [MSM0004]

HM Government [MSM0005]

3. Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code

The Rt Hon Lucy Powell MP, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 September at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Lauren Edwards

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take part of the evidence to be given by Professor Sir Ian Diamond on 9 September in private.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Common Framework programme update:

Correspondence from Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Minister of State at the Cabinet Office 17 July 2025

Infected Blood Inquiry:

Correspondence from Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and HM Paymaster General 21 July 2025

Mission Government:

HM Government [MIG0027]

Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK:

Correspondence from Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 21 July 2025

Work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Correspondence with Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 16 July and 22 July 2025

Correspondence from Sir Robert Chote, Chair, UK Statistics Authority, and Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office, dated 30 July 2025

Correspondence from Ed Humpherson, Director General, Office for Statistics Regulation, dated 4 August 2025

Correspondence from Emma Rourke, Acting National Statistician, Office for National Statistics, dated 21 August 2025

Correspondence from Penny Young, Deputy Chair, UK Statistics Authority, dated 21 August 2025

3. Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code

John Lamont declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry into Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code as Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons; and declared that he would take no further part in the inquiry.

The Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 September at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 9 September 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Mr Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK:

Harry Rich [PEW0003]

Hleb Buziuk [PEW0004]

Carnegie UK [PEW0005]

Transparency International UK [PEW0006]

Dr Ben Worthy, Dr Michele Crepaz and Dr Stefani Langehennig [PEW0007]

Information Commissioner's Office [PEW0009]

Mr Marcial Boo [PEW0010]

The Constitution Society [PEW0011]

Institute for Government [PEW0012]

TIRN (Transgression International Research Network) [PEW0013]

Byron Hyde [PEW0015]

Dr Sam Power [PEW0016]

Chartered Institute of Public Relation [PEW0017]

Unlock Democracy [PEW0018]

Louise Edwards [PEW0019]

UK Government - Cabinet Office [PEW0020]

Professor Andrew Blick and Professor Christel Koop [PEW0021]

Local Government Association [PEW0022]

Royal Statistical Society [PEW0023]

Spotlight on Corruption [PEW0025]

3. Work of the UK Statistics Authority

Professor Sir Ian Diamond, former National Statistician, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 10 September 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-appointment Hearing: The Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

Claire Bassett, the Government's preferred candidate, gave oral evidence.

3. Appointment of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

Draft Report (Appointment of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 1263.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 October at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 14 October 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK:

Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACOBA) [PEW0026]

UK Open Government Network [PEW0027]

National Audit Office [PEW0028]

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman [PEW0029]

House of Lords Appointments Commission [PEW0030]

Office for Statistics Regulation [PEW0031]

Ofcom [PEW0032]

Public bodies:

Association of Chief Executives and the Public Chairs' Forum [PBI0021]

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Simon Briscoe, Richard Aldritt and Bernard Silverman [UKSA0031]

UK Government - Cabinet Office [UKSA0032]

Correspondence from Sir John Aston, President, Royal Statistical Society; Tracey Brown OBE, Director, Sense about Science; Professor Imran Rasul OBE, Preseident, Royal Economic Society; and David Aikman, Director, National Institute of Economic and Social Research dated 11 September 2025

Correspondence from Darren Tierney, Permanent Secretary, Office for National Statistics dated 17 September 2025

Appointment of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

Correspondence from Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and HM Paymaster General dated 19 September 2025

Cabinet Office vetting of Lord Mandelson

Correspondence from Alex Burghart MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster dated 16 September 2025

3. Review of the 2024 general election

Draft Special Report (Review of the 2024 general election: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2024-26), 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 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.

4. The work of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

Harry Rich, former Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 October at 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Correspondence with Lord Livermore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, dated 19 September 2025

Correspondence from Darren Tierney, Permanent Secretary, Office for National Statistics, dated 13 October 2025

Correspondence from Rt Hon James Murray MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, dated 13 October 2025

Launch of the Ethics and Integrity Commission and related policies:

Correspondence from Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and HM Paymaster General, dated 13 October 2025

3. Public Bodies

Sian Jones, Director, Value for Money, National Audit Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 3 November at 2.30 p.m.

Thursday 30 October 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 5 November 2024:

Cabinet Office vetting of Lord Mandelson:

Correspondence with Sir Chris Wormald, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the UK Civil Service, dated 17 October 2025 and 30 October 2025.

Monday 3 November 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The work of the UK Statistics Authority

Josh Simons, Parliamentary Secretary in the Cabinet Office and Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 November at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 4 November 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists:

Correspondence from Alastair McCapra, CEO, Chartered Institute of Public Relations, dated 23 October 2025

3. Public Bodies

Keith Fraser, Chair, Public Chairs' Forum (PCF), and Chair, Youth Justice Board, Ruth Glazzard, PCF Board Member, and Chair, Welsh Revenue Authority, Adrian Smith OBE, Chair, Association of Chief Executives (ACE), and Chief Executive, Reclaim Fund Ltd, and Elysia McCaffrey, ACE Board Member, and Chief Executive, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 November at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK:

Correspondence from Alastair McCapra, CEO, Chartered Institute of Public Relations, dated 23 October 2025

Rt Hon Sir Peter Riddell CBE and Professor Robert Hazell [PEW0033]

Electoral Commission [PEW0034]

Transparency Disclosures and the Lobbying Act:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Darren Jones MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 4 November 2025

3. Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK

The Lord Evans of Weardale KCB DL, former Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life, and Rt Hon Sir Peter Riddell, former Commissioner for Public Appointments, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 November at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 25 November 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Dr Arthur Barnett [UKSA0033]

Correspondence from Darren Tierney, Permanent Secretary, Office for National Statistics, dated 11 November 2025

The work of the Cabinet Office:

Correspondence with Catherine Little CB, Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office, dated 12 November 2025

PHSO investigation into Women's State Pension age communication:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, dated 11 November 2025

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 December at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 2 December 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry (Stage 1).

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the work and performance of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Special reports laid by the PHSO in relation to the Charity Commission:

Correspondence with David Holdsworth, Chief Executive Officer, Charity Commission, dated 25 November 2025

Reforms to the public spending control and accountability framework:

Correspondence with the Rt Hon James Murray MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, dated 26 November 2025

3. The work of the Commissioner for Public Appointments

Sir William Shawcross CVO, Commissioner for Public Appointments, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 December at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 9 December 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Correspondence from Josh Simons MP, Parliamentary Secretary in the Cabinet Office, and Catherine Little CB, Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office, dated 27 November 2025

3. The work of the House of Lords Appointments Commission

Baroness Deech DBE KC, Chair, House of Lords Appointments Commission, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 December at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

John Lamont

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the UK Statistics Authority:

Correspondence from James Benford, dated 4 December 2025

Correspondence from Rt Hon Darren Jones MP, Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 4 December 2025

Correspondence from Penny Young, interim Chair, UK Statistics Authority, dated 5 December 2025

Correspondence from Professor Denise Lievesley CBE, dated 9 December 2025

Lobbying reform:

Correspondence from Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office, dated 8 December 2025

Public inquiries:

Correspondence from Rt Hon Sir Alan Campbell MP, Leader of the House of Commons, and Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office, dated 9 December 2025

Special reports laid by the PHSO in relation to the Charity Commission:

Correspondence with Karl Banister, Director of Operations, Legal and Clinical, and Deputy Ombudsman, dated 9 December 2025

3. The work of the Cabinet Office

Rt Hon Darren Jones MP, Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, and Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 January at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Outcome Delivery

Correspondence from Catherine Little CB, Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary and Conrad Smewing, Director General Public Spending, HM Treasury, dated 12 December 2025.

The work of the Commissioner for Public Appointments

Correspondence from William Shawcross CVO, Commissioner for Public Appointments, dated 16 December 2025.

3. Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code

Draft Report (Ministerial Statements and the Ministerial Code), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 1036.

4. Public Bodies

Joe Hill, Policy Director, Re:State, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 January at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 13 January 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's investigations into the Charity Commission.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 27 January at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The work of the Cabinet Office

Correspondence from Rt Hon. Darren Jones MP, Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 15 January 2026.

Common Frameworks

Correspondence from Chris Ward MP, Parliamentary Secretary, Cabinet Office, dated 19 January 2026.

Proposal for modernising the state

Correspondence from Rt Hon. Darren Jones MP, Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 20 January 2026.

3. The work of the Civil Service Commission

The Rt Hon. the Baroness Stuart of Edgbaston, First Civil Service Commissioner, gave oral evidence.

4. The work of the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards

Sir Laurie Magnus CBE, Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 28 January at 2.45 p.m.

Wednesday 28 January 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

1. The work of the Cabinet Office

Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Paymaster General and Minister for the Cabinet Office (Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations), Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office and Hermione Gough, EU Director, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 3 February at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 3 February 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Markus Campbell-Savours

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Government Response to PHSO's investigation on State Pension age communications

Correspondence from Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, dated 29 January 2026.

3. Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK

Cllr Matt Boughton, Chair of the Local Government Association Safer and Stronger Communities Committee and leader of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Cllr Iain Hamilton, Chair of the National Association of Local Councils, and Kim Wright, SOLACE spokesperson on Leadership and Learning and Chief Executive of Brent Council, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 24 February 2026

Members present

Lauren Edwards, in the Chair

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Luke Taylor

Resolved, That, at this day's sitting, Lauren Edwards take the Chair of the Committee.—(John Lamont.)

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Cabinet Secretary.

Resolved, That members of the Public Administration Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 3 March 2026 relating to the work of the Cabinet Office, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Supplementary Estimates Memoranda

Ordered, That the following Supplementary Estimates 2025-26 memoranda be reported to the House for publication:

The Cabinet Office

Civil Superannuation

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme

The Statistics Board

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape

Local Government Association [PEW0035]

Solace [PEW0036]

The work of the UK Statistics Authority

Correspondence from Darren Tierney, Permanent Secretary, Office for National Statistics dated 12 February 2026

Correspondence from Penny Young, interim Chair, UK Statistics Authority, dated 12 February 2026

Government Response to PHSO's investigation on State Pension age communications

Correspondence from Paula Sussex CBE, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, dated 13 February 2026.

4. Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK

John Pullinger CB, Chair of the Electoral Commission, Ed Humpherson, Head of Office for Statistics Regulation, Daniel Greenbery CB, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and Paula Sussex CBE, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 3 March at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 3 March 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

Clive Betts also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Resolution of 26 November 2024)

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Singapore in September 2026 in connection to its scrutiny of the quality and standards of administration provided by Civil Service departments, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Inquiry into the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry (Stage 1)

Hleb Buziuk [IBI0001]

Professor Andrew Williams [IBI0002]

Keith Conradi [IBI0003]

The Haemophilia Society [IBI0004]

Cabinet Office [IBI0005]

INQUEST [IBI0006]

Professor Carl Macrae and Professor Charles Vincent [IBI0007]

The geographic scope of the Independent Inquiry into Grooming Gangs

Correspondence from Jess Phillips MP, Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls, dated 19 February 2026

Common Frameworks

Correspondence from Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP, Secretary of State for Transport, dated 23 February 2026

3. The work of the Cabinet Office

Catherine Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office, Caroline Patterson, Chief Financial Officer, Cabinet Office, Ellen Atkinson, acting Director General of Propriety and Ethics, Cabinet Office, David Foley, Chief Executive, Infected Blood Compensation Authority, and Angela MacDonald, Second Permanent Secretary, HM Revenue and Customs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 10 March 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Markus Campbell-Savours
Sam Carling
Lauren Edwards
Peter Lamb
John Lamont
Richard Quigley
Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Inquiry into the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry (Stage 1)

Dr Emma Ireton [IBI0008]

The work and performance of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Hleb Buziuk [WPH0001]

Christopher Tompkins [WPH0003]

Anonymised [WPH0004]

Anonymised [WPH0006]

Stuart Griffin [WPH0007]

John Knight [WPH0008]

John Boggis [WPH0009]

Anonymised [WPH0010]

Anonymised [WPH0011]

Anonymised [WPH0014]

Miss Stephanie Brown [WPH0015]

Rosamund Ridley [WPH0016]

Byron Hyde [WPH0020]

Anonymised [WPH0021]

David Noble [WPH0023]

Susan Britton [WPH0025]

David Czarnetzki [WPH0027]

Gideon Amos MP, Member of Parliament for Taunton & Wellington [WPH0028]

Anonymised [WPH0029]

Andrew Rice [WPH0030]

David Walford (Volunteer at Milton Keynes University Hospital) [WPH0031]

Margaret Mullane, Member of Parliament for Dagenham and Rainham
[WPH0032]

Martin Peach [WPH0033]

Ronald Esmond Hamilton [WPH0034]

Chris Williams (PhD candidate, Julian Price Fellow at Duke University)
[WPH0035]

Charity Commission for England and Wales [WPH0037]

Amelia Smith [WPH0038]

Care Quality Commission (CQC) [WPH0039]

Jo Colclough [WPH0040]

Nicholas Wheatley [WPH0041]

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) [WPH0042]

Gregory Hartley-Brewer [WPH0044]

Windrush Commissioner [WPH0048]

Implementation monitoring of public inquiry recommendations

Correspondence from Kenneth Gibson MSP, Convener, Finance and Public
Administration Committee, Scottish Parliament, dated 4 March 2026

3. Public Bodies

Rt Hon the Lord Maude of Horsham, former Paymaster General and Minister for
the Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 17 March 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Standards in public life

Correspondence from Rt Hon. Darren Jones MP, Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 11 March 2026

Ministerial Salaries

Correspondence from Rt Hon. Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and His Majesty's Paymaster General, dated 11 March 2026

3. Inquiry into the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry (Stage 1)

Professor Andrew Williams, Head of Department, University of Warwick, and Rosanna Ellul, Policy and Parliamentary Manager, INQUEST, gave oral evidence

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 March at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 24 March 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Newcastle in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the work of the Cabinet Office.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Implementation monitoring of public inquiry recommendations

Correspondence from Mark Isherwood MS, Chair, Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee, Welsh Parliament, dated 13 March 2026

3. The work and performance of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Paula Sussex CBE, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman and Rebecca Hilsenrath KC (Hon) Chief Executive Officer, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 April at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 14 April 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

John Lamont

Luke Taylor

Michelle Welsh

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Administration of the Civil Service Pensions Scheme

Correspondence from Catherine Little CB, Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary, dated 24 March 2026

Sludgebusting: Simplifying Government Processes to Drive Delivery

Correspondence from Rt Hon. Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and His Majesty's Paymaster General, dated 26 March 2026

Intergovernmental Relations Engagement Dashboard

Correspondence from Chris Ward MP, Parliamentary Secretary, Cabinet Office, dated 25 March 2026

3. Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK

Doug Chalmers CB DSO OBE, Chair, Ethics and Integrity Commission, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 April at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair
Markus Campbell-Savours
Sam Carling
Lauren Edwards
Peter Lamb
John Lamont
Richard Quigley
Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Manchester in relation to its ongoing scrutiny of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Data Breach Concerning Civil Service Pension Scheme Annual Benefit Statements

Correspondence from Catherine Little CB, Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary, dated 14 April 2026.

Second quarterly progress update

Correspondence from James Benford, Director General for Surveys and Economic Statistics Group, Office for National Statistics, dated 15 April 2026.

The work and performance of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Correspondence from Paula Sussex CBE, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, dated 1 April 2026.

3. Propriety, ethics and the wider standards landscape in the UK

Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent, Baroness in Waiting (Government Whip) and Parliamentary Secretary, Cabinet Office, Ellen Atkinson, interim Director General for the Propriety, Ethics & Constitution Group and Simon Madden, Director of Propriety and Ethics, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 28 April 2026

Members present

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Richard Baker

Charlotte Cane

Sam Carling

Lauren Edwards

Peter Lamb

John Lamont

Richard Quigley

Luke Taylor

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Public Accounts Committee for the purpose of examining Civil Service Pensions and related matters.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's investigations into the Charity Commission

Damian Murray (Mr 'U') [PHCC0001]

The Charity Commission for England and Wales [PHCC0002]

Correspondence from Karl Banister, Director of Operations, Legal and Clinical, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, dated 9 April 2026.

The work and performance of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Correspondence from Della Reynolds, Coordinator, PHSOtheFACTS, dated 7 April 2026.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 June at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 29 April 2026

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 5 November 2024:

Main Estimates Memoranda 2026-27

Civil Superannuation

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme

UK Statistics Authority

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Hoare, Simon

Additional financial interests: None

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

(Registered 21 May 2015; updated 8 January 2018)

8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated trustee of Bowel and Cancer Research.

Date interest ended: 8 October 2023

(Registered 21 August 2015; updated 30 November 2023)

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)

Baker, Richard

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Head of Campaigns and External Affairs

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: Enable (Disability third sector organisation.), Inspire House, 3 Renshaw Place, Eurocentral, Lanarkshire ML1 4UF

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Payment: £1,228.75

Received on: 26 July 2024. Hours: 38 hrs approx..

(Registered 26 July 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

Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8TN

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: 465c Caledonian Road, London

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 11 September 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 (Flat)

Number of properties: 4

Location: Edinburgh

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Campbell-Savours, Markus

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 Ltd

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donation paid to Labour Party to support general election campaign work in Penrith and Solway

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 donation paid to Labour Party to support general election campaign work in Penrith and Solway

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 29 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unitary Authority Councillor for Keswick, on Cumberland Council. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 24 July 2024)

Member of Lake District National Park Authority. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Directorship of a company not trading - Sole director of MCS Electrical Project Ltd

(Registered 5 August 2024)

Cane, Charlotte

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: District Councillor

Payer: East Cambridgeshire District Council (District Council), The Grange, Nutholt Lane Ely CB7 4EE

(Registered 30 July 2024)

Remuneration: £650.18 a month

From: 25 September 2024.

Hours: 40 hrs a month approx.

(Registered 1 August 2024; updated 30 September 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: Harlow Liberal Printing Society - known as HLPS

Address of donor: 119 High Street, Sutton, Ely CB6 2NW

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

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: David Wright

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Dorothy Hilton

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Gareth Wilson

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Mark Inskip

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Lorna Dupre

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: National Liberal Club

Address of donor: 1 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2HE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Complimentary
Membership of the NLC from 22 August 2024 to 31 December 2025, value £1,552.86

Date received: 14 August 2024 to 30 December 2025

Date accepted: 14 August 2024

Donor status: other (Unincorporated Association)

(Registered 30 September 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Honorary Director Reach Community Solar Farm Ltd. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Trustee of the Brian David Hilton Will Trust (which owns a residential property in Ely with no financial benefit). This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Life Membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting (5 November 2024)

Retired Member of the FDA, non financial, not time limited. Member of the Civil Services Pensioners Alliance, renewed annually. Campaigns to protect the value of the Civil Service pension, provides guidance and support and discounts on a range of goods and services from high street retailers and travel firms. Member of the European Movement, non financial, renewed annually Member of Republic, non financial, renewed annually. Republic campaigns to replace the monarchy with an elected head of state and more democratic political system.

Carling, Sam

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Councillor

Payer: Cambridge City Council, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge CB2

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(Registered 29 July 2024)

Payment: £1,132.98 Final payment of allowance as a member of Cambridge City Council covering up to 18 July 2024. I will be declining to take any future allowance payments to which I am entitled.

Received on: 24 July 2024. Hours: 50 hrs approx..

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Edwards, Lauren

Additional financial interests: None

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Councillor allowance

Payer: Medway Council (Unitary Local Authority), Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Payment: £1,335.47 Final payment

Received on: 25 July 2024. Hours: 25 hrs approx..

(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: Paktech Limited

Address of donor: 58 St Williams Way, Rochester, Kent ME1 2PD

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

Donor status: company, registration 03325624

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, Holborn, London WC1X 8TN

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

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 2 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

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Medway Labour Group

Address of donor: 73 Maidstone Road, Rochester ME1 1RL

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

Donor status: other

(Registered 2 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid Director, Chatham Maritime Trust.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Unpaid Director, Route to Zero Ltd.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Unpaid Director, South East LEP Limited.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Labour & Co-Operative Councillor for Rochester East and Warren Wood.

Date interest arose: 5 July 2024

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Grady, John

Additional financial interests: None

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Partner of a law firm and consultant to a law firm.

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP (A law firm), 9 Haymarket Square Edinburgh EH3 8FY

Additional information: Payments will be listed below.

(Registered 26 July 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)

8. Miscellaneous

I am admitted as a solicitor by the Law Society of Scotland.

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Lamb, Peter

Additional financial interests: None

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Public affairs

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: CIPD (Chartered body for the Human Resources profession), 151 The Broadway, London, SW19 1JQ

Additional information: Any final payment will be listed below.

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Payment: £656.25 Final payment

Received on: 31 July 2024. Hours: None since my election.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Role, work or services: Government

Payer: Crawley Borough Council, Town Hall, The Boulevard, Crawley RH10 1UZ

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Remuneration: £619.50 a month

Hours: no hours entered.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Remuneration: £619.50 a month

From: 6 May 2010. Until: 6 September 2024.

Hours: no hours entered.

(Registered 3 October 2024)

Remuneration: £115.23 a month

From: 6 May 2010. Until: 6 September 2024.

Hours: no hours entered.

(Registered 3 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: GMB

Address of donor: Cooper House, Hook Road, Chessington, Surrey KT9 1EA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unite

Address of donor: Churchill House, South East Regional Centre, Chalvey Road East, Slough SL1 2LS

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 15 July 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Together

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 4 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Elected member of Crawley Borough Council.

Date interest ended: 6 September 2024

(Registered 11 July 2024; updated 16 September 2024)

Lamont, John

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

Name of donor: Ian McVeigh

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 15 January 2024)

Name of donor: Ian McVeigh

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 May 2024)

Name of donor: Dermot Jenkinson

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 24 May 2024)

Name of donor: Catherine Burns

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 8 July 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: R&A Championships Limited

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Guest at The Open Championships, Troon, value £375

Date received: 20 July 2024

Date accepted: 20 July 2024

Donor status: company, registration SC247047

(Registered 30 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Solicitor (non-practising).

(Registered 26 June 2017)

I am a member of the Law Society of England and Wales.

(Registered 26 June 2017)

I am a trustee of the St Abbs Lifeboat Trust.

(Registered 26 June 2017)

I am a member of the Rail Action Group East of Scotland (RAGES).

(Registered 26 June 2017)

Quigley, Richard

Additional financial interests: None

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 (Shop with flat above)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Cowes

Ownership details: Co-owned with spouse

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Cowes

Ownership details: Co-owned with spouse

(Registered 29 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Councillor, Isle of Wight Council

Additional information: I have foregone my allowance for this role from 5 July 2024

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Trustee of Pan Together

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Trustee of The Footprint Trust (Isle of Wight). This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Additional declarations made at Third Committee Meeting (26 November 2024)

Member of unite union

Taylor, Luke

Additional financial interests: None

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Managing Consultant

Payer: Ricondo (Aviation Consulting), 1 Lyric Square, London W6 0NB

(Registered 11 July 2024)

Remuneration: £5,953.34 a month

From: 1 February 2016. Until: 5 October 2024.

Hours: 32 hrs a week Minimum contracted hours

(Registered 22 July 2024; updated 19 September 2024)

Role, work or services: Councillor

Payer: London Borough of Sutton (Local Authority), St Nicholas Way, Sutton SM1 1EA

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Remuneration: £1,012 a month as a Councillor allowance

Hours: 15 hrs a week estimated

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Remuneration: £879.33 a month Chair of Sutton Local Committee Special Responsibility Allowance

Work or services: Special Responsibility Allowance - Sutton Local Committee Chair

From: 6 May 2023. Until: 13 July 2024.

Hours: 10 hrs a week estimated

(Registered 22 July 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: Julie Taylor

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 to get me elected

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Gemma Christian

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 election campaigning costs

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Pauline Penneck

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,750 campaign expenses

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Neil Taylor

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Adam Management Holdings LTD

Address of donor: Suite 52 Technology Drive, Batley, WF17 6ER

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £6,750 to elect me to parliament.

Donor status: company, registration 13453522

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Tim Christian

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Barry Lewis

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Edward Parsley

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 July 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: National Liberal Club

Address of donor: 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Honorary membership of the National Liberal Club as newly elected MP, value £1,552.86

Date received: 15 August 2024 to 31 December 2025

Date accepted: 15 August 2024

Donor status: company, registration 01355034

(Registered 19 September 2024)

Welsh, Michelle

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Gedling Borough Councillor

Payer: Gedling Borough Council (Local Government), Civic Centre. Arnot Hill Park, Nottingham Road, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6LU

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Remuneration: £4,654 a year allowance, paid monthly

Until: 25 September 2024.

Hours: 25 hrs a week Estimated

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 24 September 2024 and 14 October 2024)

Role, work or services: County Councillor

Payer: Nottinghamshire County Council (Local Government), Nottinghamshire County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire NG2 7QP

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Remuneration: £16,512 a year allowance, paid monthly

Until: 27 September 2024.

Hours: 120 hrs a month Estimated

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 21 August 2024, 24 September 2024 and 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: Elements Green Limited

Address of donor: 1 Half Moon Street, London, England, W1J 7AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for the general election campaign

Donor status: company, registration 13665201

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: GMB Midlands Region

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for the General election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: Elements Green

Address of donor: 1 Half Moon Street, London W1J 7AY

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

Donor status: company, registration 13665201

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 for the General Election Campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 for the general election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 for the general election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 4 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

School Governor at Arnold View Primary School. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

(ii) Specialist Advisers

Vanessa Holden

Specialist Adviser for statistics and data, declared the following interests:

11 February 2025:

Nil