



Formal Minutes of the Committee of Public Accounts 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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Tuesday 29 October 2024

Members present¹

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair²

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

Michael Payne

Oliver Ryan

1. Declarations 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 authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

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].

Resolved, That the Chair shall have discretion to:

- a) amend the timing of Committee meetings, where necessary.
- b) arrange informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit.
- c) authorise the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports.
- d) 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.
- e) agree the circulated agenda for Committee meetings, subject to the right of any committee member to raise issues for the Committee to consider.
- f) report to the House for publication evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it will meet again.
- g) engage in correspondence on Committee matters not sufficiently significant or of a routine nature without requiring approval from the Committee.
- h) act on behalf of the Committee to manage urgent events and routine substantive correspondence on matters relating to the Committee's remit, subject to actions being reported back to the Committee.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

HMRC Locations Programme

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 8 July 2024

Making Tax Digital

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 8 July 2024

Chartered Trading Standards Institute

Correspondence from the National Audit Office, dated 15 July 2024

Compendium of Covid Scheme Evaluations

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 25 July and 30 September 2024

Accounting Officer Assessment: Northern Powerhouse Rail

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 29 July 2024

Covid-19 Vaccine Liabilities Autumn 2024

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 5 August 2024

Government resilience: extreme weather: Twenty-Seventh Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence with the Cabinet Office, dated 13 September 2024 and 14 October 2024

HMRC's Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 30 July 2024 and 14 October 2024

Contingent Uncapped Liability subject to Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 19 August 2024

Contingent Liability Notification: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 2 September 2024

HMRC Performance in 2022-23: Sixteenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 12 and 30 September and 14 October 2024

Effective scrutiny

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 13 September 2024

PAC Concordat and Government Companies

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 24 September and 9 October 2024

Resettlement support for prison leavers: Seventy-Eighth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence with HM Prison and Probation Service, dated 27 September and 14 October 2024

Supported housing: Seventy-Seventh Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Work and Pensions, dated 27 September 2024

Revising Health Assessments for Disability Benefits: Third Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 7 October and 18 October 2024

Progress in implementing Universal Credit: Twenty-Ninth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 10 October 2024

Improving compliance in research and development tax reliefs

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 14 October 2024

Accounting Officer Assessment: Asylum Transformation Programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 15 October 2024

Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific (IFCAP) Guarantee

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 16 October 2024

Reducing the Harm from Illegal Drugs: Eleventh Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 17 October 2024

Accounting Officer Assessment for Technical Health Programme

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 18 October 2024

Accounting Officer Assessments for Securing our Technical Future Programme and Critical Platform Transformation Programmes

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 18 October 2024

Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 18 October 2024

Trader Support Service Programme

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 18 October 2024

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye

Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Condition and maintenance of local roads in England

Crown Court backlogs

DCMS management of its COVID-19 loans

Decommissioning Sellafield.

DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

HS2: Update following Northern leg cancellation

HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged children

NHS financial sustainability

Prison estate capacity

Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Tackling homelessness

Tax evasion in the retail sector

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Use of AI in Government

Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23

Resolved, That the Committee visit Barrow-in-Furness and Sellafield, Cumbria, in connection with its work on defence and its inquiry into Decommissioning Sellafield.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Buckingham Palace, London, in connection with its work on major public projects.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the National Audit Office, London, in connection with its inquiries.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham, in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That the Committee organise private briefings on Use of AI in Government and Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 11 November at 1.00 p.m.

Monday 11 November 2024

The Committee met at the National Audit Office, London

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Rebecca Paul

Oliver Ryan

1. Declaration of interests

Mr Clive Betts declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee methods of working

Resolved, That Mr Clive Betts take the Chair at meetings of the Committee, whenever the Chair of the Committee is absent.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Matters regarding St Helena

Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 29 May and 5 November 2024

Annual Towns Fund Report

Correspondence from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 14 October 2024

Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England: Sixty-Eighth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 17 October 2024

Bulb Energy Limited

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 25 October 2024

Appointment of the independent Chair to the Office for Value for Money

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 30 October 2024

Approach to research and development tax reliefs 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 30 October 2024

Grassroots participation in sport and physical activity: Thirty-Second Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from Sport England, dated 30 October 2024

Insolvencies of ISG and ESS Modular

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 1 November 2024

Update on the Rollout of Smart Meters: Seventy-Second Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 4 November 2024

Asylum Transformation Programme

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 5 November 2024

COVID-19 Vaccine Liabilities: Autumn 2024

Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 5 November 2024

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) a member of the Education Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 18 November 2024 relating to Support for children and young people with special educational needs.
- b) a member of the Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 21 November 2024 relating to Condition and maintenance of local roads in England.

Resolved, That the Tibetan Speaker and their delegation may attend the Committee's private meeting on Monday 18 November.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 18 November at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 18 November 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon
Peter Fortune
Rachel Gilmour
Sarah Green
Sarah Hall
Lloyd Hatton
Chris Kane
Sarah Olney
Rebecca Paul
Michael Payne
Oliver Ryan

Helen Hayes also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 11 November 2024).

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Condition and maintenance of local roads in England

Lauren Lindsay [LRE0001]
Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) [LRE0002]
Sustrans [LRE0003]
The AA [LRE0004]
Civil Engineering Contractors Association [LRE0005]
Transport for London [LRE0006]
Road Haulage Association [LRE0007]
Association of Directors of Environment Economy Planning and Transport (ADEPT) [LRE0008]
Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) [LRE0009]
National Motorcyclists Council [LRE0010]
The Road Surface Treatments Association (RSTA) Ltd [LRE0011]
JCB [LRE0012]
Amey [LRE0013]
Local Council Roads Innovation Group (LCRIG) [LRE0014]

Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Actional Cerebral Palsy [SFC0001]

The Disability Policy Centre [SFC0003]

Independent Provider of Special Education Advice [SFC0004]

Professor Jo Van Herwegen (Professor of Developmental Psychology and Education at UCL Institute of Education) [SFC0010]

Thomas Pocklington Trust [SFC0014]

Nexus Multi Academy Trust [SFC0015]

Contact [SFC0017]

Selective Mutism Information and Research Association (SMiRA) [SFC0022]

Family Fund [SFC0024]

SEND Crisis Hertfordshire [SFC0025]

The British Psychological Society [SFC0028]

National Association Special Schools (NASS) [SFC0029]

British Association of Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People [SFC0030]

Learning in Harmony Trust [SFC0032]

Natspec [SFC0033]

Sense [SFC0034]

Auditory Verbal UK [SFC0035]

Somerset SENDIAS Service [SFC0036]

Disabled Children's Partnership [SFC0037]

NHS Confederation [SFC0038]

ADHD 360 [SFC0039]

Local Government Association [SFC0040]

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists [SFC0042]

Early Education and Childcare Coalition [SFC0043]

National Education Union (NEU) [SFC0044]

National Autistic Society [SFC0045]

Information, Advice and Support Services Network [SFC0047]

NASUWT [SFC0048]

Special Educational Consortium [SFC0051]

Kids [SFC0052]

National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) [SFC0053]

Triple P UK [SFC0054]

Witherslack Group [SFC0055]

Minerva's Virtual Academy [SFC0056]

Children's Services Development Group (CSDG) [SFC0057]

West Sussex County Council [SFC0059]

Carers Trust [SFC0060]

Professor Emily Farran, Professor of Cognitive Development at University of Surrey [SFC0061]

Rachel Filmer, Founder at BCP Alliance for Children and Schools / Stop Safety Valve Campaign [SFC0062]

The BUSY Group UK [SFC0063]

Council for Disabled Children [SFC0065]

Challenging Behaviour Foundation [SFC0070]

Anonymous Individuals [SFC0071]

Devon SEND Parents and Carers for Change [SFC0072]

Better Communication CIC [SFC0073]

Ambitious about Autism [SFC0074]

National Development Team for Inclusion [SFC0075]

Speech and Language UK [SFC0077]

Drs Anne-Marie Day and Kate Westwood (Manchester Metropolitan University) [SFC0078]

F40 [SFC0079]

The Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education [SFC0080]

Progress in implementing Universal Credit: Twenty-Ninth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 4 November 2024

Supported Housing Review 2023

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 5 November 2024

The performance of UK Security Vetting: Fifty-Third Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 5 November 2024

Adult Social Care Markets: Seventh Report of Session 2021-22

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 6 November 2024

Progress in improving NHS mental health Services: Sixty-Fifth Report of Session 2022–23

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 6 November 2024

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Mr Clive Betts declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to inquiry as Vice President of the Local Government Association.

Nesil Caliskan declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to inquiry as Former Leader, London Borough of Enfield and former Leader of the Labour Group, Local Government Association.

Mr Luke Charters declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as wife is a primary school teacher.

Anna Dixon declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as having previously worked at DHSC and a having relative with autism who was supported by a Civil Service internship.

Sarah Hall declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as Cabinet Member for Children and Young People at Warrington Council.

Chris Kane declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as wife is a primary school teacher.

Rebecca Paul declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Surrey County Councillor.

Michael Payne declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as Nottinghamshire County Councillor, Vice President of the Local Government Association, and a member of GMB and Unison.

Helen Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Vice President of the Local Government Association.

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Juliet Chua, Director General Schools, and Alison Ismail, Senior Responsible Officer for Special Educational Needs, Department for Education, and Jonathan Marron, Director General Primary Care and Prevention, Department for Health and Social Care, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Emma Willson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 21 November at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 19 November 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 13 November 2024

Thursday 21 November 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

James Murray³

³ The Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury is appointed as an ex officio member of the Public Accounts Committee and, by convention, only attends once per Parliament.

Rebecca Paul
Michael Payne

Ruth Cadbury also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 11 November 2024)

1. Declaration of interests

James Murray 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. Condition and maintenance of local roads in England

Mr Clive Betts declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Vice President of the Local Government Association.

Rebecca Paul declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Surrey County Councillor.

Michael Payne declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a Vice President of the Local Government Association and a Nottingham County Councillor.

Dame Bernadette Kelly DCB, Permanent Secretary, David Buttery, Director for Road Strategy, and Rupert Furness, Deputy Director, Local Highways and active travel, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jonny Mood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 25 November at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 25 November 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

NHS financial sustainability

The Medical Defence Union [NFS0001]

Nigel Cook [NFS0002]

Royal College of Nursing [NFS0003]

British Dental Association [NFS0004]

NHS Confederation [NFS0005]

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) [NFS0006]

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) [NFS0007]

Royal College of General Practitioners [NFS0008]

Triple P UK [NFS0010]

Wise GP [NFS0011]

NHS Providers [NFS0012]

Healthcare Financial Management Association [NFS0013]

The Royal College of Radiologists [NFS0015]

UK Export Finance Support for Air Defence Exports to Poland

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 22 October 2024

Home Office Accounting Officer Assessments: Cerberus Programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 25 October 2024

Home Office Accounting Officer Assessments: Passport Transformation Programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 25 October 2024

NatWest Group Share Sale

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 11 November 2024

Completing the Implementation of Universal Credit

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 12 November 2024

Development and co-production of the National Youth Strategy

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 12 November 2024

Local Government Pension Scheme Guarantee for Further Education Bodies in the Statutory Sector

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 12 November 2024

Securing our Technical Future, Critical Platform Transformation Programmes and Technical Health Programme

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 18 November 2024

Asylum Transformation Programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 19 November 2024

Publication of Monitoring Financial Resilience and Executive Pay Reports

Correspondence from Ofwat, dated 21 November 2024

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

Energy bills support

Public charge points for electric vehicles

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) a member of the Work and Pensions Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 5 December 2024 relating to DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24.
- b) a member of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 9 December 2024 relating to Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye.
- c) a member of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 December 2024 relating to Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage.
- d) a member of the Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 19 December 2024 relating to HS2: Update following Northern leg cancellation.

3. NHS financial sustainability

Anna Dixon declared non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a former civil servant at the Department for Health and Social Care, a trustee with the Helpforce Community, and having family members who are employed by the NHS.

Sir Chris Wormald KCB, Permanent Secretary, Department for Health and Social Care, Andy Brittain, Director General for Finance, Department for Health and Social Care, Amanda Pritchard, Chief Executive, NHS England, Julian Kelly, Chief Financial Officer, NHS England, Antonia Williams, Director of Public Services, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Tim Phillips, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 28 November at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 26 November 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Oral Evidence Statement Correction

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 20 November 2024

Thursday 28 November 2023

Members present

Mr Clive Betts
Nesil Caliskan
Peter Fortune
Lloyd Hatton
Sarah Olney
Rebecca Paul

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the Chair, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 November 2024.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Rebecca Paul declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland and the Chartered Institute of Taxation.

Sir Jim Harra, First Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive, Myrtle Lloyd, Director General Customer Services, and Justin Holliday, Chief Finance Officer and Tax Assurance Commissioner, HM Revenue and Customs, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Andy Morrison, Director, and Darren Stewart, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 2 December at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 2 December 2024

Before the meeting, the Chair visited the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 29 October.

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Rebecca Paul

Bob Blackman also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 2 December 2024)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tackling homelessness

Nigel D Cook [TH0001]

Shared Health Foundation [TH0002]

Professor John Burns, Emeritus Professor at University of Exeter; Dr Stephen Jollans, Senior Lecturer in Accounting at University of Exeter [TH0004]

Understanding Society, the UK Household Longitudinal Study [TH0005]

Shelter [TH0006]

National Housing Federation [TH0007]

Citizens Advice South Hams, Plymouth Business School, University of Plymouth [TH0008]

Amnesty International UK [TH0009]
Professor Katherine Brickell, Professor of Urban Studies; Fraser Curry, Doctoral Researcher; Dr Mel Nowicki, Reader of Urban Geography [TH0010]
Centrepont [TH0011]
Sabrina Davis; Kaddison Poskitt; Katie Wood [TH0012]
Better Society Capital [TH0013]
Dr Natasha Chilman, Teaching Fellow and Research Association in Population Mental Health at King's College London [TH0014]
Crisis [TH0015]
Homeless Link [TH0016]
Dr Hannah Fairbrother; Eleanor Holding; Dr Nicholas Woodrow [TH0017]
YMCA England and Wales [TH0018]
Justice [TH0019]
Dr David Christie, Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham [TH0020]
Salford City Council [TH0021]
Reapit [TH0022]
Pathway [TH0023]
Commonweal Housing [TH0024]
The Centre for Homelessness Impact [TH0025]
His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMI Prisons) [TH0026]
The Housing Law Practitioners Association [TH0027]
Bridges Outcomes Partnerships [TH0028]
The Local Government Association [TH0029]
Royal College of Nursing [TH0030]
Chartered Institute of Housing [TH0031]

Preparations to extend childcare entitlements to working parents in England

Correspondence from the Department of Education, dated 25 November 2024

UKHSA Health Security Campus

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 November 2024

AEA Technology Pension Case: Fifty-Seventh Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 26 November 2024

Locations Programme

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 26 November 2024

Making Tax Digital Programme

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 26 November 2024

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair of the Backbench Business Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 2 December 2024 relating to Tackling homelessness, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Tackling homelessness

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as an owner of buy-to-let and rental properties.

Mr Clive Betts declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Vice President of the Local Government Association.

Nesil Caliskan declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Vice President of the Local Government Association.

Anna Dixon declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a landlord.

Rebecca Paul declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Surrey County Councillor.

Sarah Healey CB CVO, Permanent Secretary, Catherine Frances, Director General for Local Government, Resilience and Communities, and Penny Hobman, Director for Homelessness and Rough Sleeping, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government; Jenan Hasan, Director of Housing and Universal Credit, and James Wolfe, Director for Poverty, Families and Disadvantage, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Vicky Davis, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 5 December at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 5 December 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Debbie Abrahams also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 25 November 2024)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Sense [DCSA0001]

Equifax [DCSA0002]

Public Law Project [DCSA0003]

Child Poverty Action Group [DCSA0004]

Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 3 December 2024

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee organise a private briefing on Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23.

3. DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a relative of a Department for Work and Pensions employee.

Sir Peter Schofield KCB, Permanent Secretary, Neil Couling CB CBE, Fraud, Disability and Health Director General and Senior Responsible Owner, Universal Credit, and Amanda Reynolds, Director General Strategy and Transformation at Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Laura Brackwell, Director, and Charlotte Borg, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 9 December at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 9 December 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Chris Murray also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 25 November 2024)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye

Caritas Westminster [AA0001]

Nigel D Cook [AA0002]

The Fields Association [AA0005]

Regeneration of Scampton Estate (R.O.S.E) Community Group [AA0006]

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council [AA0007]

Nigel Jacklin [AA0008]

Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee [AA0009]

Local Government Association [AA0010]

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 9 December 2024

Hospital 2.0 standardisation report

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 28 November 2024

Whole of Government Accounts 2021-22

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 29 November 2024

Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 2 December 2024

Condition and maintenance of local roads in England

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 5 December 2024

NHS Supply Chain and Efficiencies in Procurement

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 5 December 2024

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a qualified chartered surveyor.

Sir Matthew Rycroft KCMG CBE, Permanent Secretary, Joanna Rowland, Director General, Customer Services Group, and Belinda Mather, Director for Non-Detained Accommodation, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the Chair (Standing Order No. 137A (1)(d)).

Sir Matthew Rycroft KCMG CBE, Permanent Secretary, Joanna Rowland, Director General, Customer Services Group, and Belinda Mather, Director for Non-Detained Accommodation, Home Office, gave further evidence.

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown resumed the chair.

Sir Matthew Rycroft KCMG CBE, Permanent Secretary, Joanna Rowland, Director General, Customer Services Group, and Belinda Mather, Director for Non-Detained Accommodation, Home Office, gave further evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Max Tse, Executive Director, and Oliver Lodge, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 12 December at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 12 December 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Chris Kane

Rebecca Paul

Oliver Ryan

Bill Esterson also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 25 November 2024).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

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

Lauren Lindsey [CCUS0001]
Achillea Beauty [CCUS0002]
Carbon Tracker Initiative [CCUS0003]
Mineral Products Association [CCUS0004]
Dr Alexander Waller [CCUS0005]
Plymouth Marine Laboratory [CCUS0006]
James Hewitt [CCUS0007]
Progressive Energy Ltd on behalf of Peak Cluster, Spirit Energy [CCUS0008]
Biofuelwatch, Dogwood Alliance, NRDC, Southern Environmental Law Center, Stand.earth [CCUS0009]
Green Alliance [CCUS0010]
Oil Change International [CCUS0012]
The National Interdisciplinary Centre for Circular Chemical Economy [CCUS0013]
Just Transition Wakefield [CCUS0014]
Fuels Industry UK [CCUS0015]
Professor Geoffrey Maitland [CCUS0016]
NEPIC - North East Process Industry Cluster, Tees Valley Industrial Net Zero Leadership Group [CCUS0017]
Climate Emergency Planning and Policy [CCUS0018]
Resource Recovery UK [CCUS0019]
Nick Hunn [CCUS0021]
MP Watch [CCUS0022]
Biofuelwatch [CCUS0023]
RWE [CCUS0025]
Society of Chemical Industry (SCI) [CCUS0026]
Dr Myles Allen; Rachel Ardiff; Mirte Boot; Dr Stuart Jenkins; Ingrid Sundvor [CCUS0027]

Ellen Robottom [CCUS0028]

Hydrogen UK [CCUS0029]

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) [CCUS0030]

Dr Katharina Richter [CCUS0031]

Lindsay-Marie Armstrong; Caspar Donnison; Seyedvahid Vakili; Grace Compton [CCUS0032]

UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources [CCUS0033]

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

Harbour Energy [CCUS0011]

Essar Energy Transition [CCUS0020]

Jeremy Pocklington CB, Permanent Secretary, Ashley Ibbett, Director General for Energy Infrastructure, and Paro Konar, Director and SRO for Hydrogen and Industrial Carbon Capture, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, and Steve Field, Director for Climate, Energy and Environment, HM Treasury gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Linda Mills, Parliamentary Relations Manager, and Simon Bittlestone, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 16 December at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 16 December 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Sarah Olney
Rebecca Paul

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tax evasion in the retail sector

Correspondence with Companies House, dated 12 and 13 December 2024
Retailers against VAT Abuse Schemes [TERS0002]
Hairdressing Council [TERS0003]

Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 2 December 2024

DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 10 December 2024

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Bill Esterson and Michelle Scrogam may attend the visit to Barrow-in-Furness and Sellafield, Cumbria.

Resolved, That Anna Dixon may attend the meeting of the Health and Social Care Committee on 22 January 2025 relating to Cardiovascular health, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. Tax Evasion in the Retail Sector

Rebecca Paul declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland and of the Chartered Institute of Taxation.

Sir Jim Harra KCB, First Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive, and Penny Ciniewicz, Director General Customer Compliance Group, HM Revenue and Customs; Dean Beale, Chief Executive, The Insolvency Service, and Louise Smyth, Chief Executive and Registrar of Companies, Companies House, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Andy Morrison, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 19 December at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 19 December 2024

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Luke Charters

Peter Fortune

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

Ruth Cadbury also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 25 November 2024)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Richard Spencer [HS2U0001]

High Speed Rail Group [HS2U0005]

Staffordshire County Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council [HS2U0006]

Manchester City Council [HS2U0007]

Robert Balaam [HS2U0008]

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) [HS2U0009]

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 17 December 2024

DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Work and Pensions, dated 18 December 2024

Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 19 December 2024

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Dame Bernadette Kelly DCB, Permanent Secretary, and Alan Over, Director General, Major Rail Projects Group, Senior Responsible Owner for the High Speed 2 Programme, Department for Transport; Mark Wild, Chief Executive Officer, HS2 Ltd, and Alan Foster, Chief Financial Officer and interim Chief Executive Office, HS2 Ltd, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jonny Mood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 9 January 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 9 January 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Rebecca Paul
Oliver Ryan

Andy Slaughter also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 9 January 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Crown Court backlogs

The Law Society of England and Wales [CCB0001]
Dr Natalie Booth, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Bath Spa Uni; Dr Isla Masson, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at The Open Uni [CCB0003]
The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives [CCB0004]
Coventry University, Lancaster University, University of Leicester, Warwick University [CCB0005]
FDA Union [CCB0006]
Jesse [CCB0007]
His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMI Prisons) [CCB0008]
RSACC (Rape and Sexual Assault Counselling Centre) [CCB0009]
Office of the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner - Joy Allen [CCB0010]
Youth Justice Board [CCB0011]
Dr Jennifer Hough, Senior Lecturer in Criminal Justice and Policing, University of Central Lancashire [CCB0012]

Consultation on legal aid fees

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 29 November 2024

The New Hospital Programme: First Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 29 November 2024

AEA Technology Pension Case: Fifty-Seventh Report of Session 2022–23

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 12 December 2024

Cabinet Office functional savings: Seventeenth Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 24 December 2024

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury, dated 24 December 2024

Government Remediation Acceleration Plan

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 2 December 2024

Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 2 December 2024

Home Office Updated Accounting Officer Assessments

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 4, 5 and 6 December 2024

HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 6 December 2024

Publication of the access to justice assessments

Correspondence from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 10 December 2024

Tackling homelessness

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 12 December 2024

Contingent Liability Notification: Local Government Pension Scheme Guarantee

Correspondence with the Department for Education, dated 16 December 2024

Progress on the Buckingham Palace Reservicing Programme

Correspondence from Buckingham Palace, dated 17 December 2024

Local Audit Reform

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government, dated 18 December 2024

Contingent Liabilities for the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecast HQ Project

Correspondence with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 19 December 2024

Uplifting solicitor criminal legal aid fees

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 19 December 2024

Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 20 December 2024

DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 23 December 2024

Public Accounts Committee Scrutiny

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 30 December 2024

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Justice Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 9 January 2025 relating to Crown Court backlogs and 27 January 2025 relating to the Prison estate capacity, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Draft Report (Support for children and young people with special educational needs), 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 353.

4. Crown Court backlogs

Andy Slaughter declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a non-practicing barrister.

Dame Antonia Romeo DCB, Permanent Secretary and Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and Jerome Glass, Director General, Courts and Access to Justice Policy, Ministry of Justice; Nick Goodwin, Chief Executive, and Daniel Flury, Operations Director, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 13 January at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 13 January 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Rebecca Paul

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

Antimicrobial resistance: addressing the risks

Condition of Government property
DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24
Fixing NHS dentistry
The future of the Equipment Plan
Governance and decision-making on major projects
Government cyber resilience.
Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers
Local government financial sustainability
Tackling violence against women and girls
The cost of the tax system

Resolved, That the Committee hold an awayday.

2. Condition and maintenance of local roads in England

Draft Report (Condition and maintenance of local roads in England), 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 349.

3. Improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged children

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as his daughter participated in the Teach First programme.

Anna Dixon declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a former colleague of Juliet Chua at the Department for Health and Social Care and as having a personal association with Tony Foot's wife.

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

Nigel D Cook [IEDO0001]
Professor Lisa Russell, Professor of Education and Employment [IEDO0002]
Professor Caroline Bond [IEDO0003]
Team Up for social mobility [IEDO0005]
Community Schools Trust [IEDO0006]
The Sutton Trust [IEDO0007]
The University of Manchester [IEDO0008]

Dr Laura Outhwaite, Principal Research Fellow at UCL Centre for Education Policy and Equalising Opportunities [IEDO0009]
Speech and Language UK [IEDO0010]
Teach First [IEDO0011]
Dr Emma Blakey, Senior Lecturer at University of Sheffield [IEDO0012]
Child Poverty Action Group [IEDO0013]
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award [IEDO0014]
The BUSY Group [IEDO0015]
Carers Trust [IEDO0016]
Fair Education Alliance [IEDO0017]
National Association of Virtual School Heads (NAVSH) [IEDO0018]
Early Education and Childcare Coalition [IEDO0019]
National Foundation for Educational Research [IEDO0020]
Dr Victoria Brennan; Menna Goodwin; Dr Andrea Mallaburn; Dr Rory McDonald; Professor Linda Seton [IEDO0021]
The Centre for Young Lives [IEDO0022]
Josh Hillman; Professor Charles Hulme; Professor Maggie Snowling [IEDO0023]
The National Education Union [IEDO0024]
Magic Breakfast [IEDO0025]
Pupils 2 Parliament [IEDO0026]
Professor Carmen Clayton, Professor of Family and Cultural Dynamics and Senior Lecturer [IEDO0028]

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Tony Foot, Director General for Strategy, and Juliet Chua CB, Director General for Schools, Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Emma Wilson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 16 January at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 16 January 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Hall

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That delegation from the Board of the Netherlands Supreme Audit Institution may attend the Committee's private meeting on Thursday 23 January.

2. HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Draft Report (HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24), 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 347.

3. Tackling homelessness

Draft Report (Tackling homelessness), 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 352.

4. NHS financial sustainability

Draft Report (NHS financial sustainability), 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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 350.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 January at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 20 January 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Public charge points for electric vehicles

British Rental and Leasing Association [EVS0001]

Dr Yinglong He, Lecturer at the University of Surrey [EVS0002]

Roadchef [EVS0003]

Healthy Air Coalition [EVS0004]

Energy UK [EVS0005]

National Fire Chiefs Council [EVS0006]

Motability Foundation [EVS0007]

REA - Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology [EVS0008]

Richard Stobart [EVS0009]

Trojan Energy Limited [EVS0010]

Professor Andrew Cruden; FEVER team [EVS0011]

Transport for North [EVS0012]

Macquarie Asset Management [EVS0013]

Zemo Partnership [EVS0014]

ChargeUK [EVS0015]

Transport for London with London Councils and the Greater London Authority (GLA) [EVS0016]

The West of England Mayoral Combined Authority [EVS0018]

HS2: Update following Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, both dated 10 January 2025

Correspondence from High Speed Two (HS2) Limited, dated 10 January 2025

Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 14 January 2025

Resetting government programmes

Correspondence from the Infrastructure and Projects Authority, dated 14 January 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 3 February 2025 relating to The remediation of dangerous cladding, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Public charge points for electric vehicles

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a chartered surveyor.

Mr Clive Betts declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry in relation as an owner and driver of electric vehicles.

Jo Shanmugalingam, Second Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport; Richard Bruce CBE, Director, Office for Zero Emission Vehicles Directorate, and Nick Shaw, Deputy Director, Joint Head of the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jonny Mood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 23 January at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 22 January 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 21 and 22 January 2025

Thursday 23 January 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Chris Kane

Rebecca Paul

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a private briefing on Governance and decision-making on major projects.

2. DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Draft Report (DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24), 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 Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 354.

3. Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23

Anna Dixon declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as having previously worked at DHSC and therefore having a civil service pension.

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

Local Government Association [WGA0001]

Professor David Heald, Emeritus Professor at Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow [WGA0002]

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) [WGA0003]

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending and Joint-Head of the Government Finance Function, and Andrew Cartner, Director, Public Spending and Deputy Head of the Government Finance Function, HM Treasury; Will Garton, Director General, Local Government, Growth and Communities, and Rosie Seymour, Deputy Director, Local Government Accountability and Audit, Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Helen Jackson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 27 January at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 27 January 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green
Chris Kane
Sarah Olney
Rebecca Paul

Andy Slaughter also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 9 January 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Prison estate capacity

Rob Allen, Independent Researcher and Consultant at Independent [PEC0001]

Nigel D Cook [PEC0002]

Dr Nasrul Ismail, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at University of Bristol [PEC0003]

Dr Julian Molina, Lecturer in Public Policy at University of Bristol [PEC0004]

Dr Thomas Guiney; Professor Henry Yeomans [PEC0005]

Centre for Crime and Justice Studies [PEC0006]

Howard League for Penal Reform [PEC0007]

HMI Prison [PEC0008]

Camurus Ltd [PEC0009]

Clinks [PEC0010]

Prisoners' Education Trust [PEC0011]

Tax evasion in the retail sector

Correspondence from the HM Revenue and Customs, dated 10 January 2025

Resilience to flooding: Seventh Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 20 and 21 January 2025

Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 21 January 2025

Department of Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23: Thirty-First Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 21 January 2025

Office for Value for Money recommendation on system reform

Correspondence from HM Treasury dated 21 January 2025

State of Digital Government Review and Blueprint for Modern Digital Government

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 21 January 2025

Acknowledgement of Locations Programme Accounting Officer Assessment

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 22 January 2025

Acknowledgement of Making Tax Digital Programme Accounting Officer Assessment

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 22 January 2025

Crown Court backlogs

Correspondence with HM Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 22 January 2025

Erroneous State Pension Payments

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 22 January 2025

Academy Accounts and Performance: Seventy-Third Report of Session 2017-19

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 23 January 2025

Publication of Sport England's 2023-24 Annual Report and Accounts

Correspondence from Sport England, dated 23 January 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 13 February 2025 relating to Fixing NHS dentistry, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye

Draft Report (Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye), 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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 361.

4. Prison estate capacity

Dame Antonia Romeo DCB, Permanent Secretary and Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and Ross Gribbin, Director General, Prisons, Offenders and International Justice, Ministry of Justice; Amy Rees, Director General Chief Executive, and Jim Barton, Executive Director HMPPS Change, HM Prison and Probation Service, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jenny George, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 30 January at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 30 January 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Hall

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Government support for biomass.

2. Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Draft Report (Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage), 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 Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 351.

3. Tax evasion in the retail sector

Draft Report (Tax evasion in the retail sector), 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 Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 355.

4. Use of AI in Government

Peter Fortune declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a shadow parliamentary private secretary for the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology; and declared that he would take no further part in the inquiry.

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

AI & Partners [UAIG0001]

Dr Tetyana (Tanya) Krupiy; Lecturer at Newcastle University [UAIG0002]

The Centre for Public Policy and Administration, Queen's University Belfast [UAIG0003]

Axon [UAIG0004]

Dr Alina Maria Vaduva; Senior Lecturer at University of East London [UAIG0005]

Professor Thiemo Fetzer, University of Warwick and University of Bonn [UAIG0006]

Dr Doug Specht, Head of School of Media and Communication, University of Westminster [UAIG0007]

Prof Jo Bates; Prof Helen Kennedy; Dr Itzelle Medina Perea; Dr Susan Oman; Lulu Pinney [UAIG0008]

Pupils 2 Parliament [UAIG0009]

Joshua Osborne, Student, University of Sheffield [UAIG0010]

Dr Yasmine Ezzeddine, Lecturer in Policing and PhD Researcher, University of Staffordshire [UAIG0011]

Dr Ali Hessami, Director at Vega Systems [UAIG0012]

The Institution of Engineering and Technology [UAIG0013]

Broadwave [UAIG0014]

The Institute of Science and Technology [UAIG0015]

Thorney Isle Research [UAIG0016]

Dr Alexander Waller, Visiting Professor, American University of Sovereign Nations [UAIG0017]

Dr Denis Newman-Griffis, Senior Lecturer and AI for Health Lead, University of Sheffield, Centre for Machine Intelligence [UAIG0018]

Jessica Brand; Professor Lina Dencik; Dr Arne Hintz; Dr Joanna Redden [UAIG0019]

Giles Gater, Adam Newberry, Dean Northfield [UAIG0020]

Dr Julian Padget, Reader in Artificial Intelligence, University of Bath [UAIG0021]

Professor Manjunath Aradhya; Ryan Bhuttay; Professor Prashant Pillai; Professor Suresh Renukappa; Chandrashekar Subbarao; Professor Subashini Suresh; Professor Tonny Veenith [UAIG0022]

Dr Princy Johnson, Reader in Sensors and Data, Liverpool John Moores University [UAIG0023]

Public Law Project [UAIG0024]

Nigel D Cook [UAIG0025]

City St George, University of London [UAIG0026]

Child Poverty Action Group [UAIG0027]

Reform think tank [UAIG0028]

QA [UAIG0029]

Glitch [UAIG0030]

Professor Alan Brown, Professor at the University of Exeter [UAIG0031]

Professor Michael Wooldridge, Professor at the University of Oxford [UAIG0032]

ADA Love Lace [UAIG0033]

Open Cloud Coalition [UAIG0034]

SAS Institute [UAIG0035]

Local Government Association [UAIG0036]

Rebecca Hawkins [UAIG0037]

Sarah Munby, Permanent Secretary, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology; Cat Little CB, Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office, and David Knott, Chief Technology Officer for UK Government, Central Digital and Data Office, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Ruth Kelly, Chief Analyst, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 3 February at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 3 February 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Rebecca Paul

Joe Powell also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 20 January 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The remediation of dangerous cladding

The Property Institute [RDC0003]

Chartered Institute of Housing [RDC0004]
Home Builders Federation [RDC0006]
buildingsafety scheme.org [RDC0051]
National Federation of Roofing Contractors [RDC0092]
National Housing Federation [RDC0096]
National Fire Chiefs Council [RDC0099]
Mr Darren Paffey, MP for Southampton Itchen [RDC0107]
The Association of British Insurers (ABI) [RDC0138]
Shared Owners' Network [RDC0143]
The London Fire Brigade [RDC0144]
End Our Cladding Scandal [RDC0145]
The All-Party Parliamentary Group, Fire Safety and Rescue [RDC0146]

Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 22 January 2025

Improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged children

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 27 January 2025

NHS financial sustainability

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 27 January 2025

Supporting Investment into the UK: Fifty-Sixth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 27 January 2025

Business and Trade Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 28 January 2025

DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 28 January 2025

Managing Central Government Property: Thirty-First Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 29 January 2025

HS2: Update following Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 31 January 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Clive Betts may attend the meeting of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee on 11 February 2025 relating to Funding and Sustainability of Local Government, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. The remediation of dangerous cladding

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a chartered surveyor.

Mr Clive Betts declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Vice President of the Local Government Association.

Nesil Caliskan declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a Vice President of the Local Government Association and a former council leader.

David O'Leary, Executive Director, Home Builders Federation; Rhys Moore, Executive Director of Public Impact, National Housing Federation; Councillor Adam Hug, Leader of Westminster City Council and Chair of the Local Infrastructure and Net Zero Board, Local Government Association, and Giles Grover, End our Cladding Scandal, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Healey, Permanent Secretary, Ben Llewelyn, Director for Remediation policy, and Richard Goodman, Director General, Safer Greener Buildings, and SRO, remediation portfolio, Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Helen Fisher, Programme Director, Cladding Safety Scheme, Homes England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Helen Hodgson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 6 February at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 6 February 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Lloyd Hatton

Sarah Olney

Michael Payne

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Energy bills support

Energy Systems Catapult [EBS0001]

Sense [EBS0002]

Octopus Energy [EBS0003]

Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde [EBS0004]

The Energy Efficiency Infrastructure Group [EBS0006]

Offshore tax gap and high net worth individuals

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 5 February 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee seek a debate on the Department of Health and Social Care's supplementary estimates, jointly with the Health and Social Care Committee.

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) a member of the Environmental Audit Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 3 March 2025 relating to Government support for biomass.
- b) a member of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 10 March 2025 relating to Government cyber resilience.

3. Energy bills support

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a business owner involved in a government energy generation scheme.

Jeremy Pocklington CB, Permanent Secretary, Jonathan Mills, Director General, Energy Markets and Supply, and Ben Golding, Director of the Clean Power 2030 Unit, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, gave oral evidence.

Marius Gallaher, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Bittlestone, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 10 February at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 10 February 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane
Sarah Olney
Michael Payne

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

Correspondence from the House of Commons and the House of Lords, dated 30 January 2025

Student loans issued to those studying at franchised higher education providers: Twenty-Eighth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 30 January 2025

Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England: Sixty-Eighth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 31 January 2025

Managing government borrowing: Fifteenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from National Savings and Investments, dated 31 January 2025

Public charge points for electric vehicles

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 31 January 2025

Tackling violence against women and girls

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 31 January 2025

Ukrainian delegation on anti-corruption

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 3 February 2025

DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 6 February 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Draft Report (HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation), 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 Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 357.

4. NAO Main Estimates 2025-26

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a chartered surveyor.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Rebecca Sheeran, Chief Operating Officer, and Max Tse, Executive Director, National Audit Office, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Alex Knight, Head of Financial Scrutiny, was in attendance.

4. DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Susannah Storey, Permanent Secretary, Polly Payne, Director General, Policy, and Nicola Hower, Director, Cultural Diplomacy, Loans and Visitor Economy, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Louise Blade, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 13 February at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 13 February 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Lloyd Hatton

Danny Beales also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 27 January 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fixing NHS dentistry

Association of Dental Hospitals [FND0001]

The Association of Dental Groups [FND0002]

Professor Ewen McCall, Chair Dental Schools Council [FND0003]

The Dental Defence Union (DDU) [FND0004]

NHS Confederation [FND0005]

Anonymous [FND0006]

British Dental Association [FND0007]

Denplan [FND0008]

Local Government Association [FND0009]

Organise Community [FND0010]

The Nuffield Trust [FND0011]

Toothless in England [FND0012]

Healthwatch England [FND0013]

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, dated 11 February 2025

National Audit Office Main Estimate 2025-26

Correspondence with the Public Accounts Commission, dated 13 February 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Lloyd Hatton may attend the meeting of the Education Committee on 25 February 2025 relating to Solving the SEND crisis, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. Excess Votes 2023-24

Draft Report (Excess Votes 2023-24), 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 Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 719.

4. Crown Court backlogs

Draft Report (Crown Court backlogs), 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 Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 348.

5. Improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged children

Draft Report (Improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged children), 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 Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 365.

6. Fixing NHS dentistry

Sir Chris Whitty, Acting Permanent Secretary, Jonathan Marron CB, Director General - Primary Care and Prevention, Department of Health and Social Care; Amanda Pritchard, Chief Executive, Jason Wong, Chief Dental Officer England, and Ali Sparke, Director for Pharmacy, Optometry, Dentistry, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 27 February at 9.15 a.m.

Monday 24 – Tuesday 25 February 2025

The Chair, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Luke Charters, Anna Dixon, Sarah Hall and Chris Kane visited Barrow-in-Furness and Sellafield, Cumbria in connection with the Committee's inquiries into The future of the Equipment Plan and Decommissioning Sellafield, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 29 November 2024.

Bill Esterson visited Sellafield, Cumbria, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 December 2024.

Thursday 27 February 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers

Delta.g [DTS0001]

Centre for Care, University of Sheffield [DTS0002]

Vertice [DTS0003]

Miss Sophie Glazik [DTS0004]

Deposit Return Scheme

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 18 January 2025

Barnet Section 114 notice due to pension fund payment irregularities

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 6 February 2025

Erroneous State Pensions payments

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 7 February 2025

The Digital Services Tax: Forty-Fourth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from HM Treasury and HM Revenue and Customs, dated 7 February 2025

Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 7 February 2025

Updates on Recommendations Made by the Committee in its First Report of Session 2021-22 on Low Emission Cars and Fifth Report of Session 2023-24 on the Government's Programme of Waste Reforms

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 10 February 2025

The Asylum Transformation Programme: Seventy-Sixth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 11 February 2025

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence from the National Housing Federation, dated 11 February 2025

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 18 February 2025

Home Office Permanent Secretary

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 12 February 2025

Acquisition of Harland and Wolff by Navantia

Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence, dated 13 February 2025

Enterprise Tax Management Platform Regeneration Programme

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 13 February 2025

Update on the HMCTS Reform Programme

Correspondence from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 13 February 2025

COVID employment support scheme: Fortieth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 17 February 2025

Delivering value from government investment in major projects: Thirty-Second Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 19 February 2025

Offshore tax gap and wealthy individuals

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 19 February 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers

Cat Little, Permanent Secretary, Clare Gibbs, Acting Head of Government Commercial Function, and Andrew Forzani, UK Government Chief Commercial Officer, Cabinet Office; Sarah Munby, Permanent Secretary, and David Knott, Government Chief Technology Officer, Government Digital Service, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Yvonne Gallagher, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 3 March at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 3 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Peter Fortune

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Rebecca Paul

Chris Hinchliff also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 6 February 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Government support for biomass

Andrew Campbell [BIO0001]

Institute for Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences [BIO0003]

Mineral Products Association [BIO0004]

Terravesta Ltd [BIO0005]

Dr Alexander Waller [BIO0006]

William Macalpine [BIO0008]

Dr Daniel Quiggin [BIO0009]

NRDC [BIO0010]

FareShare UK [BIO0011]

RSPB [BIO0012]

Evero Energy Group Limited [BIO0013]

Melton Renewable Energy [BIO0014]

Ember [BIO0015]

CCSA [BIO0016]

The Wood Recyclers' Association [BIO0017]

Renewable Energy Association [BIO0018]

US Industrial Pellet Association [BIO0019]

UKRI Interdisciplinary Circular Economy Centre for Mineral-based Construction Materials and Policy Impact Unit at University College London [BIO0020]
Stop Burning Trees Coalition [BIO0022]
Nature-based Solutions Initiative [BIO0023]
Biofuelwatch [BIO0025]
Just Transition Wakefield [BIO0027]
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council - UK Research and Innovation [BIO0029]
Professor Michael Norton [BIO0030]
Drax [BIO0032]

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence from the National Housing Federation, dated 11 February 2025
Correspondence from End our Cladding Scandal, dated 17 February 2025

Competition and Markets Authority competition case settlement

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 21 February 2025
Correspondence from the UK Debt Management Office, dated 21 February 2025

Tackling homelessness

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 21 February 2025

Reducing the harm from illegal drugs: Eleventh Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 24 February 2025

Windrush Generation and the Home Office: Eighty-second Report of Session 2017-19

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 24 February 2025

Adult Social Care Markets: Seventh Report of Session 2021-22

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 February 2025

Climate Change Committee's advice to government on the Seventh Carbon Budget

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 25 February 2025

DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 25 February 2025

Department of Health and Social Care 2020-21 Annual Report and Accounts: Sixth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 February 2025

Department of Health and Social Care 2022-23 Annual Report and Accounts: Thirty-First Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 February 2025

Introducing Integrated Care Systems: Thirty-Fifth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 February 2025

Managing NHS backlogs and waiting times in England: Thirty-Eighth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 February 2025

NHS Supply Chain and Efficiencies in Procurement: Twenty-Fourth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 February 2025

The New Hospital Programme: First Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 25 February 2025

The Defence Digital Strategy: Thirty-Sixth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 26 February 2025

UK Government response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government, dated 26 February 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Public charge points for electric vehicles

Draft Report (Public charge points for electric vehicles), 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 Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 512.

4. Government support for biomass

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a farmer and beneficiary of the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme.

Jeremy Pocklington CB, Permanent Secretary, Ashley Ibbett, Director General, Energy Infrastructure, and Dr Sarah Redwood OBE, Director, Renewable Energy Deployment, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero; Jonathan Brearley, Chief Executive, and Kiera Schoenemann, Director, Audit and Compliance, Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Bittlestone, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 6 March at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 6 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Rachel Gilmour

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Rebecca Paul

Oliver Ryan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 20 March 2025 relating to Decommissioning Sellafield, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Prison estate capacity

Draft Report (Prison estate capacity), 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 Fifteenth Report of the Committee, HC 366.

3. Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23

Draft Report (Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23), 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 Sixteenth Report of the Committee, HC 367.

4. The cost of the tax system

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

Dr Edidiong Offiong Bassey (Lecturer at Cardiff University) [CTS0001]

VAT Solutions [CTS0003]

Scottish Grocers' Federation [CTS0004]

Dr Md Hosam Al Kaddour (Undergraduate Programmes Director at University of Southampton), and Dr Nouha Saber (Lecturer in Taxation and BSc Accounting and taxation programme leader at University of Southampton) [CTS0005]

Sir Jim Harra KCB, First Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive, Justin Holliday, Chief Finance Officer and Tax Assurance Commissioner, and Lucy Pink, Director, HMRC strategies, HM Revenue and Customs, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Andy Morrison, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 10 March at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 10 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Rachel Gilmour

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Lauren Edwards also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 6 February 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Government cyber resilience

Professor Daniel Dresner [GCR0001]

Information Commissioner's Office [GCR0002]

Cyber Security and Business Resilience policy centre, Institute of Corporate Resilience [GCR0003]

Nigel D Cook [GCR0004]

Dr Anna Cartwright; Professor Edward Cartwright; Dr Jacob Seifert [GCR0005]

Surrey Centre for Cyber Security [GCR0006]

The Open Cloud Coalition [GCR0007]

Managing government borrowing: Fifteenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the UK Debt Management Office and HM Treasury, dated 19 February 2025

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 26 February 2025

EU Exit: UK Border: Thirty-Sixth Report of Session 2021-22

Correspondence from the UK Health Security Agency, dated 26 February 2025

Update on Government indemnity for a gap in the nuclear insurance market

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 26 February 2025

Bulb Energy: Seventy-Fourth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 27 February 2025

HS2 and Euston: Tenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 27 February 2025

Rail reform: The rail transformation programme: Thirty-Eighth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 27 February 2025

Publication of Review of Civil Legal Aid reports

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 3 March 2025

NHS financial sustainability

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 5 March 2025

Update on the measures to clear the local audit backlog in England

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 5 March 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

- Accountability in small government bodies
- Administration of civil service pensions
- Collecting the right tax from wealthy individuals
- Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate
- Government use of data analytics on error and fraud
- Government's use of private finance for infrastructure
- Government services: Generating income
- Government services: Identifying costs
- Immigration: Skilled Worker visas
- Improving family court services for children
- Improving local areas through developer funding
- Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education
- Introducing T Levels
- Jobcentres
- Local bus services in England
- MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations
- Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care
- Resilience to threats from animal disease
- Smarter delivery of public services
- UK Research and Innovation
- Water sector regulation
- Work of the Department for Business and Trade

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) a member of the Women and Equalities Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 17 March 2025 relating to Tackling violence against women and girls.

- b) two members of the Defence Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 28 April 2025 relating to The future of the Equipment Plan.

3. Government cyber resilience

Cat Little, Chief Operating Officer at Civil Service and Permanent Secretary, Vincent Devine, Government Chief Security Officer and Head of the Government Security Function, Bella Powell, Cyber Director, Government Security Group, and Joanna Davinson, Interim Government Chief Digital Officer, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Tom McDonald, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 13 March at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 13 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Layla Moran also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 13 March 2025)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 13 March 2025 relating to DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Nesil Caliskan declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a former employee of NHS England.

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Patient Safety.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Nigel D Cook [DAR0002] be reported to the House for publication.

Professor Sir Chris Whitty, Interim Permanent Secretary and Chief Medical Officer, and Andy Brittain, Director General, Finance, Department for Health and Social Care; Professor Dame Jenny Harries, Chief Executive, UK Health Security Agency, and Julian Kelly, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Abdool Kara, Executive Director, Peter Morland, Director, and Rachel Nugent, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 17 March at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 17 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

Sarah Owen also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 10 March 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tackling violence against women and girls

Money Wellness [VAWG0001]

Miss Amy Moir [VAWG0003]

Runnymede Trust [VAWG0005]

Dr Caroline Miles and Professor Rosemary Broad (University of Manchester) [VAWG0006]

SHERA Research Group [VAWG0007]

Dr Charlotte Barlow (Associate Professor in Criminology and Criminal Justice at University of Leeds); Professor Sandra Walklate (Eleanor Rathbone Chair of Sociology at University of Liverpool) [VAWG0008]

Dr Rebecca Shaw (Lecturer in Law at University of Leeds) [VAWG0009]

Dr Rowland Seymour (Assistant Professor of Statistics at University of Birmingham); Charlotte Norridge (PhD Student in Applied Mathematics at University of Birmingham); Dr Helen McCabe (Associate Professor of Political Theory at University of Nottingham); Professor Theodore Kypraios (Professor of Statistics at University of Nottingham) [VAWG0010]

Gender and Tech Research Lab, UCL [VAWG0012]

The Police Digital Service [VAWG0013]

Youth Endowment Fund [VAWG0014]

DECIPHer, Cardiff University [VAWG0015]

Respect [VAWG0016]

Professor Brian Francis (Professor of Social Statistics at Lancaster University) [VAWG0017]

Susan Bewley MA MD FRCOG (Professor Emeritus (honorary) of Obstetrics and Women's Health at King's College London) [VAWG0018]

Dr Michele Paule (Reader at Oxford Brookes University); Dr Hannah Yelin (Reader at Oxford Brookes University) [VAWG0020]

Operation Encompass [VAWG0021]

Georgina Mclocklin (Lecturer at University of Derby); Dr Blerina Kellezi (Associate Professor at Nottingham Trent University); Dr Clifford Stevenson (Professor at Nottingham Trent University); Dr Jennifer Mackay (Principal Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University) [VAWG0022]

Dr Orlanda Harvey (Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Bournemouth University);
Dr Louise Oliver (Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Bournemouth University)
[VAWG0023]
Men and Boys Coalition [VAWG0024]
Dr Karen Schucan Bird (Associate Professor of Social and Political Science at
EPPI Centre, UCL Social Research Institute) [VAWG0025]
Muslim Women's Network UK [VAWG0026]
Professor Philippa Velija (Professor of Sociology, Dean of School of Education at
University of Roehampton); Dr Catherine Phipps [VAWG0027]
White Ribbon UK [VAWG0028]
Professor Sylvia Walby (Professor of Criminology at Royal Holloway, University of
London) [VAWG0029]
Women's Budget Group [VAWG0030]
Miss Sophie de Groot (Postgraduate Researcher at University of Leeds)
[VAWG0031]
Dr Larissa Sandy (Associate Professor in Criminology at University of
Nottingham) [VAWG0032]
Women in Prison [VAWG0033]
Durham Police and Crime Commissioner [VAWG0034]
Dr Anna Barker (Associate Professor in Criminal Justice and Criminology at
University of Leeds); Dr Rebecca Brunk (Sustainability Project Officer at
University of Leeds); Dr Melissa Barrientos (Research Fellow at University of
Leeds); Professor George Holmes (Professor of Conservation and Society at
University of Leeds); Dr Vikki Houlden (Lecturer in Urban Data Science at
University of Leeds); Dr Maeve Murphy Quinlan (Research Software Engineer at
University of Leeds); Dr Fran Pontin (Senior Research Data Scientist at University
of Leeds) [VAWG0035]
National Ugly Mugs [VAWG0036]
The Vavengers [VAWG0037]
Professor Clare McGlynn (Professor of Law at Durham University) [VAWG0038]
FiLiA [VAWG0039]
London Councils [VAWG0040]
Nordic Model Now! [VAWG0041]
Centre for Protecting Women Online [VAWG0042]
Online Safety Act Network [VAWG0043]
University of Birmingham [VAWG0044]
Transform Justice [VAWG0045]
VAWDASV Research Network Wales, University of South Wales [VAWG0047]

Welsh Women's Aid [VAWG0048]
Women in Refugee Law [VAWG0049]
Local Government Association [VAWG0050]
Dr Niamh O'Kane (Research fellow/Science Communication and Impact Lead for GroundsWell Belfast at Queen's University Belfast); Dr Sophie Jones (Research fellow at Queen's University Belfast); Prof Ruth Hunter (Professor of Public and Planetary Health at Queen's University Belfast) [VAWG0051]
Hestia Housing and Support [VAWG0052]
5Rights Foundation [VAWG0053]
The For Baby's Sake Trust [VAWG0054]
Commonweal Housing [VAWG0055]
Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse [VAWG0056]
Bridges Outcomes Partnerships [VAWG0057]
Solace Women's Aid [VAWG0058]
After Exploitation [VAWG0059]
Association of Police and Crime Commissioners [VAWG0060]
The Survivors Trust [VAWG0061]
Judith Vickress (Domestic Abuse Consultant /Churchill Fellow at Independent Freelance Consultant); Rhianon Bragg (Expert By Experience at Independent) [VAWG0062]
Institute for Addressing Strangulation [VAWG0063]
Caritas Westminster [VAWG0064]
Dr Punita Chowbey (Senior Research Fellow at Sheffield Hallam University); Dr Kaveri Qureshi (Senior Lecturer at University of Edinburgh) [VAWG0065]
Internet Matters [VAWG0067]
Professor Loretta Trickett (Professor at Nottingham Trent University); Dr Kirsty Welsh (Senior Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University) [VAWG0068]
Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse [VAWG0069]
Professor Sonia Bhalotra (Professor at University of Warwick) [VAWG0070]
Dr Nicola Sharp-Jeffs [VAWG0071]
Violence and Society Centre, City St George's University of London [VAWG0072]
The Virago Movement [VAWG0073]
Dr Karen Middleton (Senior Lecturer in Marketing at University of Portsmouth); Dr Judith Fletcher-Brown (Associate Professor of Social Marketing at University of Portsmouth) [VAWG0074]
Global Institute for Women's Leadership, King's College London [VAWG0075]
The Domestic Abuse Commissioner [VAWG0076]
Southall Black Sisters [VAWG0078]

Mitie [VAWG0079]

Rape Crisis England and Wales [VAWG0080]

Refuge [VAWG0081]

SafeLives [VAWG0082]

End Violence Against Women Coalition [VAWG0083]

South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) [VAWG0084]

Department of Health and Social Care 2021-22 Annual Report and Accounts: Sixty-Second Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 26 February 2025

UK export finance support for Thales UK air defence missiles to Ukraine

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 4 March 2025

COVID-19 Vaccine Liabilities Spring 2025

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 6 March 2025

Further information regarding Treasury Minute progress reports

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 6 March 2025

HS2 Euston tunnelling schedule

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 6 March 2025

UKHSA health security campus

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 6 March 2025

Gifting of a Navy Commissioners' barge

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 7 March 2025

Equipment Plan and Harland and Wolff

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 10 March 2025

The Defence Equipment Plan

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 12 March 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The remediation of dangerous cladding

Draft Report (The remediation of dangerous cladding), 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 Seventeenth Report of the Committee, HC 362.

4. Tackling violence against women and girls

Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales; Farah Nazeer, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Aid, and Professor Katrin Hohl OBE, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, City University of London, gave oral evidence.

Sir Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Secretary, Richard Clarke, Director General, Safer Streets, Home Office; Justin Russell, Director General for Families, Department for Education; Emma Payne, Director for Social Housing, Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Talitha Rowland, Director for Security and Online Harms, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Caroline Harper, Senior Audit Manager, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 20 March at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 19 March 2025

The Chair, Mr Clive Betts, Nesil Caliskan, Mr Luke Charters, Anna Dixon, Rachel Gilmour, Sarah Green, Chris Kane and Sarah Olney visited Buckingham Palace, London, in connection with the Committee's work on major public projects, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 29 November 2024.

Thursday 20 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Hall

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Bill Esterson also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 6 March 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Decommissioning Sellafield

University of Central Lancashire Applied Policy Science Unit [DS0002]

Nuclear Industry Association [DS0004]

Caroline Dixey; Professor Suresh Renukappa; Dr Redouane Sarraikh; Professor Subashini Suresh [DS0005]

Cumberland Council [DS0006]

Energy bills support

Fair by Design [EBS0008]

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Independent Healthcare Providers Network, dated 7 March 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Use of AI in Government

Draft Report (Use of AI in Government), 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 Eighteenth Report of the Committee, HC 356.

4. Energy bills support

Draft Report (Energy bills support), 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 Nineteenth Report of the Committee, HC 511.

5. DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Draft Report (DCMS management of COVID-19 loans), 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 Twentieth Report of the Committee, HC 364.

6. Decommissioning Sellafield

Clive Maxwell, Second Permanent Secretary, and Lee McDonough, Director General, Net Zero, Nuclear and International, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero; David Peattie, Group Chief Executive Officer, and Kate Bowyer, Finance Director, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, and Euan Hutton, Chief Executive, Sellafield Ltd, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Charles Nancarrow, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 27 March at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 27 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rebecca Paul

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Antimicrobial resistance: assessing the risks

B. Braun Medical Ltd [AR0001]

RAND Europe [ARB0002]

Dr Sebastian Cortes-Corrales; Dr Javier Antonio Escobar Pérez; Dr Laura Harvey;

Professor Aura Lucia Leal Castro; Dr Juliana Quintero Espinosa [ARB0003]

Healthcare Infection Society [ARB0004]

Dr Rasha Abdelsalam Elshenawy; Prof Zoe Aslanpour; Dr Nkiruka Umaru
[ARB0005]

MSD UK [ARB0006]

Dr Alexander Waller, Visiting Professor at American University of Sovereign
Nations [ARB0007]

Cystic Fibrosis Trust [ARB0008]

Kidney Research UK [ARB0009]

The Royal College of Pathologists [ARB0010]

British Cleaning Council [ARB0011]

Dr Maria Granados; Dr Petros Karatsareas; Professor Lilian Miles; Dr Manal Mohammed; Dr Dipankar Sengupta; Dr Teddy Seyoum [ARB0012]

medConfidential [ARB0013]

CPI [ARB0014]

Microbiology Society [ARB0015]

International Scientific Forum on Home Hygiene [ARB0016]

Malaria No More UK [ARB0017]

Dr Alex Tasker, Senior Lecturer in One Health at University of Bristol Veterinary School [ARB0018]

Professor Lucie Byrne-Davies; Dr Nia Coupe; Professor Joanne Hart; Dr Rebecca Turner [ARB0019]

University of Manchester AMR Network [ARB0020]

Biochemical Society [ARB0021]

The Fungal AMR and One Health Network [ARB0022]

Dr Wendy Thompson, Clinical Senior Lecturer in Primary Dental Care at University of Manchester [ARB0023]

Reform [ARB0024]

The Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Biopharmaceutical Accelerator [ARB0025]

Anastasia Theodosiou, Microbiologist and Microbiome Researcher at University of Glasgow [ARB0026]

Preparedness for online safety regulation: Thirteenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from Ofgem, dated February 2025

Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 13 March 2025

DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport dated 17 March 2025

Reforming adult social care in England: Twenty-Second Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 17 March 2025

Government Support for Biomass

Correspondence from Drax, dated 17 March 2025

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 19 March 2025

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence from the Home Builders Federation, dated 17 March 2025

Fixing NHS dentistry

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 18 March 2025

NHS backlogs and waiting times in England: Forty-Fourth Report of Session 2021-22

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 18 March 2025

NHS financial sustainability

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 18 March 2025

The condition of school buildings: Second Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 18 March 2025

The cost of the tax system

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 19 March 2025

Update to Contingent Liabilities arising from the EWS1 professional indemnity insurance scheme

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 20 March 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Business and Trade Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 7 April 2025 relating to Work of the Department for Business and

Trade, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Antimicrobial resistance: assessing the risks

Anna Dixon declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a former employee at the Department of Health and Social Care during the period in which the Antimicrobial review was commissioned, and that their partner is currently employed by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The Lord O'Neill of Gatley, Author of the Review on Antimicrobial Resistance, and Dr David Partridge, President at British Infection Association and Consultant Microbiologist and Infection Control Doctor at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, gave oral evidence.

Professor Sir Chris Whitty, Acting Permanent Secretary and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Care; Professor Sir Stephen Powis, National Medical Director, NHS England; Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Advisor, UK Health Security Agency, and Abigail Seager, Chief Executive Officer, Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Paul Wright-Anderson, Senior Audit Manager, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 31 March at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 31 March 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Peter Fortune

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Condition of Government property

Rob Allen [CGP0001]

Teach the Future and Let's Go Zero [CGP0002]

Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 20 and 24 March 2025

European Union Finances Statement 2024

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 20 March 2025

Cross-government working: Twelfth Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 21 March 2025

Government cyber resilience

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 24 March 2025

The Building Safety Levy

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government dated 24 March 2025

Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 25 March 2025

Prison estate capacity

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 24 March 2025

Tackling violence against women and girls

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 26 March 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Fixing NHS dentistry

Draft Report (Fixing NHS dentistry), 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 Twenty-First Report of the Committee, HC 648.

4. Condition of Government property

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Cat Little, Permanent Secretary of the Cabinet Office and Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service, and Mark Chivers, Government Chief Property Officer, Office of Government Property, Cabinet Office, and Mike Green, Chief Executive, Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Max Tse, Executive Director, and Sian Jones, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 3 April at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 1 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 29 October 2024:

DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Correspondence with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 1 April 2025.

Thursday 3 April 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Rebecca Paul

Michael Payne

Oliver Ryan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Education Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 24 April 2025 relating to Introducing T Levels, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That Clive Betts may attend the meeting of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee on 8 April 2025 relating to The Funding and Sustainability of Local Government Finance, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

2. Local government financial sustainability

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a chartered surveyor.

Mr Clive Betts declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a Vice-President of the Local Government Association, and as a member of Unite.

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a former professional working in adult social care.

Sarah Hall declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a former Cabinet Member for Children and Young People at Warrington Council, and as a member of trade unions.

Lloyd Hatton declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a member of GMB.

Rebecca Paul declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a Surrey County Council Councillor, member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland, and as a member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation.

Michael Payne declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a former member of Nottinghamshire County Council and Gedling Borough Council, Vice-President of the Local Government Association, and as a member of trade unions that represent staff in local government.

Oliver Ryan declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a Vice-President of the Local Government Association, a member of trade unions that represent staff in local government, former councillor on the Local Government Association economy and resources board, and as a former executive of the Local Government Association Labour Group.

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

London Councils [LGFS0001]

Mencap [LGFS0002]

Sense [LGFS0003]

Professor Andy Pike [LGFS0004]

Hampshire County Council [LGFS0006]

Research for Action [LGFS0007]

Centre for Homelessness Impact [LGFS0009]

Women's Budget Group [LGFS0010]

Dr Amber Phillips, Senior Lecturer [LGFS0011]

South East Councils [LGFS0012]

NHS Confederation [LGFS0013]

Dr Bernard K Dom, Dr Peter Eckersley, Dr Martin Jones, Dr Katarzyna Lakoma, Professor Peter Murphy [LGFS0014]

Professor Tony Travers [LGFS0015]

Capital Letters [LGFS0016]

Cornwall Council [LGFS0017]

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) [LGFS0019]

National Association of Local Councils [LGFS0020]

Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) [LGFS0021]

Dr Bernard K. Dom, Dr Andre Lino, Professor Ileana Steccolini [LGFS0022]
The National Association of Local Councils [LGFS0023]
Homecare Association [LGFS0024]
Leonard Cheshire [LGFS0025]
District Councils Network [LGFS0026]

Professor Tony Travers, Professor in Practice and Associate Dean of the LSE School of Public Policy; Councillor Pete Marland, Chair of the Local Government Association's Economy and Resources Board, and Iain Murray, Director of Public Financial Management, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Healey, Permanent Secretary, Will Garton, Director General Local Government, Growth and Communities, and Nico Heslop, Director of Local Government Finance, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Abdool Kara, Executive Director, and Vicky Davis, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 7 April at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 7 April 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair
Mr Clive Betts
Sarah Green
Sarah Olney

Charlie Maynard also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 27 March 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Decommissioning Sellafield

Correspondence from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, dated 17 March 2025

Excess votes 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 28 March 2025

HMRC Estates and Locations Programme

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 31 March 2025

Use of evaluation and modelling in government: Fourth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 31 March 2025

Department of Health and Social Care 2022–23 Annual Report and Accounts: Thirty-first Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 1 April 2025

Tackling homelessness

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 2 April 2025

Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 3 April 2025

NHS financial sustainability

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 3 April 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Government support for biomass

Draft Report (Government support for biomass), 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 Twenty-Second Report of the Committee, HC 715.

4. The cost of the tax system

Draft Report (The cost of the tax system), 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 Twenty-Third Report of the Committee, HC 645.

5. Work of the Department for Business and Trade

Gareth Davies CB, Permanent Secretary, Tara Smith, Chief Operating Officer, and Carl Cresswell, Director, Post Office Policy and Business Engagement, Department for Business and Trade, gave oral evidence.

Gareth Davies CB, Permanent Secretary, Jaee Samant, Director General, Business Group, and David Bickerton, Chief Strategic Business Adviser, Department for Business and Trade, and Sean Jones, Director, Companies and Economic Security, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Susan Clark, Director, and Leena Mathew, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 24 April at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 24 April 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon
Sarah Hall
Michael Payne
Oliver Ryan

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Introducing T Levels

Thomas Pocklington Trust [ITL0001]
Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) [ITL0002]
Edge Foundation [ITL0003]
Association of Colleges [ITL0005]
National Foundation for Educational Research [ITL0006]
Education and Training Foundation [ITL0008]
Food and Drink Federation [ITL0009]
Gatsby Charitable Foundation [ITL0010]
Pearson plc [ITL0011]
Make UK [ITL0012]
City and Guilds [ITL0013]
Engineering UK [ITL0014]

2024-25 revised and 2025-26 opening financial directions to NHS England

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 31 March 2025

Decarbonising home heating: Thirty-Seventh Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 3 April 2025

Decommissioning Sellafield

Correspondence from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, dated 4 April 2025

Work of the Department for Business and Trade

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 9 April 2025

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 10 April 2025

Progress in improving NHS mental health services: Sixty-Fifth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 10 April 2025

Cabinet Office functional savings: Seventeenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 11 April 2025

Condition of Government property

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 11 April 2025

Local government financial sustainability

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 16 April 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) a member of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 8 May 2025 relating to Immigration: skilled worker visas.
- b) a member of the Treasury Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 May 2025 relating to Government's use of private finance for infrastructure.

Resolved, That Anna Dixon may attend the meeting of the Education Committee on 29 April 2025 relating to Solving the SEND crisis, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. Government cyber resilience

Draft Report (Government cyber resilience), 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 Twenty-Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 643.

4. Introducing T Levels

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, and Julia Kinniburgh, Director General, Skills, Department for Education, and Carmel Grant, Interim Chief Executive, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Emma Willson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 28 April at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 28 April 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Mr Luke Charters

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

Oliver Ryan

Derek Twigg also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 10 March 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tackling violence against women and girls

SignHealth [VAWG0085]

Dr Helen McCabe (Associate Professor in Political Theory at University of Nottingham), and Dr Lauren Eglen (Rights Lab Senior Research Fellow in Gender Justice at University of Nottingham) [VAWG0086]

The future of the Equipment Plan

Nicolas Jouan [FEP0002]

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 23 April 2025

Work of the Department for Business and Trade

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 23 April 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Mr Clive Betts may attend the meeting of the Housing Communities and Local Government Committee on 7 May 2025 relating to Local government finance, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Draft Report (DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24), 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 Twenty-Fifth Report Report of the Committee, HC 639.

4. Future of the Equipment Plan

David Williams, Permanent Secretary, Admiral Sir Tony Radakin, Chief of the Defence Staff, Madelaine McTernan CB, Chief of Defence Nuclear, and Andy Start, Acting National Armaments Director, National Armaments Director Group and Chief Executive Officer, Defence Equipment and Support, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Tom McDonald, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 8 May at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 8 May 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Immigration: skilled worker visas

Individual [IMM0002]

Work Rights Centre [IMM0003]

Homecare Association [IMM0004]

UNISON [IMM0005]

Care England [IMM0006]

Central England Law Centre [IMM0007]

Fragomen LLP and Talent Beyond Boundaries (TBB) [IMM0008]

Cavendish Coalition [IMM0009]

Confederation of British Industry (CBI) [IMM0010]

The Unity Project (TUP) [IMM0011]

The Scottish Tourism Alliance (STA) [IMM0012]

AGCAS [IMM0013]

Royal College of Nursing [IMM0014]

Kingsley Napley LLP [IMM0015]

National Partnership in Early Learning and Childcare [IMM0016]

Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA), Universities UK (UUK)
[IMM0017]

Make UK [IMM0018]

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA) [IMM0019]

British Future and King's College London [IMM0020]

Ademola Adetunji, Dr Marketa Dolezalova, Mackenzie Lunga and Sipuwe Takura
[IMM0021]

techUK [IMM0022]

The Law Society [IMM0023]

Focus on Labour Exploitation (FLEX) [IMM0024]

Nuffield Trust [IMM0025]

Evaluation in the Government Major Projects Portfolio

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 23 April 2025

Gifting of Navy Commissioner's barge

Correspondence with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 25 April 2025

Home Office Biometrics Programme

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 25 April 2025

Immigration Removal Centre Expansion Programme

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 25 April 2025

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 29 April 2025

Follow up on local scrutiny and accountability processes

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 29 April 2025

Work of the Department for Business and Trade

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 2 May 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Work and Pensions Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 15 May 2025 relating to Jobcentres, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That Sarah Olney take the Chair of the Committee for the meeting on Monday 19 May.—(*Sir Geoffrey-Clifton Brown.*)

3. Tackling violence against women and girls

Draft Report (Tackling violence against women and girls), 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 Twenty-Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 644.

4. Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers

Draft Report (Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers), 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 Twenty-Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 640.

5. Immigration: skilled worker visas

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as having a pre-existing relationship with Simon Ridley.

Dame Antonia Romeo DCB, Permanent Secretary, Simon Ridley, Second Permanent Secretary, Dan Hobbs, Director General, Migration and Borders Group, and Marc Owen CBE, Director for Visa, Status and Information Services, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the chair.

Simon Ridley, Second Permanent Secretary, Dan Hobbs, Director General, Migration and Borders Group, and Marc Owen CBE, Director for Visa, Status and Information Services, Home Office, gave further oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Oliver Lodge, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 12 May at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 12 May 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Peter Fortune

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

Michael Payne

Oliver Ryan

Bobby Dean also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 24 April 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Government's use of private finance for infrastructure

Dennis O'Keeffe [PFI0001]

The Association of Infrastructure Investors in Public Private Partnerships [PFI0002]

Dr Carter Casady, Professor Michael Lewis and Professor Jens Roehrich [PFI0003]

Institution of Civil Engineers [PFI0004]

Meridiam [PFI0005]

Mark Williams [PFI0006]

Global Infrastructure Investor Association (GIIA) [PFI0007]

Assured Guaranty UK Limited [PFI0008]

Fulcrum Infrastructure Group and The LIFT Council [PFI0009]

British Medical Association (BMA) [PFI0010]

NHS Confederation [PFI0011]

Bruce Dalglish [PFI0012]

Financial Inclusion and Markets Centre [PFI0013]

Affinitext (UK) Limited [PFI0014]

New Economics Foundation [PFI0015]

The Future Governance Forum [PFI0016]

ICAEW [PFI0017]

Dr Salman Ahmad [PFI0018]

Inscyte Ltd [PFI0019]

Restoration and Renewal Programme briefing: follow-up questions

Correspondence from the UK Parliament Restoration and Renewal Client Team, dated 2 May 2025

Home Office Biometrics Programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 7 May 2025

Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 7 May 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Education Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 19 May 2025 relating to Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Chair may attend the meeting of the Transport Committee on 9 July 2025 relating to HS2, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Government's use of private finance for infrastructure

Bruce Dalgleish, Partner and Co-founder, P2G LLP, and Darryl Murphy, Managing Director, Aviva Investors, gave oral evidence.

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending, and David Lunn, Interim Corporate Finance Director, HM Treasury; Jean-Christophe Gray, Interim Chief Executive, and Matthew Vickerstaff, Deputy Chief Executive, National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Reason, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 15 May at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 15 May 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Rebecca Paul

Johanna Baxter also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 8 May 2025)

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 5 June 2025 relating to UK Research and Innovation, 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:

Jobcentres

Education Development Trust [JOB0001]

Fedcap [JOB0002]

Changing Realities and Child Poverty Action Group [JOB0003]

Condition and maintenance of Local Roads in England

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 13 May 2025

3. Decommissioning Sellafield

Draft Report (Decommissioning Sellafield), 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 Twenty-Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 363.

4. Condition of Government property

Draft Report (Condition of Government property), 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 Twenty-Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 641.

4. Jobcentres

Sir Peter Schofield KCB, Permanent Secretary, Katherine Green, Director General for Labour Market and Poverty Policy, and Barbara Bennett, Chief Executive and Director General of Jobs and Careers Service, Operations, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Laura Brackwell, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 May at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 19 May 2025

Members present

Sarah Olney

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green
Lloyd Hatton
Rebecca Paul
Oliver Ryan

Sarah Olney took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of Thursday 8 May 2025.

Helen Hayes also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 12 May 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education

Construction Industry Train [ITN0001]
Professors Andrew Hill, Ji Hong, Daniel Madigan, Dr Lisa Kim [ITN0002]
Dr Laura McQuade [ITN0003]
The Maternity Teacher Paternity Teacher Project [ITN0004]
NAHT [ITN0005]
National Foundation for Educational Research [ITN0006]
Education and Training Foundation [ITN0007]
Royal Society of Biology [ITN0008]
Educational Support [ITN0009]
NASBTT [ITN0010]
The Gatsby Charitable Foundation [ITN0011]
Campaign for Mathematical Sciences [ITN0012]
Edapt [ITN0013]
Association of Colleges [ITN0014]
STEM Learning UK [ITN0015]
Dr Kathryn Spicksley, Dr Nicholas Stock [ITN0016]
Cultural Learning Alliance [ITN0017]
Dr Achala Gupta, Rachel Newman [ITN0018]
Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys [ITN0019]
Institute of Physics [ITN0020]
National Education Union [ITN0021]

Now Teach [ITN0022]

EngineeringUK [ITN0023]

Dr Carrie Adamson, Dr Jeremy Oldfield, Dr Steph Ainsworth [ITN0024]

Teach First [ITN0025]

Whole of Government Accounts 2022-23

Correspondence with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 7 May 2025

Crown Court backlogs

Correspondence with the Ministry of Justice, dated 8 May 2025

Correspondence with the Ministry of Justice and HM Courts and Tribunals Service, dated 8 May 2025

Criminal legal aid solicitor fees consultation launch

Correspondence with the Ministry of Justice, dated 8 May 2025

DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Correspondence with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 12 May 2025

Measuring and reporting public sector greenhouse gas emissions: Twenty-Third Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 12 May 2025

The future of the Equipment Plan

Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence, dated 13 May 2025

HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 15 May 2025

Jobcentres

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 15 May 2025

National Youth Strategy

Correspondence with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 15 May 2025

Support for children and young people with special educational needs

Correspondence with the Department for Education, dated 17 May 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education

Mr Luke Charters declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a partner of a primary school teacher.

Rebecca Paul declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a serving county councillor for Surrey County Council.

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Juliet Chua CB, Director General for Schools, and Julia Kinniburgh, Director General, Skills, Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Emma Willson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 5 June at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 5 June 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green
Sarah Hall

George Freeman also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 15 May 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK Research and Innovation

Nigel Cook [UKI0001]

ABPI [UKI0002]

The Institution of Engineering and Technology [UKI0004]

The London School of Economics and Political Science [UKI0005]

UCL [UKI0006]

Bryon Hyde [UKI0007]

The Royal Microscopical Society (RMS) [UKI0008]

Immigration Removal Centre expansion programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 22 May 2025

Recycling Infrastructure Capacity Analysis publication

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 23 May 2025

Government's use of private finance for infrastructure

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 27 May 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a delegation from the Czech Budgetary Control Committee may attend the Committee's private meeting on Monday 30 June.

3. Antimicrobial resistance: addressing the risks

Draft Report (Antimicrobial resistance: addressing the risks), 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 Thirtieth Report of the Committee, HC 646.

4. UK Research and Innovation

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a member of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund Programme Board of a UKRI challenge fund.

George Freeman declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a former Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation; as a UK trade and investment envoy in trade and pacific; and as an advisor to several charities.

Professor Paul Boyle CBE, Universities UK Board Member and Vice-Chancellor of Swansea University, Sir David Grant CBE, Lead, Independent review of UK Research and Innovation 2022, gave oral evidence.

Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser DBE, Chief Executive, and Siobhan Peters, Chief Finance Officer, UK Research and Innovation; Sarah Munby, Permanent Secretary, and Alexandra Jones, Director General, Science, Innovation and Growth, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Charles Nancarrow, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 9 June at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 9 June 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts
Mr Luke Charters
Anna Dixon
Peter Fortune
Rachel Gilmour
Sarah Green
Sarah Hall
Lloyd Hatton
Chris Kane
Sarah Olney

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Water sector regulation

WildFish [WSR0001]
Southern Water [WSR0002]
Consumer Council for Water (CCW) [WSR0003]
Akin Gump LLP [WSR0004]
Professor Katharina Rietig [WSR0005]
Blueprint for Water/Wildlife and Countryside Link [WSR0006]
Office for Environmental Protection [WSR0007]
Stanley Root [WSR0008]

HMRC performance in 2022–23: Sixteenth Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 29 May 2025

Jobcentres

Correspondence from the Department Work and Pensions, dated 29 May 2025

Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 2 June 2025

FRC investigation of the audits of Post Office Limited by Ernst & Young LLP

Correspondence with the Financial Reporting Council, dated 5 June 2025

HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence with the Department for Transport and HS2 Limited, dated 5 June 2025

Support for Victims of Modern Slavery Programme and Independent Child Trafficking Guardianship project

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 5 June 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee seek a debate on the Ministry of Defence's main estimates, jointly with the Defence Committee.

3. Local government financial sustainability

Draft Report (Local government financial sustainability), 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 Thirty-First Report of the Committee, HC 647.

4. Water sector regulation

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as having a preexisting relationship with Tamara Finkelstein.

Rachel Gilmour declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a former Head of Strategy at the Environment Agency.

David Henderson, Chief Executive, Water UK; Dr Mike Keil, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Water, and John Earwaker, Director, First Economics, gave oral evidence.

Dame Tamara Finkelstein DCB, Permanent Secretary, and David Hill, Director General for Strategy and Water, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Philip Duffy, Chief Executive, Environment Agency, and David Black, Chief Executive, Ofwat, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Anita Shah, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 12 June at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 12 June 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Lloyd Hatton

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Collecting the right tax from wealthy individuals

Nigel D Cook [TWI0002]

Professor Christine Cooper and Dr Jonathan Tweedie [TWI0003]

Tax Justice UK [TWI0004]

Paul Doherty [TWI0006]

Unauthorised access to HMRC Online Tax Accounts

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 10 June 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a delegation from the Grenada Public Accounts Committee may attend the Committee's private meeting on Thursday 10 July.

3. Collecting the right tax from wealthy individuals

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as an asset owner as outlined in his register of interests.

John-Paul Marks, Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive, Angela MacDonald, Deputy Chief Executive and Second Permanent Secretary, Penny Ciniewicz, Director General Customer Compliance, Jonathan Athow, Director General for Customer Strategy and Tax Design, and Philippa Madelin, Director for Wealthy and Mid-Sized Business Compliance, HM Revenue and Customs, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Andy Morrison, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 16 June at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 16 June 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Updated Making Tax Digital Accounting Officer Assessment

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 4 June 2025

Condition and maintenance of local roads in England

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 9 June 2025

Water sector regulation

Correspondence with the Chair at Independent Water Commission, dated 10 June 2025

UK-wide Mortgage Guarantee Scheme

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 11 June 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The future of the Equipment Plan

Draft Report (The future of the Equipment Plan), 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 Thirty-Second Report of the Committee, HC 716.

4. Supporting the UK's priority industry sectors

Draft Report (Supporting the UK's priority industry 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 Thirty-Third Report of the Committee, HC 1070.

5. DBT Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Draft Report (DBT Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24), 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 Thirty-Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 818.

6. MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations

The Chair declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a Chartered Surveyor and former employee of the Government Property Service Agency.

David Williams CB, Permanent Secretary, Aneen Blackmore, Director General, Finance, and Major General Marc Overton CB TD DL VR, Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Reserves and Cadets), Ministry of Defence, and Major General (Retd) Jamie Gordon CB CBE, Chief Executive, Council for Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Helen Holden, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 23 June at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 23 June 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Anna Dixon

Peter Fortune

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Sarah Olney

Oliver Ryan

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Improving family court services for children

Elizabeth Lucy Robillard [IFC0003]
Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX) [IFC0022]
SHERA [IFC0024]
CASCADE, Cardiff University [IFC0027]
Women's Aid [IFC0029]
Nuffield Family Justice Observatory [IFC0036]
Christina Elizabeth Rose [IFC0046]
Sarah Taylor Collaborations Stamping Out Posts Separation Abuse [IFC0054]
The Law Society of England and Wales [IFC0055]
Right to Equality [IFC0057]
Disabled Mothers' Rights Campaign, Legal Action for Women / Support Not Separation, Women against Rape [IFC0058]
Institute for Crime and Justice Policy Research, Birkbeck College, Revolving Doors [IFC0066]
SafeLives[IFC0067]
Professor Anne Barlow and Dr Jan Ewing [IFC0068]
The Magistrates' Association [IFC0069]
The Family Mediation Council [IFC0074]
The Family Law Bar Association [IFC0075]
Liverpool City Council, Wilks Forensic Psychology [IFC0077]
Family Solutions Group [IFC0079]
Dr Madeleine Wood [IFC0080]
GlobalARRK [IFC0081]
The Bar Council [IFC0091]
Bright Advocacy [IFC0092]
Eight Street LLP [IFC0093]
Dr Nazia Yaqub [IFC0102]
Triple P UK and Ireland [IFC0103]
JUSTICE [IFC0108]
IDAS [IFC0110]

Modernising Public Finance Systems

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 11 June 2025

Work of the Government Internal Audit Function

Correspondence from the Government Internal Audit Agency, dated 11 June 2025

Government's programme of waste reforms: Fifth report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence with the Chief Executive of the British Beer and Pub Association, dated 12 June 2025

Correspondence with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 12 June 2025 and 18 June 2025

FCDO Spending Review settlement

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 16 June 2025

Government cyber resilience

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office and Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 16 June 2025

Identifying scale-up and commercialisation opportunities within UK science

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 18 June 2025

Bulb Energy Limited

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 19 June 2025

Measuring tax gap 2025

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 19 June 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Introducing T Levels

Draft Report (Introducing T Levels), 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 Thirty-Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 822.

4. Improving family court services for children

Amy Rees CB, Interim Permanent Secretary, and Luke Taylor, Deputy Director of Family Justice System Improvement, Ministry of Justice; Fran Oram, former Director of Children's Social Care Strategy and Care System, Department for Education; Nick Goodwin, Chief Executive, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, and Jacky Tiotto, Chief Executive, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass), gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jenny George, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 26 June at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 26 June 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Governance and decision-making on major projects

Association for Project Management [GMP0002]

Nigel D Cook [GMP0003]

Rosie Pearson [GMP0004]

Friends of Carrington Moss [GMP0005]

Institution of Civil Engineers [GMP0006]

Dr Iniobong Enang, Dr Justin Okoli [GMP0007]

Dr Kevin Tennent, Dr Alex Gillet [GMP0008]

Dr Salman Ahmad [GMP0009]

The Energy Demand Research Centre (EDRC) [GMP0010]

The National Skills Academy for Rail (NSAR) [GMP0011]

HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 23 June 2025

FRC investigation regarding the audits of Post Office Limited by Ernst and Young LLP

Correspondence from the Financial Reporting Council, dated 26 June 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Jobcentres

Draft Report (*Jobcentres*), 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 Thirty-Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 823.

4. Immigration: skilled worker visas

Draft Report (Immigration: skilled worker visas), 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 Thirty-Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 886.

5. Governance and decision-making on major projects

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a chartered surveyor.

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, David Goldstone, Independent Chair at The Office for Value for Money, Nick Donlevy, Director of Public Spending, and David Lunn, Interim Director of Corporate Finance, HM Treasury, and Jon Loveday, Director of Infrastructure, Enterprise and Growth, National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority (NISTA), gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Lee-Anne Murray, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 30 June at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 30 June 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Mr Luke Charters was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 19 May 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education

British Property Federation [ILA0001]

Friends of Carrington Moss [ILA0002]

Bright Blue [ILA0003]

Home Builders Federation [ILA0004]

Chartered Institute of Housing [ILA0005]

Professor Alexander Lord [ILA0006]

National Housing Federation [ILA0007]

Abri [ILA0008]

Historic England [ILA0009]

The Royal Town Planning Institute [ILA0010]

CPRE, the countryside charity [ILA0011]

HS2: update following the Northern Leg cancellation

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 24 June 2025

Public charge points for electric vehicles

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 30 June 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education

Draft Report (Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education), 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 Thirty-Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 825.

4. Improving local areas through developer funding

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a chartered surveyor

Mr Clive Betts declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a former vice-chair of the Local Government Association.

Sarah Healey CB, Permanent Secretary, Joanna Key, Director General, Regeneration, Housing and Planning, and William Burgon, Director for Planning, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Helen Hodgson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 3 July at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 1 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 29 October 2024:

Jobcentres

Correspondence from the Department of Work and Pensions, dated 30 June 2025

Thursday 3 July 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Hall

Oliver Ryan

Blake Stephenson

Mr Luke Charters was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 19 May 2025.

1. Declarations of interests

Blake Stephenson 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.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

BBC Accounts and Trust Statement 2024-25

BBC World Service

Costs of clinical negligence

Efficiency and resilience of the Probation Service

Faulty energy efficiency installations
Financial sustainability of children's care homes
Financial sustainability of adult hospices in England
Government compensation schemes
Government's use of external consultants
Home-to-school transport
Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025
NS&I's transformation programme
Increasing police productivity
Tackling fraud and error in benefit expenditure 2024-25
The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability
Whole of Government Accounts 2023-24

3. Government's use of private finance for infrastructure

Draft Report (Government's use of private finance for infrastructure), 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 Thirty-Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 821.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 7 July at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 7 July 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair
Mr Clive Betts
Rachel Gilmour
Sarah Green
Sarah Hall
Chris Kane
Blake Stephenson

Mr Luke Charters was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 19 May 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Administration of civil service pensions

Nigel D Cook [CSP0001]

Civil Service Pensioners Alliance (CSPA) [CSP0002]

Capita Plc [CSP0003]

PCS [CSP0005]

Dr Kathleen McIlvenna [CSP0007]

Collecting the right tax from wealthy individuals

Correspondence from the HM Revenue and Customs, dated 26 June 2025

Legal Aid Agency cyber-security incident

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 26 June 2025

MoD's oversight of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association

Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence, dated 27 and 30 June 2025

Cost of NHS care for overseas patients

Correspondence with the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 30 June 2025

Follow up on responses to the Committee's reports on Crown Court backlogs and Prison estate capacity

Correspondence with the Ministry of Justice, dated 30 June 2025

New deal for the Total Not Spots (TNS) element of the Shared Rural Network

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 30 June 2025

Updated Accounting Officer Assessment for Making Tax Digital programme

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 30 June 2025

Increases to housing and immigration civil legal aid fees

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 1 July 2025

Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 1 July 2025

Gaps in parliamentary scrutiny of sensitive expenditure

Correspondence with the Prime Minister, dated 2 July 2025

Local government financial sustainability

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 3 July 2025

Tackling violence against women and girls

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 2 July 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 4 September 2025 relating to Resilience to threats from animal disease, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Committee hold a private roundtable on Costs of clinical negligence.

3. Administration of civil service pensions

Cat Little CB, Chief Operating Officer and Permanent Secretary, Fiona Ryland, Government Chief People Officer, and Muna Rowe, Pensions Deputy Director, Government People Group and Programme SRO, Cabinet Office, and Duncan Watson, CEO, MyCSP, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 10 July at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 8 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 29 October 2024:

HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 7 July 2025

Wednesday 9 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 29 October 2024:

HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 8 July 2025

Thursday 10 July 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Blake Stephenson

Mr Luke Charters was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 19 May 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate

International Facility Management Association [FOE0001]

SAS Software [FOE0002]

Jobcentres

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 10 July 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the United Kingdom Debt Management Office, London, in connection with its work.

Resolved, That the Committee visit RAF Marham, Norfolk, in connection with its inquiry into The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Saïd Business School, Oxford, in relation its inquiry into Governance and decision making on major projects.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Denmark, in connection with its work on health infrastructure and the use of public data.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the United States of America, in connection with its work on defence and other matters.

3. Collecting the right tax for wealthy individuals

Draft Report (Collecting the right tax for wealthy individuals), 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 Fortieth Report of the Committee, HC 827.

4. UK Research and Innovation

Draft Report (UK Research and Innovation), 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 Forty-First Report of the Committee, HC 826.

5. Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a chartered surveyor.

Anna Dixon declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry relating to a visit to Zimbabwe hosted by the Coalition for Global Prosperity.

Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB, Permanent Under-Secretary, Nick Dyer, Second Permanent Under-Secretary, Eddie Hannah OBE, Head of Overseas Estates Department and Chief Engineer, and Dr Ian Collard OBE, Head of Estates, Security and Network Directorate, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Head of Accountability and Governance within the Treasury Officer of Accounts Team, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Leena Mathew, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 14 July at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 14 July 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Nesil Caliskan

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton
Chris Kane
Oliver Ryan
Blake Stephenson

Mr Luke Charters was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 19 May 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Smarter delivery of public services

Marj Powner [GCS0001]
Professor Mark Thompson [GCS0004]
John Knight [GCS0005]
Public Digital [GCS0006]
ArvatoConnect [GCS0007]
Mydex Community Interest Company [GCS0008]
Social Market Foundation [GCS0010]

CCUS Track-1 Clusters Contingent Liabilities – Padeswood update

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 3 July 2025

Infected Blood compensation

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 3 July 2025

College of Policing Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 7 July 2025

Improving family court services for children

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 7 July 2025

Measures to clear the local audit backlog in England

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 7 July 2025

Cabinet Office functional savings: Seventeenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 8 July 2025

Defra's collecting and packaging reforms

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 8 July 2025

Governance and decision-making on major projects

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 9 July 2025

Improving local areas through developer funding

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 9 July 2025

MoD's oversight of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 9 July 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Water sector regulation

Draft Report (Water sector regulation), 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 Forty-Second Report of the Committee, HC 824.

4. Smarter delivery of public services

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a chartered surveyor.

Nesil Caliskan declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a former local council leader and vice-president of the Local Government Association.

Sir Peter Schofield KCB, Permanent Secretary, and Julie Taylor, HR Deputy Director, Government Operational Delivery Profession, Department for Work and Pensions; Paul Morrison, Chief Executive, Planning Inspectorate, and Tom Greig, Director of

Passports, Citizenship, and Civil Registration and Registrar General for England and Wales, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Kate Caulkin, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 17 July at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 17 July 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Lloyd Hatton

Blake Stephenson

Mr Luke Charters was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 19 May 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Local bus services in England

Rosie Eacott [LBS0001]

Dr Maike Dinger and Professor Darren Lilleker [LBS0002]

Professor Katharine Rietig [LBS0003]

Friends of Carrington Moss [LBS0004]

Green Alliance [LBS0005]

Steven Hunter [LBS0006]

Anonymous [LBS0007]

Professor Roger Mackett [LBS0008]

Dr Mohammad Heydari [LBS0009]
Transformative Transport Service Design Initiative (TRATSEDI) [LBS0010]
Professor Behzad Hezarkhani, Anastasia Tsakiridi, and Dr Fanzhuo Zeng [LBS0011]
Jonathan Cairns [LBS0012]
Mike Rownlinson [LBS0013]
Councillor Emily Kerr [LBS0014]
Dr Frederico Botta and Zihao Chen [LBS0015]
Social Market Foundation [LBS0016]
Centre for Cities [LBS0017]
Dr Catherine Rose, Jess Howdle, Professor Eleanor Bradley [LBS0019]
Better Buses East Midlands [LBS0020]
Transport for Greater Manchester [LBS0021]
Later Life Ambitions [LBS0022]
John Geddes [LBS0023]
Urban Transport Group [LBS0024]
Zenobe Energy Limited [LBS0025]
Confederation of Passenger Transport [LBS0026]
Calderdale Council [LBS0027]
The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) [LBS0028]
Joseph Dean [LBS0029]

Energy bills support

Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 15 July 2025

Ministry of Justice follow-up: Summer 2025

Correspondence with the Ministry of Justice, dated 15 July 2025

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 17 July 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) two members of the Defence Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 8 September 2025 relating to The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability.
- b) a member of the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 11 September 2025 relating to Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care.
- c) a member of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 15 September 2025 relating to Accountability in small government bodies.

3. Local bus services in England

Blake Stephenson declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a Central Bedfordshire councillor.

Jo Shanmugalingam, Permanent Secretary, Conrad Bailey, Director General, Public Transport and Local Group, and Stephen Fidler, Director, Buses and Inclusion, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jonny Mood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 1 September at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 1 September 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Chris Kane

Oliver Ryan

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Afghanistan Response Route.

Resolved, That a member of the Treasury Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 8 September 2025 relating to Afghanistan Response Route, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That Chris Kane may attend the Culture, Media and Sports Committee's meeting on 9 September 2025 relating to the BBC's Annual Report and Accounts, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That Mr Clive Betts may attend the Health and Social Care Committee's meeting on 9 September 2025 relating to The work of NHS England, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations

Draft Report (MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations), 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 Forty-Third Report of the Committee, HC 893.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 4 September at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 3 September 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

IR35 and Off-Payroll working reforms

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 28 May 2025

Afghanistan Response Route

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 26 August 2025

Thursday 4 September 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Sarah Green

Chris Kane

Oliver Ryan

Josh Newbury also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 7 July 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Resilience to threats from animal disease

Dr Alexander Waller [TAD0001]

British Pest Control Association [TAD0002]

APPG Science and Technology in Agriculture [TAD0003]

The Moredun Research Institute, The Roslin Institute and Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh [TAD0005]

The National Pig Association (NPA) [TAD0006]

Pig Health and Welfare Council [TAD0007]

The Pirbright Institute [TAD0008]

Royal Society of Biology [TAD0009]

British Retail Consortium [TAD0010]

UK Faculty of Public Health [TAD0011]

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board [TAD0012]

British Veterinary Association (BVA) [TAD0013]

Professor Rachael Eugenie Tarlinton [TAD0014]

National Farmers Union of England and Wales [TAD0015]

Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) [TAD0016]

Dover Port Health Authority [TAD0017]

Dr Kieran O'Mahony and Toryn Whitehead [TAD0018]

The British Equine Veterinary Association [TAD0019]

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 4 July 2025

MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 11 July 2025

Updated Accounting Officer Assessment for Making Tax Digital Programme

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 11 July 2025

Public charge points for electric vehicles

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 14 July 2025

Smart metering implementation programme costs and benefits report

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 14 July 2025

Crown Court backlogs and Prison estate capacity

Correspondence from HM Prison and Probation Service, and HM Court and Tribunals Service, dated 15 July 2025

Loan Guarantee for World Bank lending to Egypt

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 15 July 2025

Competition and Markets Authority findings with banks in competition

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 16 July 2025

Correspondence from the UK Debt Management Office, dated 16 July 2025

COVID-19 vaccine liabilities

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 16 July 2025

Local audit reform

Correspondence from HM Treasury and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 17 July 2025

Remediation Acceleration Plan 2025 Updated

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 17 July 2025

Six-monthly report to Parliament on HS2

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 17 July 2025

The cost of the tax system

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 17 July 2025

Tackling violence against women and girls

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 18 July 2025

The fairness assessment of Universal Credit

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 18 July 2025

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 18 July 2025

HMRC Transformation Roadmap

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 21 July 2025

Prison estate capacity

Correspondence from HM Prison and Probation Service, dated 21 July 2025

Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production (STEP) contingent liability

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 21 July 2025

Cost of NHS care for overseas patients

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 22 July 2025

HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 22 July 2025

HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 22 July 2025

Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 24 July 2025

NHS financial sustainability

Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 24 July 2025

Cabinet Office functional savings: Seventeenth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 28 July 2025

Administration of civil service pensions

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 28 July and 5 August 2025
Correspondence from the Public and Commercial Services Union, dated 29 July 2025

Local bus services in England

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 31 July 2025

The draft Building Safety Levy (England) Regulations 2025

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 31 July 2025

Energy Bills support

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 1 August 2025

**Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England:
Sixty-Eighth Report of Session 2022–23**

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 4 August 2025

NS&I business transformation programme

Correspondence from National Savings and Investments, dated 4 August 2025

Acquisition of Harland and Wolff by Navantia

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 5 August 2025

**Levelling Up Funding to Local Government: Twenty-First Report of
Session 2023–24**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local
Government, dated 5 August 2025

Chief Executive changes at Ofwat

Correspondence from Ofwat, dated 6 August 2025

Local government financial sustainability

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 7 August 2025

**Delivering value from government investment in major projects:
Thirty-Second Report of Session 2023–24**

Correspondence from the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation
Authority, dated 12 August 2025

Correspondence from HM Treasury and the National Infrastructure and Service
Transformation Authority, dated 12 August 2025

Decommissioning Sellafield

Correspondence from Sellafield Ltd, dated 13 August 2025

Afghanistan Response Route

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 14 August 2025

Condition of Government property

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 15 August 2025

Official Development Assistance

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 18 August 2025

AEA Technology Pension Case: Fifty-Seventh Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 22 August 2025

Integrated Care Systems: Thirty-Fifth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 22 August 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Department for Work and Pensions follow-up: Autumn 2025.

3. Governance and decision-making on major projects

Draft Report (Governance and decision-making on major projects), 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 Forty-Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 642.

4. Improving family court services for children

Draft Report (Improving family court services for children), 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 Forty-Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 883.

5. Improving local areas through developer funding

Draft Report (Improving local areas through developer funding), 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 Forty-Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 886.

6. Resilience to threats from animal disease

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry as a practicing farmer

David Hill, Interim Permanent Secretary, and Emily Miles, Director General for Food, Biosecurity and Trade, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Professor Christine Middlemiss CB, UK Chief Veterinary Officer, and Dr Richard Lewis, Chief Executive, Animal and Plant Health Agency, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Rich Sullivan-Jones, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 8 September at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 8 September 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Mr Luke Charters

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Michael Payne

Oliver Ryan

Calvin Bailey and Lincoln Jopp also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 17 July 2025)

Dame Meg Hillier also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 1 September 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability

Defence On The Brink [FSF0001]

Arun Dawson [FSF0002]

Nuclear Education Trust [FSF0003]

Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care

Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, dated 1 and 3 September 2025

Sizewell C Contingent Liabilities Notification

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 1 September 2025

NHS financial sustainability

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 2 September 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. First Annual Report of the Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts

Draft Report (First Annual Report of the Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts), 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 Forty-Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1300.

4. Afghanistan Response Route

David Williams, Permanent Secretary, and Dominic Wilson, Director General Transformation, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Helen Holden, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

5. The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability

David Williams, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence; Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Knighton KCB ADC FREng, Chief of Defence Staff, and Air Commodore Nick Lowe, Assistant Chief of Staff Combat Air and SRO for F-35 capability, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Tom McDonald, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 11 September at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 11 September 2025

Members present

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Sarah Olney

Michael Payne

Oliver Ryan

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the Chair, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 November 2024.

Josh Fenton-Glynn also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 7 July 2025)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That delegation from the Kenyan Public Debt and Privatisation Committee may attend the Committee's private meeting on Thursday 16 October.

2. Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care

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

Prof Catia Nicodemo (Professor at University of Oxford) [NWT0001]

The Royal College of Radiologists [NWT0002]

Rob Findlay [NWT0003]

Reform think tank [NWT0004]

Dr Lucy Eddy (Assistant Professor in Psychology at University of Bradford), Cara Staniforth (Research Associate at University of Bradford), Helen Wilkinson (Children's Therapy Services Co-ordinator at Child Development Service, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Shaun Phelan (Occupational Therapist at Child Development Service, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Nina (Serena) White (Physiotherapist at Child Development Service, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), and Dr Rebecca Murray (Lecturer in Psychology at University of Bradford) [NWT0005]

New Medical Systems Ltd T/a Newmedica [NWT0006]

British Medical Association [NWT0008]

NHS Confederation [NWT0009]

Cancer Research UK [NWT0010]

ADHD 360 [NWT0011]

The Royal College of Anaesthetists [NWT0012]

Your Medical Services [NWT0013]

The British Chiropractic Association [NWT0014]

Alzheimer's Society [NWT0015]

Lancaster University [NWT0016]

Dr Philip Britteon (Research Fellow in Health Economics at The University of Manchester) [NWT0017]

Independent Healthcare Providers Network (IHPN) [NWT0018]

Mencap [NWT0020]

Dr Mohammad Heydari (Tenured Lecturer (New Zealand), Associate Professor (People's Republic of China) of Management Science and Engineering (MS&E) at School of Applied Business, Unitec Institute of Technology | Te Pūkenga, Auckland, New Zealand) [NWT0021]

Healthwatch Leeds [NWT0022]

Healthwatch Leeds [NWT0023]

Policy Exchange [NWT0024]

Royal College of Physicians [NWT0025]

Dr Akshi Kumar (Senior Lecturer, School of Computing at Goldsmiths, University of London) [NWT0026]

Yorkshire Cancer Research [NWT0027]

University of Essex [NWT0028]

Lloyds Clinical [NWT0029]

NHS Providers [NWT0030]

Association of Optometrists [NWT0031]

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists [NWT0032]

Keele University [NWT0033]

Association of Optometrists [NWT0034]

Royal College of Psychiatrists [NWT0035]

Glaukos [NWT0036]

Health Services Safety Investigations Body [NWT0037]

Professor Luigi Siciliani (Professor at University of York) [NWT0038]

Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Trust [NWT0039]

Professor Luigi Siciliani (Professor at University of York, NIHR Policy Research Unit on the Economics of Health and Social Care Systems), Dr Anastasia Arabadzhyan, Professor Simon Walker, Dr Naomi Kate Gibbs, Professor Susan Griffin, Professor Nils Gutacker, Dr Panos Kasteridis, Dr Maria Ana Matia, Dr Rita Santos, and Dr Peter Sivey [NWT0040]

Care England [NWT0042]

Shockwave Medical [NWT0043]

Vial [NWT0044]

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, dated 10 September 2025

Samantha Jones, Permanent Secretary, Matt Style, Director General, Secondary Care and Integration, Department of Health and Social Care, Sir Jim Mackey, CEO,

Professor Meghana Pandit, Co-Medical Director (Secondary Care), Mark Cubbon, Elective Care, Cancer and Diagnostics Director, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Ashley McDougall, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 15 September at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 15 September 2025

Members present

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Chris Kane

Michael Payne

Blake Stephenson

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the Chair, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 November 2024.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Leadership update at UK Health Security Agency

Correspondence with the K Health Security Agency, dated 5 September 2025

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 8 September 2025

The cost of the tax system

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 8 September 2025

Jobcentres

Correspondence with the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 9 September 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. BBC Accounts and Trust Statement 2024-25

Chris Kane declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a member of the National Union of Journalists.

Tim Davie, Director General, Leigh Tavaziva, Chief Operating Officer, Shirley Cameron, Director of Revenue and Customer Management, BBC, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Claire Rollo, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 16 October at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 16 October 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Sarah Olney

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Government services: Generating income

Amnesty International UK [GFC0001]

Amnesty International UK [GFC0002]

HMCTS Reform Evaluation

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 11 September 2025

Public charge points for electric vehicles

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 11 September 2025

Supply Estimates: Excess Votes

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 12 September 2025

Administration of civil service pensions

Correspondence from MyCSP, dated 15 September 2025

Managing government borrowing: Fifteenth Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from HM Treasury and the United Kingdom Debt Management Office, dated 15 September 2025

Resilience to threats from animal disease

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 18 September 2025

Legal Aid Agency cyber-security incident

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 18 September 2025

Water sector regulation

Correspondence from Ofwat, dated 22 September 2025

Collecting the right tax from wealthy individuals

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 22 September 2025

Delivering value from government investment in major projects: Thirty-Second Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 23 September 2025

Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Correspondence from Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 24 September 2025

The UK's F-35 Stealth Fighter Capability

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 25 September 2025

Growth Mission Fund

Correspondence from the Department of Business and Trade, dated 26 September 2025

Tax evasion in the retail sector

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 30 September 2025

Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, both dated 2 October 2025

Tackling violence against women and girls

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 3 October 2025

UK export finance support for Jaguar Land Rover

Correspondence from UK Export Finance, dated 3 October 2025

Overview of the delivery model for the Sizewell C Project

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 6 October 2025

Afghanistan Response Route

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 7 October 2025

Response to Vol.1 of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry Report

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 9 October 2025

Tackling Defra's ageing digital services: Fifty First Report of Session 2023-23

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 10 October 2025

UK Asset Resolution's Annual Report and Accounts

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 10 October 2025

Contingent Liability Notification: Accession to the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 13 October 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Harrow Masonic Centre, London, in connection with its inquiry into Water sector regulation.

3. Smarter delivery of public services

Draft Report (Smarter 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 Forty-Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 889.

4. Administration of civil service pensions

Draft Report (Administration of civil service pensions), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Forty-Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 888.

5. Government services: Generating income

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Shooting and Conservation.

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, Nick Donlevy, Director of Public Spending, Matthew Taylor, Director in Strategy, Planning and Budget Group, HM Treasury, Tim Moss CBE, Chief Executive, DVLA, and Farhad Chikhalia, Interim Director, Strategic Finance and Partnerships, Ministry of Justice gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Adrian Jenner, Director of Parliamentary Relations, and Simon Reason, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 October at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 20 October 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Local bus services in England

Draft Report (Local bus services in England), 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 Fiftieth Report of the Committee, HC 892.

3. The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability

Draft Report (The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability), 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 Fifty-First Report of the Committee, HC 1232.

4. Resilience to threats from animal disease

Draft Report (Resilience to threats from animal disease), 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 Fifty-Second Report of the Committee, HC 885.

5. Government services: Identifying Costs

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Hleb Buziuk [GFC0004] be reported to the House for publication.

Cat Little CB, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office, Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending and Joint-Head of the Government Finance Function and Andrew Cartner, Deputy Head of the Government Finance Function, HM Treasury, and Bonnie Wang, Director of Strategy and Assurance at Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Yvonne Gallagher MBE, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 23 October at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 23 October 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon
Chris Kane
Sarah Olney
Blake Stephenson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Justice Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 20 November 2025 relating to Costs of clinical negligence, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That Anna Dixon may attend the Justice Committee's meeting on 28 October 2025 relating to Reform of the Family Court, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a qualified chartered surveyor.

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

Rob Allen [MOJ001]
The Law Society of England and Wales [MOJ002]
CILEX [MOJ003]
Public Law Project [MOJ004]
Central England Law Centre [MOJ005]
Legal Aid Practitioners [MOJ007]
Law Centres Networks [MOJ008]
The Howard League of Penal Reform [MOJ009]

Dr Jo Farrar CB OBE, Permanent Secretary, Gemma Hewison, Interim Director General Policy – Courts and Access to Justice, and Adrian Hannell, Director of Financial Management and Control, Ministry of Justice, Jane Harbottle, Chief Executive, Legal Aid Agency, and Jim Barton, Executive Director, Capacity Implementation at HM Prison and Probation Service, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jenny George, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 30 October at 9.30 a.m.

After the meeting, the following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 21 October 2025

Water sector regulation

Correspondence from the Environment Agency, both dated 21 October 2025

Monday 27 October 2025

The Chair, Mr Clive Betts, Sarah Green and Sarah Olney visited Harrow Masonic Centre, London, in connection with its inquiry into Water sector regulation, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 October 2025.

Wednesday 29 October 2025

The Chair, Mr Clive Betts, Sarah Green, Sarah Olney and Blake Stephenson visited the United Kingdom Debt Management Office, London, in connection with its work, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 July 2025.

After the visit, the following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Lease arrangements for Royal Lodge

Correspondence with The Crown Estate and HM Treasury, dated 29 October 2025

Thursday 30 October 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Tristan Osborne

Blake Stephenson

1. Declaration of Interests

Tristan Osborne 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. Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate

Draft Report (Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate), 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 Fifty-Third Report of the Committee, HC 884.

4. Afghanistan Response Route

Draft Report (Afghanistan Response Route), 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 Fifty-Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 1391.

5. DWP follow-up: Autumn 2025

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as her niece is a work coach.

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

Dr Partha Das Chowdhury [WPA0001]
Public Law Project [WPA0002]
The Huntington's Disease Association [WPA0003]
Child Poverty Action Group [WPA0005]

Sir Peter Schofield KCB, Permanent Secretary, Barbara Bennett, Chief Executive and Director General of Jobs and Careers Service Operations, and Helen Wylie, Director General, Digital and Transformation, Department of Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Kate Mathers, Executive Director of Financial Audit, and Laura Brackwell, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 3 November at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 3 November 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair
Clive Betts
Anna Dixon
Rachel Gilmour
Chris Kane
Catherine McKinnell
Tristan Osborne

1. Declaration of Interests

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

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to Government support for biomass, dated 30 October 2025, be reported to the House for publication.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 13 November 2025 relating to Faulty energy efficiency installations, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 13 November at 3.00 p.m.

Thursday 13 November 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Catherine McKinnell

Rupert Lowe

Bill Esterson also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 3 November 2025)

1. Declaration of Interests

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

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Faulty energy efficiency installations

Bright Blue [FEE0001]

Severn Wye [FEE0003]

Kingspan Insulation Ltd [FE0010]
University of Sovereign Nations [FEE0011]
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) [FE0014]
End Fuel Poverty Coalition [FE0015]
AgilityEco [FE0016]
Energy UK [FE0019]
National Housing Federation [FE0020]
National Energy Action [FE0021]
United Kingdom Accreditation Service [FE0022]
E3G, Citizens Advice, Centre for Sustainable Energy, Friends of the Earth,
Greenpeace, Ashden [FE0023]
Fuel Poverty Action [FE0025]
SSB Law Victims Support Group [FE0026]
Sustainable Energy Association [FE0028]
Richard Sadler [FE0029]

Skills Machinery of Government Change

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 28 October 2025

Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 14 October 2025
Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 30 October 2025

The current role and responsibilities of ICBs

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 14 October 2025

Padeswood Carbon Capture Usage and Storage: Summary Business Case

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 24 October

Improving Educational Outcomes for Disadvantaged Children

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 30 October 20

Overseas patients

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 30 October 2025

New Hospital Programme and Federated Data Platform

Correspondence with the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 3 November 2025

Government services: Identifying costs

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 4 November 2025

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 5 November 2025

Correction notification: PPE procurement in the early pandemic

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 5 November 2025

Introducing Integrated Care Systems: Thirty-Fifth Report of Session 2022–23

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 5 November 2025

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham, in a representative capacity.

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) a member of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 24 November 2025 relating to increasing police productivity.
- b) a member of the Work and Pensions Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 4 December 2025 relating to Tackling benefit overpayments due to fraud and error 2024-25.

4. Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care

Draft Report (Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care), 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 Fifty-Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 820.

5. BBC Accounts and Trust Statement 2024-25

Draft Report (BBC Accounts and Trust Statement 2024-25), 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 Fifty-Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1230.

6. Faulty energy efficiency installations

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a qualified chartered surveyor.

Matt Gantley, Chief Executive, United Kingdom Accreditation Service, and Simon Ayers MBE, Chief Executive Officer, TrustMark, gave oral evidence.

Jeremy Pocklington CB, Permanent Secretary, Clive Maxwell CB CBE, Second Permanent Secretary, Deborah Chittenden, Director - Net Zero Buildings: Transformation, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, Jonathan Brearley, Chief Executive Officer and Kiera Schoenemann, Director of Audit and Compliance, Delivery and Schemes, Ofgem, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Joshua Reddaway, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 17 November at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 17 November 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Financial sustainability of children's care homes:

National Centre for Excellence in Residential Child Care (England) [CCH0001]

Nationwide Association of Fostering Providers [CCH0003]

Ofsted [CCH0004]

The County Councils Network [CCH0005]

Cambian [CCH0006]

Revolution Consulting Limited [CCH0007]

Hleb Buziuk [CCH0008]

Harrow Monitoring Group [CCH0009]

Centre for Local Economic Strategies [CCH0010]

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy [CCH0011]

Norfolk County Council [CCH0012]

The Children's Homes Association [CCH0013]

Medway Council [CCH0014]

Administration of civil service pensions

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 3 and November 2025

Managing flood risk: Forty-fifth Report of Session 2019-21

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 4 November 2025

Resilience to flooding: Seventh Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 4 November 2025

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 7 November 2025

Commencement of Operation Encompass

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 7 November 2025

Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, both dated 6 November 2025

Accounting Officer Assessment: UEFA European Championships 2028 (EURO 2028) Programme

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 13 November 2025

Police Governance Reform

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 13 November 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Joe Lane, Deputy Director of Policy and Projects, Office of the Children's Commissioner for England, Rachael Wardell OBE, President, Association of Directors of Children's Services, Dr. Mark Kerr, Chief Executive Officer, Children's Homes Association, gave oral evidence.

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Gila Sacks, Director General for Families, and Isabelle Trowler CBE, Chief Social Worker for Children and Families, Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Emma Willson, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 20 November at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 20 November 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Tristan Osborne

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 23 October 2025)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Costs of clinical negligence

Anna Dixon declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a previous employee of DHSC and an Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Patient Safety.

Rupert Lowe declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry concerning a freeze-drying pharma-related business.

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst declared pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as:

- a holder of a practicing certificate with the Bar Standards Board;
- an associate tenant at No5 Chambers, where his area of practice includes clinical negligence and personal injury law;
- previously a member of the Personal Injuries Bar Association and having sat on its executive;
- previously being a member of Action Against Medical Accidents;
- being registered with the GMC, though no longer holding a licence to practice;
- having been involved in litigation relating to clinical negligence; and
- a member of the Middle Temple and the Royal College of Surgeons.

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

Sands and Tommys Joint Policy Unit [CCN0003]
Medical Defence Union (MDU) [CCN0004]
Society of Clinical Injury Lawyers (SCIL) [CCN0005]
Glaukos UK [CCN0007]
MDDUS [CCN0009]
Hleb Buziuk [CCN0010]
British Medical Association [CCN0011]
Health Services Safety Investigations Body [CCN0012]
Fletchers Solicitors [CCN0013]
Switalksis Solicitors [CCN0014]
The Royal College of Ophthalmologists [CCN0016]
Association of Personal Injury Lawyers [CCN0017]
AvMA [CCN0018]
Medical Protection Society [CCN0019]
The Association of Consumer Support Organisations (ACSO) [CCN0020]
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists [CCN0021]
Slater and Gordon [CCN0023]
Do No Harm [CCN0024]
Feed [CCN0025]

Samantha Jones, Permanent Secretary, Department for Health and Social Care,
Elizabeth O'Mahony, Interim Director General, Finance, and Professor Aidan Fowler,

National Director of Patient Safety, NHS England, and Helen Vernon, CEO at NHS Resolution, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Andy Morrison, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 24 November at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 24 November 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Rupert Lowe

Tristan Osborne

Blake Stephenson

Lewis Atkinson also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 13 November 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Increasing police productivity

PACCTS [IPP0001]

ADS Group Ltd. [IPP0002]

Sheffield Hallam University [IPP0003]

Hleb Buziuk [IPP0004]

Home Office [IPP0005]

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner [IPP0006]

Fatimah Al-Mayyahi; Emilie Edward; Lilly Mae Hadley; and Bailey Mortimer [IPP0007]

Sir Stephen House QPM [IPP0008]

The Productivity Institute, University of Manchester [IPP0009]

City of London Police [IPP0010]

Mr Nigel D. Cook [IPP0011]

University of London, University of Southampton, and Monash University [IPP0012]

Leapwise [IPP0013]

Mr Simon Feldman [IPP0014]

Improving Inventory Management: Eighth Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 13 November 2025

Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 13 November

Supply estimates: Excess Votes

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 13 November

Decommissioning Sellafield

Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and Sellafield Ltd, dated 14 November 2025

DWP follow-up: Autumn 2025

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 14 November

Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 14 November

Tackling Defra's ageing digital services: Fifty-First Report of Session 2022–23

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 14 November

Immigration: Skilled Worker visas

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 17 November 2025

Implementation of Committee recommendations

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 17 November 2025

Introducing Care Systems: Thirty-Fifth Report of Session 2022-23

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 17 November

Low Emission Cars: First Report of Session 2021-22

Correspondence from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, dated 17 November 2025

Ministerial direction: UK Export Finance Support for Jaguar Land Rover

Correspondence from UK Export Finance, dated 13 and 17 November 2025

Tackling violence against women and girls

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 17 November 2025

Home office Asylum Accommodation Programme

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 18 November 2025

Implementation of the previous Committee's recommendations

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 18 November 2025

Modern Digital Government

Correspondence from Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 19 November 2025

MoD Equipment Plan 2023 – 2033: Nineteenth Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 20 November 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair may attend the meeting of the Finance Committee on 25 November 2025 relating to Savings, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. Increasing police productivity

Dame Antonia Romeo DCB, Permanent Secretary, Richard Clarke, Director General - Public Safety Group, and Bethan Page-Jones, Director of Strategy, Capability and Resources Directorate, Home Office, and Sir Andy Marsh QPM, Chief Executive, and James Bottomley, Head of the Centre for Police Productivity, College of Policing, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Abdool Kara, Executive Director, and Oliver Lodge, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 27 November at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 27 November 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Sarah Olney

1. Committee methods of working

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

Affordability of the Defence Investment Plan
An analysis of the asylum system
Environmental regulation
NAO Main Estimates 2026-27
New Hospital Programme update
Restoration and Renewal of Parliament: Costing and governance
Supporting people with frailty outside hospitals
The work of the COVID Counter-Fraud Commissioner
Unlocking land for housing

Resolved, That the Committee to hold an awayday.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 1 December at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 1 December 2025

Before the meeting, the Chair visited the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 November.

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Rupert Lowe

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

Blake Stephenson

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Efficiency and resilience of the Probation Service:

Rehabilitating Probation Project Team [RPS0002]

Crest Advisory [RPS0003]

Hleb Buziuk [RPS0004]

User Voice [RPS0005]

Prison Reform Trust [RPS0006]

Digital Transformation in government: addressing the barriers to efficiency: Seventieth Report of Session 2022–23

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 18 November 2025

Supporting Mobile Connectivity: Thirty-Fifth Report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 18 November 2025

Use of AI in Government

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 18 November 2025

Support for Innovation to Deliver Net Zero: Seventy-Ninth Report of Session 2022–23

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 19 November 2025

The condition of school building: Second report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 20 November 2025

The Future of the Equipment Plan

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 20 November 2025

Immigration: Skilled Worker visas

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 21 November 2025

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care and the Home Office, dated 21 November 2025

Accounting Officer Assessments

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 24 November 2025

Government services: Generating income

Correspondence from the DVLA, dated 24 November 2025

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 24 November 2025

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence from Capita, dated 25 November 2025

Faulty Energy Efficiency Installations

Correspondence from TrustMark, dated 25 November 2025

Fixing NHS dentistry

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 25 November 2025

NHS Supply Chain and Efficiencies in Procurement: Twenty-fourth report of Session 2023-24

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 26 November 2025

Reforms to Public Spending Control and Accountability Framework

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 26 November 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

Financial resilience of DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries

Large business tax compliance

NAO financial audit insights 2024-25

Regulating for growth

The Access to Work scheme

The Bank of England's Real-Time Gross Settlement Renewal Programme

The Crown Estate and Royal Household's management of land and property
The MoD's tackling of economic crime and misconduct

3. Government services: Generating income

Draft Report (Government services: Generating income), 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 Fifty-Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 890.

4. Efficiency and resilience of the Probation Service

Dr Jo Farrar CB OBE, Permanent Secretary, Adam Bailey, Director, Probation and Reoffending Policy, Ministry of Justice, and James McEwen, Director General CEO, Jim Barton, Executive Director, Capacity Implementation, and Kim Thornden-Edwards, Chief Probation Officer, HM Prisons and Probation Service, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jenny George, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 4 December at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 4 December 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Rupert Lowe

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair and Mr Clive Betts may attend the Defence Committee's meeting on Tuesday 16 December relating to the National Armaments Director, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Government services: Identifying costs

Draft Report (Government services: Identifying costs), 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 Fifty-Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1421.

3. Tackling fraud and error in benefit expenditure 2024-25

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as Chair of the APPG on carers.

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

Equifax [FAE0001]

Dr Morgan Currie, Dr Alli Spring, and Dr Lena Podoletz [FAE0002]

Hleb Buziuk [FAE0003]

Professor Charlotte Wildman [FAE0004]

Dr Rasha Kassem and Dr Antonis Ballis [FAE0005]

Public Law Project [FAE0006]

Professor Susan Harkness and Dr Silvia Avram [FAE0007]

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 1 December 2025

Sir Peter Schofield KCB, Permanent Secretary, Neil Couling CBE, Director General, Fraud, Disability and Health, and Vikki Knight, Director of Fraud, Error and Debt Strategy at Department of Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General and Laura Brackwell, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 8 December at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 8 December 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Catherine McKinnell

Tristan Osborne

Blake Stephenson

Matt Turmaine

1. Declaration of interests

Matt Turmaine declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Home-to-school transport

Sarah Brooks-Wilson [HTS0002]

The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman [HTS0003]

County Councils Network [HTS0004]

Challenging Behaviour Foundation [HTS0005]

Natspec [HTS0007]

Hleb Buziuk [HTS0009]

Association of Directors of Children Services [HTS0011]

Ambitious about Autism [HTS0012]
Cerebra [HTS0013]
Cornwall County Council [HTS0014]
Association of Colleges [HTS0016]
Contact [HTS0017]
24x7 Group [HTS0018]
Community Transport Association [HTS0019]
Independent Provider of Special Education Advice [HTS0020]
Devon County Council [HTS0021]
Durham County Council [HTS0022]
Association of Transport Coordinating Officers [HTS0023]
Transport Studies Unit, University of Oxford [HTS0025]
Suffolk County Council [HTS0026]
Bridges Outcomes Partnerships [HTS0027]
Medway Council [HTS0029]
Magic Breakfast [HTS0030]
Oxfordshire County Council [HTS0034]
Bristol City Council [HTS0035]
The Association of Directors of Environment, Planning and Transport [HTS0036]

Faulty energy efficiency installations

Correspondence from the UK Accreditation Service, dated 27 November 2025
Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 2 December 2025

Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Correspondence from the Association of Directors of Children's Services, dated 28 November 2025

Timeliness of communications with the Committee

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 28 November 2025

Criminal legal aid solicitor fees consultation response

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 1 December 2025

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 1 December 2025

HS2

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 1 December 2025

Legal aid fees

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 1 December 2025

Update on clearing the local audit backlog in England

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 2 December 2025

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Home-to-school transport

Sarah Hall declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a former Cabinet Member for Children and Young People at Warrington Council .

Catherine McKinnell declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a former Minister of State at the Department for Education.

Anna Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Contact, Rose McArthur, Chair, Home to School Transport Working Group, Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT), and Councillor Amanda Hopgood, Chair of the Children, Young People and Families Committee, Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, and Juliet Chua CB, Director General – Schools, Department for Education, and Nico Heslop, Director of Local Government Finance, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General and Vicky Davis, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 11 November at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 11 December 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Lloyd Hatton

Chris Kane

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Whole of Government Accounts 2023-24

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

Local Government Association [WGA0001]

Professor David Heald [WGA0002]

Mr Nigel D Cook [WGA0003]

Hleb Buziuk [WGA0004]

Philip Jackson [WGA0005]

Miss Charlene Roversini [WGA0006]

Institute for Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [WGA0007]

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending and Joint-Head of the Government Finance Function, and Andrew Cartner, Deputy Head of the Government Finance Function, HM Treasury, Will Garton, Director General for Local Government, Growth and Communities, and Rosie Seymour, Deputy Director, Local Audit Reform, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General and Helen Jackson, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 15 December at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 15 December 2025

Members present

Mr Clive Betts
Rachel Gilmour
Chris Kane
Rupert Lowe
Catherine McKinnell
Sarah Olney
Tristan Osborne
Blake Stephenson
Matt Turmaine

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the Chair, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 November 2024.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Government's use of external consultants

Professor Andrew Sturdy [GDA0010]

Implementation of previous reports

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 30 November 2025

Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 3 December 2025

Decarbonising home heating: Thirty-Seventh Report of session 2023-23

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 3 December 2025

Government support for biomass

Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Ofgem, all three dated 3 December 2025

Costs of clinical negligence

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 4 December 2025

Decommissioning Sellafield

Correspondence from Sellafield Ltd, dated 4 December 2025

DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24

Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 4 and 11 December 2025

DBT Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 5 December 2025

NS&I's transformation programme

Correspondence from NS&I, dated 5 December 2025

Home-to-school transport

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 8 December 2025

Increasing police productivity

Correspondence from the College of Policing, dated 8 December 2025

Government's use of private finance for infrastructure

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 10 December 2025

National Youth Strategy

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 10 December 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Work of Ofwat.

Resolved, That, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees):

- a) a Member of both the Foreign Affairs and Culture, Media and Sport committees be invited to attend the meeting on 8 January 2026 relating to BBC World Service.
- b) a member of the Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 January 2026 relating to Financial sustainability of adult hospices in England.

3. Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025

Draft Report (Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025), 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 Fifty-Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 1240.

4. Government's use of external consultants

Cat Little CB, Permanent Secretary, Andrew Forzani, Government Chief Commercial Officer, Cabinet Office, Rebecca Molyneux, Deputy Director, Workforce, Pay and Pensions, HM Treasury, and Mark Leigh, Commercial Director, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General and Sian Jones, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 18 December at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 18 December 2025

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Chris Kane

Rupert Lowe

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. DWP follow-up: Autumn 2025

Draft Report (DWP follow-up: Autumn 2025), 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 Sixtieth Report of the Committee, HC 1447.

3. NS&I's Transformation Programme

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to inquiry as a holder of Premium Bonds.

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

Dr Anthony Fraser [NTP0001]

Hleb Buziuk [NTP0002]

Correspondence from NS&I, dated 17 December 2025

Dax Harkins, Chief Executive, Matthew Smith, Programme Senior Responsible Officer, NS&I, James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, Sam Beckett, Chief Economic Adviser and Second Permanent Secretary, and Stephen Farrington, Director of Fiscal Policy, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Reason, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 8 January at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 8 January 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Rupert Lowe

Matt Turmaine

Damian Hinds and John Whittingdale also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 15 December 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

BBC World Service

Hleb Buziuk [BSW0001]

Mr Howard Zhang [BSW0004]

The Henry Jackson Society [BSW0005]

Energy Bills Support

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 11 December 2025

Improving police productivity

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 11 December 2025

Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025

Correspondence from Ministry of Justice, dated 11 December 2025

Decommissioning Sellafield

Correspondence from Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, dated 12 December 2025

Correspondence from Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 12 December 2025

Home-to-school transport

Correspondence from the Local Government Association, dated 12 December 2025

Efficiency and resilience of the Probation Service

Correspondence from HM Prison and Probation service, dated 15 December 2025

Improving family court services for children

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 16 December 2025

Local Government Financial Sustainability

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 16 December 2025

Online Safety Act

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 16 December 2025

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 17 December 2025

Tackling Fraud and Error in Benefit Expenditure

Correspondence from Department for Work and Pensions, both dated 17 December 2025

Oversight of Arm's Length Bodies

Correspondence from Home Office, dated 19 December 2025

Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Correspondence from The Children's Homes Association, dated 22 December 2025

Fixing NHS Dentistry

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 30 December 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into MoD follow-up: Spring 2026.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26.

Resolved, That a member of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 19 January 2026 relating to the asylum system pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Draft Report (Financial sustainability of children's care homes), 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 Sixty-First Report of the Committee, HC 1233.

4. BBC World Service

Anna Dixon declared pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as she has carried out paid work for King's College London setting up an impact centre for palliative and end-of-life care and worked for the Department of Health and Social Care between 2013-2015.

Sarah Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as patron of a hospice in her constituency, Chesham and Amersham.

Matt Turmaine declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a former employee of BBC Worldwide between 1998 and 2013.

Rupert Lowe declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as having three complaints upheld against the BBC.

Tim Davie CBE, Director General, Jonathan Munro, Interim CEO of News and Current Affairs, Fiona Crack, Interim Global News Director, Director of the World Service at BBC, gave oral evidence.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Bittlestone Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 12 January at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 12 January 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Chris Kane

Catherine McKinnell

Tristan Osborne

Matt Turmaine

Paulette Hamilton also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 15 December 2025)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Financial sustainability of adult hospices in England

Moya Cole Hospice, Bolton Hospice, Bury Hospice, Derian House Children's Hospice, Dr Kershaw's Hospice, Francis House Children's Hospice, Springhill Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, and Partners in End of Life Care including 3 independent hospices and 2 linked to Foundation Trusts [AHE0001]
Rotherham Hospice [AHE0002]
LOROS - Leicestershire Organisation for the Relief of Suffering [AHE0003]
Niamh Eve (Appointed Head of Community at St. Clare Hospice) [AHE0004]
Mary Ann Evans Hospice [AHE0005]
St Barnabas Hospice Trust [AHE0007]
Lancashire South Cumbria Hospices Together, and Pendleside Hospice [AHE0008]
Hospice, Wigan and Leigh Hospice, and Willow Wood Hospice [AHE0009]
East Cheshire Hospice, and Cheshire and Merseyside Hospice Provider Collaborative [AHE0010]
Professor Kate Woodthorpe [AHE0012]
Ashgate Hospice [AHE0014]
Sue Ryder [AHE0015]
Gianina Caballero [AHE0016]
Hospice UK [AHE0017]
Marie Curie [AHE0018]
Jodie Gosling MP [AHE0019]

Government's use of external consultants

Professor Sylvester Kaczmarek [GDA0014]
Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 5 January 2026

The remediation of dangerous cladding

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 17 December 2025

Faulty energy efficiency installations

Correspondence from the Installation Assurance Authority Federation, dated 23 December 2025

Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Correspondence from iESE, dated 23 December 2025

Asylum Accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership: Thirty-Fourth Report of Session 2023–24

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 5 January 2026

Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 5 January 2026

Affordable Homes Programme

Correspondence from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 6 January 2025

Costs of clinical negligence

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 6 January 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Financial sustainability of adult hospices in England

Anna Dixon declared pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as she has carried out paid work for King's College London setting up an impact centre for palliative and end-of-life care and worked for the Department of Health and Social Care between 2013-2015.

Sarah Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to inquiry as patron of a hospice in her constituency, Chesham and Amersham.

Paulette Hamilton declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to inquiry as a former nurse, as having previously worked in palliative care and as the former joint Chair of the APPG for hospice care.

Rt Hon Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Professor Fliss Murtagh, Professor of Palliative Care, Hull York Medical School, and Toby Porter, Chief Executive, Hospice UK, gave oral evidence.

Samantha Jones, Permanent Secretary, Dr Edward Scully, Primary and Community Health Care Director, Department of Health and Social Care, Sir James Mackey, Chief Executive, Dr Amanda Doyle OBE, National Director for Primary Care and Community

Services, and Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 15 January at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 15 January 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Blake Stephenson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Euston Station, London, in connection with its work on HS2.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a private roundtable on HS2.

2. Government use of data analytics on error and fraud

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

Hleb Buziuk [GDA0001]

Mo Warsame [GDA0002]

Stuart Holland [GDA0003]

Professor Sylvester Kaczmarek [GDA0004]

Dr Anandadeep Mandal [GDA0005]

Dr Deepak Padmanabhan [GDA0006]
medConfidential [GDA0007]
Mr Suman Alamsetti [GDA0008]
Dr Mohammad Heydari [GDA0009]
Tetyana (Tanya) Krupiy [GDA0010]
Dr Antonis Ballis and Dr Rasha Kassem [GDA0012]
Open Rights Group [GDA0016]
Amnesty International UK [GDA0018]

Mark Cheeseman OBE, Chief Executive at Public Sector Fraud Authority, Emran Mian, Permanent Secretary, Department of Science Innovation and Technology, and Conrad Smewing, Director General, Public Spending and Joint-Head of the Government Finance Function, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Joshua Reddaway, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 January at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 19 January 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair
Mr Clive Betts
Rachel Gilmour
Rupert Lowe
Catherine McKinnell
Tristan Osborne
Matt Turmaine

Paul Kohler also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolution of 8 January 2026)

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

An analysis of the asylum system

Hleb Buziuk [ASY0001]

Amnesty International UK [ASY0002]

University of Birmingham [ASY0003]

Serco [ASY0004]

Letter of support - Post Office Limited

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 24 November 2025

NS&I's transformation programme

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 13 January 2026

Correspondence from NS&I, both dated 13 January 2026

Financial sustainability of the hospice sector

Correspondence from Professor Fliss Murtagh, dated 15 January 2026

2. Faulty energy efficiency installations

Draft Report (Faulty energy efficiency installations), 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 Sixty-Second Report of the Committee, HC 1229.

3. An analysis of the asylum system

Simon Ridley CB, Second Permanent Secretary, Dr Rannia Leontaridi OBE, Director General of Asylum, Home Office, Dr Jo Farrar, Permanent Secretary, Emma Churchill, Director General, Policy - Courts, Access to Justice, International Justice and Legal, Ministry of Justice, and Josh Goodman, Director, Resettlement at Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Ruth Kelly, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 22 January at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 22 January 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Lloyd Hatton

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Singleton Birch, North Lincolnshire, in connection with its inquiry into Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage.

2. Increasing police productivity

Draft Report (Increasing police productivity), 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 Sixty-Third Report of the Committee, HC 1239.

3. Costs of clinical negligence

Draft Report (Costs of clinical negligence), 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 Sixty-Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 1234.

4. Work of Ofwat

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

Amiblu [WOO0001]
Mencap [WOO0002]
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds [WOO0003]
Blueprint for Water [WOO0004]
Wessex Water Services Limited [WOO0005]
River Action [WOO0006]

Chris Walters, Interim Chief Executive, Helen Campbell, Interim Executive Director, Delivery, Ofwat, and David Hill, Director General for Strategy and Water, Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Anita Shah Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 26 January at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 26 January 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair
Mr Clive Betts
Sarah Green
Sarah Hall
Chris Kane
Rupert Lowe
Catherine McKinnell
Tris Osborne
Blake Stephenson
Matt Turmaine

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Accountability in small government bodies

Dr Henry Midgley, Professor Laurence Ferry and Honorary Professor Aileen Murphie [SGB0002]

Local Government Boundary Commission for England [SGB0003]

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [SGB0004]

Electoral Commission [SGB0005]

Pubs Code Adjudicator [SGB0007]

Financial sustainability of adult hospices

Correspondence from Hospice UK, dated 15 January 2026

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 16 January 2026

Correspondence from Sue Ryder, dated 16 January 2026

Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate

Correspondence from Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 16 January 2026

Whole of Government Accounts 2023-24

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 16 January 2026

Accounting Officer Assessments

Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 19 January 2026

BBC World Service

Correspondence from the BBC, dated 21 January 2026

Tackling fraud and corruption against government: Sixty-Ninth Report of Session 2022–23

Correspondence from the Public Sector Fraud Authority, dated 21 January 2026

2. Efficiency and resilience of the Probation Service

Draft Report (Efficiency and resilience of the Probation Service), 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 Sixty-Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 1235.

3. Accountability in small government bodies

Indrani Banerjee-Jones, Director of Finance and Operations, Government Actuary's Department, Farhad Chikhaliya, Interim Director for Public Bodies, Ministry of Justice, and Micon Metcalfe, Interim Director of Finance and Resources, Office of the Children's Commissioner, gave oral evidence.

Janet Hughes, Director General of Public Sector Reform, Cabinet Office, Conrad Smewing, Director General Public Spending and Head of the Government Finance Function, and Andrew Cartner, Director Public Spending, Deputy Head of the Government Finance Function, HM Treasury, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Sian Jones, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 29 January at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 29 January 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Chris Kane

Blake Stephenson

Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 2 February at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 2 February 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

Blake Stephenson

Matt Turmaine.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental regulation

Mr Andrew Walters [ENR0001]

Mr Andrew Walters [ENR0002]

Hleb Buziuk [ENR0003]

Community Planning Alliance [ENR0004]

Dr Gavin Rider [ENR0005]

Stormwater Shepherds UK [ENR0006]

Professor Bernard Fisher [ENR0007]

UKELA (UK Environmental Law Association) [ENR0008]

Mr Gordon Wignall [ENR0010]

Arbtech [ENR0011]

Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust [ENR0014]

SUEZ recycling and recovery UK Ltd [ENR0015]

Greater Manchester Air Quality Officers Working Group [ENR0016]

URM UK Limited [ENR0017]

The Recycling Association [ENR0019]
Wine and Spirit Trade Association (ENR0022)
The Moorland Association [ENR0024]
Dr Anna Willetts and Miss Samantha [ENR0025]
Mineral Products Association [ENR0026]
Water UK [ENR0027]

Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Professor Fliss Murtagh [AHE0020]

Tackling fraud and error in benefit expenditure 2024-25

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 17 January 2026

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 22 January 2026

AI efficiencies

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 23 January 2026

Making Tax Digital, IR35 and the Off-Payroll Working reforms, and tax evasion in the retail sector

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 27 January 2025

Water sector regulation

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 29 January 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Environmental regulation

Paul Kissack, Permanent Secretary, Sally Randall, Director General for Environment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Philip Duffy, Chief Executive, Environment Agency, and Marian Spain, Chief Executive, Natural England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Richard Sullivan-Jones, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 5 February at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 5 February 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

An analysis of the asylum system

Correspondence with the Home Office, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the Ministry of Justice, dated 5 February 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit HS2 North Acton, London, in a representative capacity.

3. Tackling fraud and error in benefit expenditure 2024-25

Draft Report (Tackling fraud and error in benefit expenditure 2024-25), 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 Sixty-Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1231.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 9 February at 3.30 p.m.

Following the meeting, the Chair visited HS2 North Acton, London, in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision that day.

Monday 9 February 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Olney

Blake Stephenson

Matt Turmaine

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

New Hospital Programme update

Hleb Buziuk [NHP0001]

NHS Providers [NHP0003]

Supporting people with frailty outside hospitals

Hleb Buziuk [SPF0001]

Dr Ballal Seddique [SPF0002]

Spennymore Health and Wellbeing Primary Care Network, and Curo Federation [SPF0003]

Professor Ian Maidment [SPF0004]

British Geriatrics Society [SPF0005]

Dr Kristen Clements, Dr Holly Knight, Professor Elizabeth Orton, Iona Bateman, Maria Luisa Pereira Vargas, Professor Denise Kendrick, Professor Jo Leonard-Bee, and Professor Joanne Morling [SPF0006]

University of Southampton [SPF0007]

Community Pharmacy England [SPF0008]

Northern Health Science Alliance [SPF0009]

National Pharmacy Association [SPF0010]

Advanced Care Research Centre, University of Edinburgh [SPF0011]

Professor Nikki Cotterill [SPF001]

Mr Lachlan Faulkner [SPF0013]

Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and NHS Greater Manchester [SPF0014]

Dr Kiran Ravindran and Professor Derk-Jan Dijk [SPF0015]

Health Sciences University [SPF0016]

Sirona care and health [SPF0017]

The Spinal Injuries Association [SPF0018]

Care Quality Commission [SPF0019]

Home-to-school transport

Correspondence from Unison, dated 22 January 2026

An analysis of the asylum system

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 30 January 2026

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence with the Cabinet Office, dated 2 and 9 February 2026

Correspondence from the Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance, dated 27 January 2026

Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 3 February 2026

MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 3 February 2026

Accountability in small government bodies

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 4 February 2026

Affordability of the Defence Investment Plan

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 4 February 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Mr Clive Betts may attend the meeting of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 3 March 2026 relating to The work of the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

Resolved, That a member of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 February 2026 relating to Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. NS&I's transformation programme

Draft Report (NS&I's transformation programme), 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 Sixty-Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1237.

4. New Hospital Programme update

Samantha Jones, Permanent Secretary, Elizabeth O'Mahony, Interim Director General (Finance), Paul Mustow and Charlotte Taylor, Joint Senior Responsible Owners, New Hospital Programme, Department of Health and Social, and Sir James Mackey, Chief Executive Officer, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

5. Supporting people with frailty outside hospitals

Samantha Jones, Permanent Secretary, Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England, Department of Health and Social Care, Sir James Mackey, Chief Executive Officer, NHS England, and Dr Amanda Doyle OBE, National Director of Primary Care and Community Services, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Ashley McDougall, Director, and Andy Morrison, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 12 February at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 12 February 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rupert Lowe

Sarah Olney

Matt Turmaine

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Reducing NHS waiting times for elective care

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 23 January 2026

Restoration and Renewal of Parliament: Costing and governance

Correspondence from the Houses of Parliament, dated 5 February 2026

Investigation into managed service companies and offshore tax gap

Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs, dated 12 February 2026

NAO Main Estimates 2026-27

Correspondence with the Public Accounts Commission, dated 12 February 2026

NS&I's transformation programme

Correspondence with NS&I, dated 12 February 2026

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee seek a debate on the Ministry of Justice's supplementary estimates, jointly with the Home Affairs and Justice Committees.

3. Excess Votes 2024-25

Draft Report (Excess Votes 2024-25), 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 Sixty-eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1711.

4. NAO Main Estimates 2026-27

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Rebecca Sheeran, Chief Operating Officer, and Max Tse, Executive Director, National Audit Office, gave oral evidence.

5. Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Richard Holroyd, Chief Executive Officer, and Chris Clements, Managing Director, Capita Public Services, gave oral evidence.

Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office, was in attendance.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 23 February at 3.30 p.m.

Friday 13 February 2026

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence with the Cabinet Office, dated 13 February 2026

Monday 23 February 2026

Members present

Mr Clive Betts

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Tristan Osborne

Blake Stephenson

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the Chair, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 November 2024.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Consolidated academy financial reporting

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 5 February

An analysis of the asylum system

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 6 February

Criminal legal aid solicitor fees

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 6 February

Environmental Regulation

Correspondence from the Environment Agency, dated 6 February 2026

Correspondence from Natural England, dated 13 February 2026

Faulty energy efficiency installations

Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 6 February

DRIVE35 Automotive programme

Correspondence from the Department for Business and Trade, dated 10 February

Costs of clinical negligence

Correspondence from the National Maternity and Neonatal Investigation, dated 11 February 2026

Interim arrangements – Cabinet Secretary role

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 13 February 2026

UK Research and Innovation

Correspondence from UK Research and Innovation, dated 17 February 2026

Increasing police productivity

Correspondence from the College of Policing, dated 18 February 2026

Work of Ofwat

Correspondence from Ofwat, dated 19 February 2026

Correspondence with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 23 February 2026

Administration of the Civil Service Pensions Scheme

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 16 and 23 February 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Work and Pensions Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 March 2026 relating to The Access to Work scheme, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Whole of Government Accounts 2023-24

Draft Report (Whole of Government Accounts 2023-24), 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 Sixty-Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 1243.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 2 March at 3.30 p.m.

Thursday 26 February 2026

The Chair, Mr Clive Betts, Sarah Hall, Chris Kane, Catherine McKinnell visited RAF Marham, Norfolk, in connection with its inquiry into The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 July 2025.

Monday 2 March 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Chris Kane

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Tristan Osborne

Matt Turmaine

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Bank of England's Real-Time Gross Settlement Renewal Programme

Hleb Buziuk [BOE0001]

Professor Daniel Broby [BOE0002]

NAO Main Estimates 2026-27

Correspondence from the NAO, dated 17 February 2026

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence with Capita, dated 23 February 2026

New Hospital Programme update

Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care, dated 23 February 2026

Tackling fraud and error in benefit expenditure 2024-25

Correspondence from the Department of Work and Pensions, dated 23 February 2026

An analysis of the asylum system

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 25 February 2026

NS&I's transformation programme

Correspondence from NS&I, dated 26 February 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Home-to-school transport

Draft Report (Home-to-school transport), 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 Seventieth Report of the Committee, HC 1238.

4. Government's use of external consultants

Draft Report (Government's use of external consultants), 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 Seventieth Report of the Committee, HC 1521.

5. The Bank of England's Real-Time Gross Settlement Renewal Programme

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a qualified chartered surveyor.

Sir Dave Ramsden, Deputy Governor of Markets and Banking, Victoria Cleland, Chief Cashier and Executive Director of Payments, and Nathan Monk, Chief Information Officer and Executive Director of Technology Directorate, Bank of England, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Reason, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 5 March at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 5 March 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Sarah Green

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The MoD's tackling of economic crime and misconduct

Hleb Buziuk [MTE0001]

Proessor Umut Turksen [MTE0002]

Andrew Feinstein [MTE0003]

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence with MyCSP, dated 5 March 2026

Government's use of external consultants

Correspondence with the Cabinet Office, dated 5 March 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a second member of the Work and Pensions Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 March 2026 relating to The Access to Work scheme, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. BBC World Service

Draft Report (BBC World Service), 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 Seventieth Report of the Committee, HC 1299.

4. The MoD's tackling of economic crime and misconduct

Jeremy Pocklington CB, Permanent Secretary, Aneen Blackmore, Director General Finance, Jim Carter, Director General of Defence Commercial, Ministry of Defence, and Simon Dobinson, Acting Chief Constable, Ministry of Defence Police, gave oral evidence.

Marnya Jain, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Joshua Reddaway, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 12 March at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 12 March 2026, first morning sitting

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Chris Kane

Blake Stephenson

Financial sustainability of adult hospice sector

Draft Report (Financial sustainability of adult hospice sector), 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 Seventy-third Report of the Committee, HC 1236.

Adjournment

Adjourned till later that morning.

Thursday 12 March 2026, second morning sitting

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Chris Kane

Sarah Olney

Blake Stephenson

Steve Darling and Amanda Hack also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolutions of 23 February and 5 March 2026).

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Access to Work scheme

Hleb Buziuk [AWS0001]

Anne Marchant [AWS0002]

Autistic Nottingham [AWS0003]

Catherine Eadie [AWS0005]

Wired Differently [AWS0008]

Dr Marie Bradwell [AWS0010]

Wired Differently Ltd [AWS0011]
Emma Louise Kirby [AWS0015]
Jessica Burrows [AWS0021]
Rachael Mole [AWS0024]
Shaw [AWS0028]
LD Davis [AWS0029]
Bectu [AWS0030]
National SEND Employment Forum [AWS0034]
Andrew James Wood [AWS0035]
East Sussex County Council [AWS0036]
Jessica Thom [AWS0037]
Marie Hutchinson-Ralph [AWS0038]
Down's Syndrome Association [AWS0043]
SignHealth [AWS0044]
LumoTV [AWS0045]
Difference North East [AWS0046]
Business Disability Forum [AWS0047]
Arthritis UK [AWS0048]
Action for ME [AWS0050]
Yateley Industries for the Disabled Limited [AWS0051]
Dr Daniel Wheatley, Dr Harriet Clarke, Dr Christian Darko, Dr John Gibney, Dr Benjamin Hopkins and Dr Aikaterini Tavoulari [AWS0052]
Darlington Association on Disability [AWS0053]
Dr Clare Williams [AWS0054]
Communication Workers Union [AWS0057]
Epilepsy Action [AWS0059]
Musicians' Union [AWS0062]
Catherine Hale [AWS0063]
Dr Meltem Yavuz Sercekman, Dr Ozlem Ayaz, Professor Mustafa Ozbilgin [AWS0064]
Katie Anna McConnell [AWS0067]
National Education Union [AWS0068]
William Gomes [AWS0069]
Penny Melville-Brown [AWS0071]
Trades Union Congress [AWS0073]
AS Mentoring Ltd [AWS0074]
The British Association for Supported Employment [AWS0076]
Access to Work Collective [AWS0078]

Paraorchestra [AWS0079]
Royal National Institute of Blind People [AWS0080]
Citizens Advice [AWS0082]
Louise Bell Tomkins [AWS0083]
Access All Areas [AWS0084]
NASUWT, The Teachers' Union [AWS0086]
WinVisible [AWS0087]
Thera Trust [AWS0088]
Hft [AWS0089]
Disability Poverty Campaign Group [AWS0090]
National Education Union Disabled, Neurodivergent) and LGBT+ members' network [AWS0091]
Rachael MacLeod [AWS0094]
This is Me Agency [AWS0097]
National Education Union East Midlands Disabled Members [AWS0099]
Thomas Pocklington Trust [AWS0102]
National Union of Journalists [AWS0104]
Samantha Clark [AWS0106]
Muscular Dystrophy UK [AWS0107]
The TV Access Project [AWS0109]
MS Society [AWS0110]
GWSSB Trading as Visibility Scotland [AWS0112]
DurhamLearn, County Durham Council [AWS0113]
Manchester City Council [AWS0120]
DeadATW [AWS0121]
Sycamore Disability and Business [AWS0122]

Government Services: Identifying Costs

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 23 February 2026

Government use of data analytics on error and fraud

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 27 February 2026

Ministry of Justice follow-up: Autumn 2025

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 27 February 2026

DCMS management of COVID-19 loans

Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 3 March 2026

Increasing police productivity

Correspondence from the Home Office, dated 4 March 2026

Investigation into managed service companies and offshore tax gap

Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs, dated 4 March 2026

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence with the Cabinet Office, dated 12 March 2026

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into:

Armed forces housing and Annington Homes
Delivering HS2 and Euston
Digital ID
Financial sustainability of the British Council
Government's intervention in British Steel
HMRC's anti-fraud intervention on child benefit
Investment in research infrastructure
Northern Powerhouse Rail
Regulation of water, energy and broadband
Shared services
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Ordered, That the Chair, Mr Clive Betts and Sarah Olney have leave to visit Ottawa, Canada, in a representative capacity, in connection its inquiry into Restoration and Renewal of Parliament: Costing and governance.

3. The Access to Work scheme

Sir Peter Schofield KCB, Permanent Secretary, Neil Couling CB CBE, Director General - Services and Fraud, Helga Swidenbank, Director of Accessibility, Disability and Disputes, and Bill Thorpe, Director for Disability and Health Support, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

Marnya Jain, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Laura Brackwell, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 16 March at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 16 March 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Hall

Chris Kane

Rupert Lowe

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

Blake Stephenson

Matt Turmaine

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Regulating for growth

Joey Jones [RFG0001]

Hleb Buziuk [RFG0002]

Yemi Olusseun [RFG0003]

Cascade Consulting [RFG0004]

BUUK Infrastructure [RFG0005]

Chemical Industries Association [RFG0007]

PRICI C.I.C. [RFG0008]

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry [RFG0009]

Project Management [RFG0010]

TheCityUK [RFG0011]
City of London Corporation [RFG0012]
Utilita Energy [RFG0013]
Mineral Products Association [RFG0014]
Heathrow Airport Limited [RFG0015]
Lumo and Hull trains [RFG0016]
Andrew Makower [RFG0017]
UK Private Capital [RFG0018]

Government use of data analytics on error and fraud

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 12 March 2026

BBC Accounts and Trust Statement 2024-25

Correspondence with the BBC, dated 16 March 2026

Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate

Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 16 March 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 26 March 2026 relating to Administration of the civil service pension scheme, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Chair and Chris Kane may attend the meeting of the Defence Committee on 24 March 2026 relating to Impact of the delay to the Defence Investment Plan on industry, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. Regulating for growth

The Chair declared pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a farmer and a chartered surveyor.

Gareth Davies CB, Permanent Secretary, Caleb Deeks, Director General - Competition, Markets and Regulatory Reform, Department for Business and Trade,

Jim O'Neil, Second Permanent Secretary, Jessica Glover, Director General - Growth and Productivity, HM Treasury, and David Lunn, Director, Department for Business and Trade and HM Treasury joint unit, gave oral evidence

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Anita Shah, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 19 March at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 19 March 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Sarah Olney

Blake Stephenson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Defence Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 23 March 2026 relating to MoD follow-up: Spring 2026, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Environmental regulation

Draft Report (Environmental regulation), 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 Seventy-fourth Report of the Committee, HC 1687.

3. NAO financial audit insights 2024-25

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

Monika Trzcinska [NFA0003]

Fred Bartlett [NFA0004]

James Bowler CB, Permanent Secretary, Andrew Cartner, Deputy Head of the Government Finance Function, HM Treasury, and Philip Duffy, Chief Executive, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence

4. Restoration and Renewal of Parliament: Costing and governance

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as a qualified chartered surveyor.

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

Hleb Buziuk [RAR0001]

Svein Kjelstrup Olsen [RAR0002]

Andrew Makower [RAR0003]

Charlotte Simmonds, Managing Director, Restoration and Renewal Client Team, and Russ MacMillan, Chief Executive, Restoration and Renewal Delivery Authority, gave oral evidence

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, Elaine Lewis, Director, and Lee-Anne Murray, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 23 March at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 23 March 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Green

Chris Kane

Catherine McKinnell

Blake Stephenson

Matt Turmaine

Lincoln Jopp also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolutions of 19 March 2026).

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

MoD follow-up: Spring 2026

Hleb Buziuk [MYA0001]

The PRICI Foundation [MYA0002]

Dr Henry Midgley, Professor Laurence Ferry and Professor Aileen Murphie [MYA0003]

Excess Votes 2024-25

Correspondence from the House of Lords, dated 16 March 2026

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 20 March 2026

Child Focused Model in family courts

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 17 March 2026

Local Scrutiny committees

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 18 March 2026

Official Development Assistance allocations

Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 19 March 2026

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence from Capita, dated 20 March 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair and two other members of the Transport Committee may attend the visit to Euston Station, London.

3. Government use of data analytics on error and fraud

Draft Report (Government use of data analytics on error and fraud), 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 Seventy-fifth Report of the Committee, HC 891.

4. New Hospital Programme update

Draft Report (New Hospital Programme update), 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 Seventy-sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1705.

5. MoD follow-up: Spring 2026

Jeremy Pocklington CB, Permanent Secretary, Rupert Pearce, National Armaments Director, Aneen Blackmore, Director General - Finance, Lieutenant General Anna-Lee Reilly CB, Director General - Core Delivery, Defence Equipment and Support, Ministry of Defence, and Air Marshall Tim Jones CBE, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Force Development), gave oral evidence.

Marnya Jain, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Elaine Lewis, Director, and Hilary Lower, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 26 March at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 24 March 2026

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 24 March 2026

Thursday 26 March 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Rachel Gilmour

Catherine McKinnell

Charlotte Cane also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolutions of 16 March 2026).

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Seventh Plenary Session of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

Correspondence from the UK Delegation to the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, dated 20 March 2026

Financial sustainability of adult hospices in England

Correspondence with the Department for Health and Social Care, dated 26 March 2026

The UK's F-35 stealth fighter capability

Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence, dated 26 March 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Anna Dixon declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as the holder of a small civil service pension from her previous employment at the Department for Health and Social Care.

Charlotte Cain declared pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in relation to the inquiry as a Civil Service pensioner, a retired member of the FDA and a member of the Civil Service Pensioner's Alliance.

Richard Holroyd, Chief Executive Officer, and Chris Clements, Managing Director, Capita Public Services, gave oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Max Tse, Executive Director, and Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 April at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 13 April – Wednesday 15 April 2026

The Chair, Mr Clive Betts and Sarah Olney visited Ottawa, Canada, in a representative capacity, in connection its inquiry into Restoration and Renewal of Parliament: Costing and governance, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 March 2026.

Tuesday 14 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 29 October 2024:

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence from MyCSP, dated 2 April 2026

Correspondence from Capita, dated 8 and 13 April 2026

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 14 April 2026

Financial resilience of DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries

Hleb Buziuk [FRG0001]

We Are The Minorities [FRG0002]

Prospect Trade Union [FRG0003]

Kirsty Warner [FRG0004]

Art Fund [FRG0005]

Monday 20 April 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Chris Kane

Rupert Lowe

Catherine McKinnell

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

Matt Turmaine

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Access to Work scheme

Graeae Theatre Company [AWS0101]

Co-op [AWS0124]

Correspondence from the Access to Work Collective, dated 8 April 2026

Government compensation schemes

Mr Wilson [GTS0001]

No One Above [GTS0002]

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman [GTS0003]

Amelia Smith [GTS0004]

Dr Jo Wilding [GTS0006]

Hackney Council [GTS0008]

NHS Resolution [GTS0009]

Dr Sonia Macleod [GTS0010]

Age UK [GTS0011]

David Body [GTS0012]

The Windrush Commissioner [GTS0013]

University of Leicester Legal Advice Clinic [GTS0014]

Large business tax compliance

Hleb Buziuk [LBT0001]

Chartered Institute of Taxation [LBT0002]

Tax Justice UK [LBT0003]

TaxWatch [LBT0004]

Association of British Insurers [LBT0005]

Fair Tax Foundation [LBT0006]

UK Finance [LBT0007]

Northern Powerhouse Rail

Hleb Buziuk [NPR0001]

Transport of the North [NPR0003]

Greengauge 21 [NPR0004]

Liverpool–Manchester Railway Board and Partnership Board [NPR0005]

Fire Safety Improvement programme

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 20 March 2026

The MoD's tackling of economic crime and misconduct

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 20 March 2026

AI efficiencies

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 23 March 2026

HS2 Parliamentary Report

Correspondence from the Department for Transport, dated 23 March 2026

Standard Civil Contracts for Legal Aid

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 25 March 2026

European Union Finances Statement 2025

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 26 March 2026

HMCTS Reform Programme

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 26 March 2026

Local Audit Backstop

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 26 March 2026

Simplifying Government Processes to Drive Delivery

Correspondence from the Cabinet Office, dated 26 March 2026

Improving family court services for children

Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice, dated 27 and 30 March 2026

DWP follow-up: Autumn 2025

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 30 March 2026

Financial sustainability of adult hospices

Correspondence from NHS England, dated 30 March 2026

Jobcentres

Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions, dated 30 March 2026

NAO financial audit insights 2024-25

Correspondence from HM Treasury, dated 30 March 2026

MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 31 March 2026

Afghanistan Response Route

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 2 April 2026

A roadmap for modern digital government 2025–2030

Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 7 April 2026

Schools White Paper and SEND reform consultation

Correspondence from the Department for Education, dated 7 April 2026

Asylum Accommodation Programme

Correspondence from the for Home Office, dated 9 April 2026

The UK's F-35 Stealth Fighter Capability

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 10 April 2026

MoD follow-up: Spring 2026

Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence, dated 13 April 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a member of the Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 27 April 2026 relating to Northern Powerhouse Rail, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Chair and Mr Clive Betts may attend the meeting of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 28 April 2026, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

3. Accountability in small government bodies

Draft Report (Accountability in small government bodies), 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 Seventy-seventh Report of the Committee, HC 887.

4. The Bank of England's Real-Time Gross Settlement Renewal Programme

Draft Report (The Bank of England's Real-Time Gross Settlement Renewal Programme), 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 Seventy-eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1732.

5. Financial resilience of DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries

Rupert Lowe declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as his brother's company works with the National History Museum.

Susannah Storey, Permanent Secretary, Polly Payne, Director General for Society, Media and Culture, Andrew Pattison, Chief Operating Officer, and Hannah Malik, Director for Culture, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Clive Betts was called to the chair, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 November 2024.

Susannah Storey, Permanent Secretary, Polly Payne, Director General for Society, Media and Culture, Andrew Pattison, Chief Operating Officer, and Hannah Malik, Director for Culture, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave further oral evidence.

Edward Pinney, Alternate Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Simon Bittlestone, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 27 April at 3.00 p.m.

Thursday 23 April 2026

The Chair, Mr Clive Betts, Sarah Green, Rupert Lowe, Sarah Olney and Matt Turmaine visited Euston Station, London, in connection with its work on HS2, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 January 2026.

Ruth Cadbury also attended in accordance with the Committee's decision of 23 March 2026.

Monday 27 April 2026

Members present

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Chair

Mr Clive Betts

Anna Dixon

Sarah Green

Sarah Hall

Rupert Lowe

Sarah Olney

Tristan Osborne

Matt Turmaine

Ruth Cadbury also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Public Accounts Committee resolutions of 20 April 2026).

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Local Government Finance Settlement 2026-27 to 2028-29

Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, dated 9 February 2026

BBC Accounts and Trust Statement 2024-25

Correspondence from the BBC, dated 16 April 2026

Work of Ofwat

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Ofwat, dated 20 April 2026

Financial sustainability of children's care homes

Correspondence with the Department for Education, dated 27 April 2026

Government services: Generating income

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 27 April 2026

Government services: Identifying costs

Correspondence with HM Treasury, dated 27 April 2026

Correspondence with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, dated 27 April 2026

Delivering HS2 and Euston

Correspondence with the Department for Transport, dated 27 April 2026

Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Correspondence with the Cabinet Office, dated 28 April 2026

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee for the purpose of examining and reporting on the Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme and related matters.

Resolved, That a member of the Education Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 11 June 2026 relating to Investment in research infrastructure, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Supporting people with frailty outside hospitals

Draft Report (Supporting people with frailty outside hospitals), 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 Seventy-eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1706.

4. Northern Powerhouse Rail

Anna Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the inquiry as his having previously worked with Tom Riordan when he was Chief Executive of Leeds City Council.

Jo Shanmugalingam CB, Permanent Secretary, Nick Bisson, Director, Northern Powerhouse Rail and Network Planning, Department for Transport, Tom Riordan CBE, Northern Growth Envoy, HM Treasury, and Will Davis, Director, Local Growth and Devolution, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

David Fairbrother OBE, Treasury Officer of Accounts, was in attendance.

Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Jonny Mood, Director, National Audit Office, were in attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 14 May at 9.30 a.m.

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee

Nesil Caliskan

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Council Leader

Until: 31 July 2024.

Payer: London Borough of Enfield, Civic Centre Silver Street, London EN1 3XA,
United Kingdom

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Remuneration: £3,333 a month

Until: 31 July 2024.

Hours: 50 hrs a week

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Leader of the Labour Group (LGA)

Until: 4 July 2024.

Payer: Local Government Association, 18 Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P
3HZ

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Remuneration: £3,331 a month

Until: 31 July 2024.

Hours: 10 hrs a month

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Role, work or services: London Councils Executive Committee Member

Until: 4 July 2024.

Payer: London Council, 59½ Southwark Street, London SE1 0AL

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Remuneration: £1,028 a month

Until: 4 July 2024.

Hours: 10 hrs a week

(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

Number of properties: one

Location: London

Ownership details: Co-owned with my partner

Rental income: from 1 June 2021

Rental income details: Half the rental income is paid to both me and my partner.

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Mr Luke Charters

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Senior Manager, Fraud and Compliance

Until: 8 July 2024.

Payer: Remote Technology Services Ltd (Financial Services), 5 New Street Square, London EC4A 3TW

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Payment: £1,661.51 Final payment

Received on: 25 July 2024. Hours: None since my election.

(Registered 24 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: Clive Hollick

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Name of donor: Owen Trotter

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,921.75

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Name of donor: Ann Hilary Moxon

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Name of donor: Clive Heaton

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,300

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Name of donor: Joanna Trythall

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 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

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 24 July 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: GMB Member

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Partner

Payer: East Beckham partnership (Arable farming), Norfolk

Remuneration: The use of a car belonging to the partnership (value as at 29 September 2022), value £17,520 a year

Hours: none.

(Updated 19 March 2014, 31 October 2019, 11 November 2020 and 22 November 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: All Party Parliamentary China Group

Address of donor: private

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights (£3,064), hotel (£423) and meals (£63), value £3,855

Destination of visit: China (Beijing)

Dates of visit: 19 March 2024 to 23 March 2024

Purpose of visit: Engagements with British business and other connected meetings

(Registered 31 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 (properties purchased between 1994 and 2017)

Number of properties: 5

Location: London

Rental income: Yes

(Updated 17 November 2021)

Type of land/property: Agricultural land (A single agricultural holding in Norfolk owned before becoming a Member of Parliament in 1992, and part of a family partnership (East Beckham) used for arable farming and tourism)

Location: Norfolk

Ownership details: part of a family partnership

Rental income: Yes

(Updated 17 November 2021)

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

Name of company or organisation: Gresham Hall Glamping Ltd

Interest held: from 26 May 2021

(Registered 9 January 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (unremunerated).

Director of Gresham Hall Glamping Ltd (unremunerated).

Date interest arose: 26 May 2021

(Registered 9 January 2023)

Anna Dixon

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Policy advice on end of life care

Until: 14 June 2024.

Payer: King's College London (University), Strand, London WC2R 2LS

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Payment: £1,450

Received on: 12 July 2024. Hours: 10 hrs I charged a fixed sum for a coaching session which could last up to 2 hours.

(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: Derek Webb

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £40,000 for my general election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Name of donor: Michael Dixon

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for a general election campaign/organiser

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Massoud Fouladi

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for a general election campaign/ organiser

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 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: London

Ownership details: Co-owned with husband

Rental income: Yes

Rental income details: 50% of rental income paid to my husband

(Registered 26 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee (unpaid) with Helpforce Community, a charity that accelerates the growth and impact of volunteering in health and care organisations in the UK.

(Registered 16 July 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: Member of Community Trade Union

Peter Fortune

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

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 Neville

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Bjorn Savan

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Lord (Jonathan) Moynihan of Chelsea

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Chelwood Club

Address of donor: Valiant House, 12 Knoll Rise, Bromley BR6 0PG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,500 support General Election Fund

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 22 October 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: The Carlton Club

Address of donor: 69 St James Street, London SW1A 1PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: temporary admission to Carlton Club from March 2024 to 4th July 2024, estimated value, value £301

Date received: 20 March 2024 to 4 July 2024

Date accepted: 20 March 2024

Donor status: company, registration 00573221

(Registered 4 August 2024)

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

Name of company or organisation: DeCantelo Ltd

Nature of business: Management Consultancy

Held jointly with or on behalf of: Jointly with my wife

(Registered 24 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Company Director, DeCantelo Ltd.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Rachel Gilmour

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: District Councillor

Payer: Mid Devon District Council (Local Government), Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, Devon EX16 6PP

(Registered 24 July 2024)

Remuneration: £500 a month

Hours: 40 hrs a month estimated hours worked

(Registered 24 July 2024)

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

Name of donor: David Wulff

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £11,514.61 for the general election

Date received: 24 May 2024

Date accepted: 24 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: The National Liberal Club

Address of donor: 1 Whitehall Place SW1

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Free membership of TNLC for 18 months, value £1,675.85

Date received: 9 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

Date accepted: 20 July 2024

Donor status: other (Members' Club)

(Registered 3 October 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: Mid Devon District council member, GMB trade union

Sarah Green

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

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

Name of donor: Philip Dudderidge

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 February 2024)

Name of donor: Mark Roberts

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,200 for campaigning, paid to my local party in monthly instalments of £100 from 1 January 2024 until 1 December 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 March 2024)

Name of donor: Mark Roberts

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for my re-

election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 March 2024)

Name of donor: Daniel Gallagher

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 paid to my local party in monthly instalments of £250 from 1 November 2023 until 1 October 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 March 2024)

Name of donor: William Rowe

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,800 for my re-election campaign, paid to my local party in instalments of £150 from 2 November 2023 until 2 October 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 March 2024)

Name of donor: Simon Husband

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,800 for my re-election campaign, paid to my local party in instalments of £150 from 26 June 2023 until May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 March 2024)

Name of donor: Wolfwyse Ltd

Address of donor: 36 Wattleton Road, Beaconsfold HP9 1SE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my re-election campaign, paid in ten monthly instalments of £500 from 9 February 2024

Donor status: company, registration 13714117

(Registered 1 March 2024)

Name of donor: Daniel Gallagher

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 for my re-

election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 March 2024)

Name of donor: Anne and Richard Canham

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Prize for a fundraising auction, value £3,500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 19 April 2024)

Name of donor: Frances Kneller

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 19 April 2024)

Name of donor: William Rowe

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: James Moore

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Adam Management Holdings Ltd

Address of donor: Suite 52, Batley Business Park, Batley WF17 6ER

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: company, registration 13453522

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Cameron Ross

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Donna Westall

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £900 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Elizabeth Shepherd

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,200 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Mark Roberts

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £750 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Elizabeth Shepherd

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Wolfwyse Ltd

Address of donor: 36 Wattleton Road, Beaconsfold HP9 1SE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: company, registration 13714117

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Donna Westall

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £700 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Daniel Gallagher

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £600 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Philip Dudderidge

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for my re-election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Diageo Plc

Address of donor: 16 Great Marlborough Street, London SW1F 7HS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: I attended a dinner for MPs to discuss challenges facing the hospitality and drinks industries, value £324.91

Date received: 20 February 2024

Date accepted: 20 February 2024

Donor status: company, registration 23307

(Registered 13 March 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 (part-buy flat)

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

Interest held: until 22 September 2023

Ownership details: A share

(Registered 16 July 2021; updated 25 October 2023)

10. Family members engaged in lobbying the public sector on behalf of a third party or client

Name: Daniel Paterson

Relationship: Partner

Role: Self-employed political consultant

(Registered 16 November 2021)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: Vice chair of the APPG on Ukraine.

Vice chair of the APPG on First Do No Harm - aims to raise awareness of and build support for the recommendations in 'First Do No Harm', the report of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review, and to ensure the implementation of the recommendations by the UK government and others.

Sarah Hall

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Office Manager for Member of Parliament

Until: 4 July 2024.

Payer: IPSA, 2nd floor, 65 Strand, London, WC2R 0DW

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Payment: £776.92 Final payment

Received on: 31 July 2024. Hours: 38 hrs.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Role, work or services: Councillor

Until: 2 May 2024.

Payer: Warrington Borough Council (Council), Warrington Borough Council, Sankey Street, Warrington

(Registered 16 September 2024)

Payment: £1,688.69 Backpay received from council for previous council role.

Received on: 13 September 2024. Hours: Monthly councillor allowance backdated to 21/22.

(Registered 16 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: GMB

Address of donor: Mary Turner House, 22 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2HD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 paid directly to local constituency Labour Party. To be used for General Election campaign.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: Voyager Building, 2 Furness Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester M50 3XZ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £9,000 money paid directly to local constituency Labour Party. For use towards General Election campaign.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: CWU

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 paid directly to local constituency Labour Party. To be used towards General Election campaign.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Quayside House, Merchants Quay, Salford M50 3SU

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donated to local constituency Labour Party to be used for General Election campaign.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: Budweiser Brewing Group UK

Address of donor: 76 Macrae Road, Pill, Bristol BS20 0DD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Payment for drinks at a Labour fundraising event, held for four candidates, value £9,000

Donor status: company, registration 04309989

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 30 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 (House)

Number of properties: one

Location: Warrington

Ownership details: Co-owned with a family member.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee, Museum of Policing in Cheshire. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Associate Governor of a Warrington based primary school. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: I am married to a serving Cheshire Police Officer which may be relevant depending on subject matter.

Lloyd Hatton

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Councillor and Chief Whip

Until: 12 July 2024.

Payer: Camden Council, London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, Kings Cross
London, N1C 4AG

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Remuneration: £2,271.84 a month

Until: 10 July 2024.

Hours: 10 hrs a week Estimated hours.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Role, work or services: Policy and Campaigns Manager (Head of)

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: Athena Foundation (Not-for-profit), Acre House, 11/15 William Road, London
NW1 3ER

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Remuneration: £1,826.94 a month

Until: 26 July 2024.

Hours: 38 hrs a week

(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: Richard John Baker

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: In kind donation for
franked postage of letters, value £1,932

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: GMB member

Chris Kane

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Local Authority Councillor

Until: 24 September 2024.

Payer: Stirling Council (local authority), Pitt Terrace, Stirling FK82EJ

(Registered 29 July 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

Remuneration: £2,791.72 a month

Until: 24 September 2024.

Hours: 20 hrs a week this is an approximate number

(Registered 31 July 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

Role, work or services: Board Member

Until: 21 August 2024.

Payer: Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, Carrochan Road, Balloch G63 8EG

(Registered 30 July 2024; updated 14 September 2024)

Remuneration: £665.07 a month

Until: 21 August 2024.

Hours: 6 hrs a week this is an approximate number

(Registered 30 July 2024; updated 14 September 2024)

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

Name of company or organisation: Bee Herd Media Ltd

Nature of business: marketing consultancy and digital content creation

Held jointly with or on behalf of: jointly with my wife

(Registered 17 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid Director with Bee Herd Media Ltd.

(Registered 17 July 2024)

Director of Stirling Technology Projects Ltd. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 24 September 2024

(Registered 29 July 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

Trustee of Braehead, Broomridge and District Community Development Trust. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 27 September 2024

(Registered 29 July 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

Board Member of the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board.

Date interest ended: 24 September 2024

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA).

Date interest ended: 24 September 2024

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

Patron (Board Member) of Cowane's Hospital Trust.

Date interest ended: 5 July 2024

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Substitute Member of Scotland Excel Joint Committee.

Date interest ended: 24 September 2024

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

Vice Chair of the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal Joint Committee.

Date interest ended: 24 September 2024

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 9 October 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: Associate member of the National Union of Journalists

Sarah Olney

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

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

Name of donor: Durham Group Estates

Address of donor: Portland House, Durham DR1 1TW

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

Donor status: company, registration 04949414

(Registered 9 May 2024)

Name of donor: Pim Piers

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Name of donor: Sally Hamwee

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £100 in monthly donations from January to December 2024, and another £1000 to help with my re-election campaign, by my local party for use by me, value £2,200

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Philip Soar

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 received by my local party for use by me, value £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 6 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Society of London Theatre

Address of donor: 32 Rose Street, London WC2E 9ET

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to the Olivier Awards with hospitality, value £1,050

Date received: 14 April 2024

Date accepted: 14 April 2024

Donor status: company, registration 527227

(Registered 13 May 2024)

Rebecca Paul

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: County Councillor

Payer: Surrey County Council, Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate RH2 8EF

(Registered 23 July 2024)

Remuneration: £1,180 a month

Hours: 32 hrs a month

(Registered 25 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: Fitriani H Hay

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for General Election campaign 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 25 July 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Carlton Club (London) Limited

Address of donor: 69 St James's Street, London SW1A 1PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Temporary admission to the Carlton Club from 23 September 2023 to 4 July 2024, value £551

Date received: 23 September 2023 to 4 July 2024

Date accepted: 23 September 2023

Donor status: company, registration 00573221

(Registered 29 July 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: Member of various institutes, Surrey County councillor

Michael Payne

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: County Councillor

Payer: Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire NG2 7PQ

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Remuneration: £16,512 a year total annual allowance for my role as a County Councillor, paid monthly.

Until: 27 September 2024.

Hours: 15 hrs a week this is an approximate number.

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 14 October 2024)

Role, work or services: Chair of Board of Trustees

Until: 15 October 2024.

Payer: Local Government Information Unit (Local government (not-for-profit) membership organisation.), 251-255 Pentonville Road, London N1 9NG

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 12 October 2024)

Remuneration: £8,000 a year Honorarium paid for the role of Chair of the LGiU Board and is a yearly payment paid quarterly. *No longer remunerated for this role from 15 October 2024.

Until: 15 October 2024.

Hours: 5 hrs a week this is an approximate number. I am resigning as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Local Government Information Unit (LGiU) on 15 October 2024 and will therefore no longer be remunerated for this role.

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 12 October 2024)

Role, work or services: Borough Councillor and Deputy Leader of the Council

Payer: Gedling Borough Council, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6LU

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Remuneration: £17,620.80 a year this is a combined allowance for the roles of Gedling Borough Councillor and Deputy Leader of Gedling Borough Council, which is paid monthly.

Until: 25 September 2024.

Hours: 30 hrs a week this is an approximate number.

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 14 October 2024)

Role, work or services: Deputy Chair and LGA Board Member

Until: 2 July 2024.

Payer: Local Government Association, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Role, work or services: Chair and Member of the Authority

Payer: Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service Joint Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 8PP

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Remuneration: £29,831.16 a year total combined allowance for the roles of Chair and Member of Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority, which is paid monthly.

Until: 27 September 2024.

Hours: 30 hrs a week this is an approximate number.

(Registered 2 August 2024; updated 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: Gedling Borough Labour Group

Address of donor: 14 Kirkley Gardens, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 7GF.

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,989.78 to support Gedling Constituency Labour Party with campaigning costs/expenses, some of which will have contributed to campaigning efforts to elect a Labour MP for Gedling constituency.

Donor status: other (Group of Labour Gedling Borough Councillors (Gedling Borough Labour Group))

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: Head Office, Voyager Building, 2 Furness Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester M50 3XZ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 to support the activities of Gedling Constituency Labour Party.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

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

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: Head Office, Voyager Building, 2 Furness Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester M50 3XZ

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

Date received: 4 June 2024

Date accepted: 4 June 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: FBU

Address of donor: Bradley House, 68 Coombe Road, Kingston-Upon-Thames KT2 7AE

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

Date received: 19 March 2024

Date accepted: 19 March 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Michael Khouri-Bent

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 25 September 2023

Date accepted: 25 September 2023

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: David Kogan

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £750

Date received: 25 October 2023

Date accepted: 25 October 2023

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Michael Khouri-Bent

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 28 May 2024

Date accepted: 28 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: David Kogan

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 13 May 2024

Date accepted: 13 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: Voyager Building, 2 Furness Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester
M50 3XZ

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

Date received: 28 December 2023

Date accepted: 28 December 2023

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: David Kogan

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,250

Date received: 22 January 2024

Date accepted: 22 January 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Unison

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

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

Date received: 2 April 2024

Date accepted: 2 April 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Unison

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £700

Date received: 15 December 2023

Date accepted: 15 December 2023

Donor status: trade union

(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: £5,000

Date received: 4 April 2024

Date accepted: 4 April 2024

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: GMB Midlands

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

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

Date received: 17 April 2024

Date accepted: 17 April 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Lowick Group Ltd

Address of donor: 133 Park Street, London SE1 9EA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for refreshments at fundraising event.

Date received: 30 January 2024

Date accepted: 30 January 2024

Donor status: company, registration 10648644

(Registered 4 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Chair of Friends of Church Lane and St. Mary's Play Park and Recreation Ground.

This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

A member of the Gedling UK Shared Prosperity Fund Local Partnership Group. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

A member of the Carlton Town Board. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Treasurer of St. Mary's Community Kitchen in Arnold. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

LGBT+ Officer of Gedling Constituency Labour Party.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Membership Secretary of Arnold Branch Labour Party.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

A member of Nottingham Playhouse Strategic Board. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: Sent further form, husband is Chair of Audit Committee in local services, member of a variety of trade unions

Oliver Ryan

29 October 2023: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2023)

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 Union

Address of donor: Mary Turner House, London NW1 2HD

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 17 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unison

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

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 17 July 2024)

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: £10,000 general election campaign

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 4 August 2024)

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

Name of donor: David Kogan

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 13 May 2024

Date accepted: 13 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 July 2024)

Name of donor: Anthony Watson

Address of donor: private

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

Activities

Date received: 29 May 2024

Date accepted: 29 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: David Kogan

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 22 January 2024

Date accepted: 22 January 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Michael Craven

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 24 May 2024

Date accepted: 24 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

29 October 2023: Additional Interests: member of multiple trade unions.

Mr Clive Betts

11 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 11 November 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: English Football League (EFL)

Address of donor: EFL House, 10-12 West Cliff, Preston PR1 8HU

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: EFL Cup Final ticket and hospitality, value £400

Date received: 25 February 2024

Date accepted: 25 February 2024

Donor status: company, registration 80612

(Registered 22 March 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

A Trustee of Fields in Trust (FiT), a charity which champions and supports our parks and green spaces. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 28 January 2021

(Registered 29 September 2022)

Chair of the Attercliffe Area Board. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 1 August 2023

(Registered 15 April 2024)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

Name: James Thomas

Relationship: Partner

Role: Senior Parliamentary Assistant

Working pattern: Full time

James Murray

21 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 11 November 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: Ealing Labour Group, Ealing Borough Labour Party

Address of donor: Ruskin Hall, 16 Church Road, London W3 8PP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my campaign fund

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 25 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Chair (unpaid) of Protect the Black Horse, a not-for-profit community group established to undertake efforts to protect a local pub.

Date interest arose: 11 March 2022

Date interest ended: 30 July 2024

(Registered 24 February 2023)

Blake Stephenson

3 July 2025: Register of Members' Interest (as at 30 June 2025)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Central Bedfordshire Councillor

Payer: Central Bedfordshire Council (Local Authority), Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Payment: £634.57 payment for the period ending 31 July 2024 Received on: 26 July 2024. Hours: 37 hrs Members responsibility allowance.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Compliance Officer Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: London Stock Exchange Group, 10 Paternoster Square, London EC4M 7LS

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Payment: £772.73 Final payment from my employment immediately preceding my election to Parliament Received on: 15 July 2024. Hours: Full time employment contract which was terminated immediately on my election to Parliament.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Compliance Officer Until: 28 February 2023.

Payer: Tradeweb Europe Limited (A UK investment firm with permissions to operate a Multilateral Trading Facility ("MTF"), an Organised Trading Facility ("OTF") and an Approved Publication Arrangement ("APA").), 1 Fore Street Avenue, Moorgate, London EC2Y 9DT

(Registered 20 May 2025)

Payment: £15,211.53 Total gross payments (before deductions) associated with the vesting and sale of restricted stock units in Tradeweb Inc. which were earned whilst in employment before entering Parliament. Received on: 1 May 2025. Hours: no hours entered.

(Registered 20 May 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: Duke of Bedford

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,200

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: The Portcullis Club

Address of donor: 20 Wilson Close, Shillington SG5 3PN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 donations towards my election campaign

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Duchess of Bedford

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,200

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Woburn Enterprises Limited

Address of donor: The Bedford Office, Woburn, Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire MK17 9PQ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Three places on the off-road experience followed by an industry roundtable sandwich lunch, value £447
Date received: 17 January 2025
Date accepted: 17 January 2025
Donor status: company, registration 00966094

(Registered 26 January 2025)

Name of donor: London Marathon Events Limited
Address of donor: 190 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YB
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: 2025 London Marathon Start and Finish Line Hospitality., value £350
Date received: 27 April 2025
Date accepted: 27 April 2025
Donor status: company, registration 01528489

(Registered 28 April 2025)

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
Number of properties: 1
Location: London
Ownership details: Co-owned with partner

(Registered 31 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Chair of Governors, Shillington and Stondon Federation. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Unpaid Director of Swallow Place Management Company Limited.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Central Bedfordshire Councillor.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Tristan Osborne

30 October 2025: Register of Members' Interest (as at 20 October 2025)

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: Rochester, Kent

(Registered 30 July 2024)

Catherine McKinnell

3 November 2025: Register of Members' Interest (as at 20 October 2025)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: BPI (British Recorded Music Industry) Ltd

Address of donor: Unit 4/4a, Tileyard Studios, Tileyard Road, London N7 9AH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket for the Mercury Prize 2025, value £330

Date received: 16 October 2025

Date accepted: 16 October 2025

Donor status: company, registration 01132389

(Registered 20 October 2025)

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 (rented)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Northumberland

Ownership details: Joint owner

8. Miscellaneous

Solicitor (currently non-practising).

A Trustee and Vice Chair of the Board of the Industry and Parliament Trust. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 26 February 2020

Date interest ended: 1 July 2024

(Registered 7 March 2023; updated 18 February 2025)

Rupert Lowe

13 November 2025: Register of Members' Interest (as at 20 October 2025)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Director Payer: J Brand Limited (Data related contractor, 100% owned by me), 2 Margaret Street, London, W1W 8RD

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Director and major shareholder Payer: Lowe Holdings Ltd (Holding company for Lowe and Oliver Ltd electrical contractors), Cumnor Road, Wootton, Oxford

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Director Payer: Data-Path Office Net Work Services Ltd (Data contractor), Crewkerne Business Park, Northern Way, Crewkerne, TA18 7HU

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Director Payer: PE487 Ltd (Freeze drying pharma related business), Biopharma House, Winnall Valley Road, Winchester, S023 0OL

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Social Media Until: 27 November 2024. Payer: X Corp, Market Square, 1355 Market Street Suite, 900 San Francisco, California, 94103

(Registered 3 December 2024)

Payment: £3,259.18 Received on: 27 November 2024. Hours: 28 hrs.

(Registered 3 December 2024)

Payment: £1,384.81 Received on: 6 December 2024. Hours: 5 hrs Period covers 22 November to 6 December.

(Registered 11 December 2024)

Payment: £1,516.84 Received on: 8 January 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 8 January 2025)

Payment: £1,602.39 Received on: 27 December 2024. Hours: 5 hrs. 353

(Registered 8 January 2025)

Payment: £4,699.60 Received on: 22 January 2025. Hours: 5 hrs 5 hours is an estimate.

(Registered 22 January 2025)

Payment: £3,093.97 Received on: 5 February 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 18 February 2025)

Payment: £3,439.50 Received on: 19 February 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 19 February 2025)

Payment: £3,196.32 Received on: 5 March 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 5 March 2025)

Payment: £2,750.55 Received on: 19 March 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 19 March 2025)

Payment: £1,618.12 Received on: 2 April 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 2 April 2025)

Payment: £1,661.14 Received on: 16 April 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 16 April 2025)

Payment: £671.29 Received on: 30 April 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 30 April 2025)

Payment: £1,026.91 Received on: 14 May 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 14 May 2025)

Payment: £1,203.96 Received on: 29 May 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 6 June 2025)

Payment: £1,050.10 Received on: 11 June 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 26 June 2025)

Payment: £1,341.75 Received on: 25 June 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 26 June 2025) 354

Payment: £1,594.68 Received on: 9 July 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 11 July 2025)

Payment: £1,200.18 Received on: 23 July 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 25 July 2025)

Payment: £1,910.63 Received on: 6 August 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 6 August 2025)

Payment: £1,537.55 Received on: 20 August 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 20 August 2025)

Payment: £1,542.16 Received on: 3 September 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 3 September 2025)

Payment: £2,161.94 Received on: 17 September 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 17 September 2025)

Payment: £1,138.06 Received on: 1 October 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 2 October 2025)

Payment: £2,055.56 Received on: 15 October 2025. Hours: 5 hrs.

(Registered 15 October 2025)

Role, work or services: Owner Payer: Ravenswell Farm (Agricultural Land), private address

(Registered 25 February 2025)

Role, work or services: Media Appearance Payer: GB News, The Point, 37 North Wharf Road, London W2 1AF

(Registered 18 March 2025)

Payment: £720 Received on: 17 March 2025. Hours: 4 hrs.

(Registered 18 March 2025)

Payment: £230 Received on: 14 April 2025. Hours: 2 hrs.

(Registered 17 April 2025)

Payment: £180 Received on: 8 July 2025. Hours: 1 hr.

(Registered 8 July 2025) 355

Payment: £180 Received on: 14 August 2025. Hours: 1 hr.

(Registered 20 August 2025)

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

Name of donor: Bolton Agnew Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000 Date received: 21 January 2025 Date accepted: 21 January 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 27 January 2025)

Name of donor: Laurent Sartran Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,000 donation to the Rape Gang Inquiry Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 July 2025)

Name of donor: Benyamin Naeem Habib Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donation to the Rape Gang Inquiry Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 July 2025)

Name of donor: Hepburn Bio Care Ltd Address of donor: 8 Ashwood Gardens, Southampton, SO16 7LF Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind:

£5,000 donation to the Rape Gang Inquiry Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: company, registration 05539168

(Registered 9 July 2025)

Name of donor: Margaret Hepburn Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donation to the Rape Gang Inquiry Date received: 23 June 2025 356

Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 July 2025)

Name of donor: Derek Holder Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donation to the Rape Gang Inquiry Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 July 2025)

Name of donor: Munish Sharma Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 July 2025)

Name of donor: David Swift Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 this donation was raised by a Crowdfunder in Rupert's name, paid out directly to the Rape Gang Inquiry CIC. Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 July 2025)

Name of donor: Peter Lawery Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donation to the Rape Gang Inquiry Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 July 2025)

Name of donor: Christopher Newman Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Date received: 23 June 2025 Date accepted: 23 June 2025 Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 July 2025)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Great Yarmouth Racecourse Address of donor: Jellicoe Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 4AU Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two 2025 Annual Memberships for the racecourse, value £500 Date received: 7 February 2025 Date accepted: 7 February 2025 Donor status: company, registration 04266183

(Registered 18 February 2025)

Name of donor: Great Yarmouth Racecourse Address of donor: Jellicoe Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 4AU Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Private Box Package, value £556 Date received: 15 August 2025 Date accepted: 15 August 2025 Donor status: company, registration 04266183

(Registered 2 September 2025)

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: Commercial property (Offices) Number of properties: 1
Location: Oxford Rental income: Yes

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Type of land/property: Residential property (House) Number of properties: 1
Location: London

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Type of land/property: Commercial property (Offices of J Brand) Number of properties: 1 Location: London Rental income: Yes

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Type of land/property: Agricultural land Location: Gloucestershire Rental income: Yes

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Type of land/property: Agricultural land (Tilmonth fishing on the River Tweed)
Location: Scotland Ownership details: Joint ownership

(Registered 31 August 2024) 358

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

Name of company or organisation: Alto Energy Limited Nature of business: Heatpump experts

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Scarabus Trading Ltd Nature of business: Holding company for football related franchises - ICFDS, BSS, SOCATOTS

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Alto Investments and Property Limited Nature of business: Owner of the offices of Alto Energy Limited

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Lowe Holdings Ltd Nature of business: Holding company for Lowe and Oliver Ltd electrical contractor

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Data-Path Office Network Services Limited Nature of business: Data contractor, based in Somerset

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: J Brand Ltd Nature of business: Data contractor specialising in retail sector

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: P4847 a Freeze drying pharma related business

(Registered 10 October 2024)

7. (ii) Other shareholdings, valued at more than £70,000

Name of company or organisation: ATLANT3D Ltd Nature of business: Atomic layer advance manufacturing, early stage EIS

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: L11NK Limited Nature of business: IT App Developer

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Many Pets Ltd Nature of business: Online pet insurer

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Kona Energy Limited Nature of business: Battery storage

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Ossiform Ltd Nature of business: Early stage 3D bone printing technology 359

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: SAFETONET Ltd Nature of business: Online child safety software developer

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Pangaea Group Holdings Ltd Nature of business: Insurance holding company, funded through Pangea Loanco Ltd Interest held: until 6 August 2025

(Registered 31 July 2024; updated 13 August 2025)

Name of company or organisation: Transense Technology Ltd Nature of business: AIM listed company

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Insurance Capital Partners Ltd Nature of business: Owner of Lloyds of London syndicate capital

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Glass Wall Holdings Limited Nature of business: Cyber security

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Unibio Ltd Nature of business: Early stage protein production company

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Blue Bird Holdings Ltd Nature of business: Ethiopian investment holding company

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Black Cat Syndicate Ltd Nature of business: ASX listed gold mining business in Western Australia

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: BSU Holdings Limited Nature of business: Financial Services Interest held: from 6 August 2025

(Registered 13 August 2025)

8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated trustee of the 16th Viscount Mountgarret Will Trust.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Unpaid director of Biopharma Technology Ltd.

(Registered 10 October 2024)

Unpaid director of ICFDS Global.

(Registered 10 October 2024) 360

Unpaid director of AV Path Ltd.

(Registered 10 October 2024)

Unpaid director of Lowe and Oliver Ltd (Electrical Installation, Plumbing, Heat and air-conditioning installation).

(Registered 10 October 2024)

Unpaid director of Dripping Rock, freshwater fishing.

(Registered 10 October 2024)

Unpaid director of Futebol De Salao.

(Registered 10 October 2024)

Unpaid director of Biopharma Process Systems Limited.

(Registered 10 October 2024)

Unpaid director of Alto Energy, (wholesale of hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies)

(Registered 18 October 2024)

Unpaid director of Scarabus (other sports activities)

(Registered 18 October 2024)

Unpaid Director of the Rape Gang Inquiry CIC. This is an unpaid role. Date interest arose: 21 May 2025

(Registered 2 June 2025)

Leader of Restore Britain. This is an unpaid role. Date interest arose: 30 June 2025

(Registered 1 July 2025)

Name of donor: Crowdfunder £586,172.81 withdrawn from a Crowdfunder in Rupert's name. The money was withdrawn on 23/06/2025 directly in to the Rape Gang Inquiry CIC's bank account. Date interest arose: 23 June 2025

(Registered 18 July 2025)

Joint ownership of a racehorse Date interest arose: 3 September 2025

(Registered 16 September 2025)

Matt Turmaine

4 December 2025: Register of Members' Interest (as at 1 December 2025)

8. Miscellaneous

Elected Councillor, Watford Borough Council. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 30 July 2024)