



Formal Minutes of the Business and Trade Committee in Session 2024–26

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They include:

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

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

Attendance statistics for members of the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

Tuesday 29 October 2024

Members present¹

Liam Byrne, in the Chair²

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Rosie Wrighting

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Committee methods of working

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

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are 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 otherwise orders.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to:

- report correspondence or written evidence to the House between meetings of the Committee in order to enable its publication;

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 [29 January 2020]

- engage in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature;
- arrange informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit (for example, with visiting Parliamentarians);
- amend the timing of Committee meetings, where necessary;
- authorise the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;
- decide to which parliamentary proceedings Committee reports should be tagged for debate in the House (or Westminster Hall) and proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on Post Office and Horizon compensation.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Employment Rights Bill.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Business and Trade Committee: priorities.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the work of the Department for Business and Trade.

Resolved, That a Member of the Justice Committee be invited to attend the meetings on Tuesday 5 November and Tuesday 19 November relating to Post Office and Horizon compensation, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Committee hold engagement events in London and regional roundtables, in connection with its inquiry into Business and Trade Committee: priorities.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the launch of the Horizon Convictions Redress Scheme, dated 30 July 2024
Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to Post Office Horizon compensation, dated 9 September 2024

Post Office and Capture accounting software:

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to the report of the independent investigation into Capture accounting software, dated 30 September 2024

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the Department for Business and Trade's priorities, dated 20 September 2024

Enhanced Trade Partnership between the UK and the Government of Thailand:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the launch of the UK-Thailand Enhanced Trade Partnership, dated 26 September 2024

Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation:

Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, and Transport, in relation to the launch of the Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation (OTSI), dated 9 October 2024

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade in relation to the Employment Rights Bill, dated 10 October 2024
Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade in relation to the Making Work Pay Consultation Package, dated 21 October 2024

Collapse of ISG:

Correspondence with Torsten Bell MP, in relation to the collapse of ISG, dated 10 October 2024

Growth mission:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to delivering the Government's growth mission, dated 15 October 2024

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amendment or Schedule A2) Order 2024, dated 18 October 2024

UK accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the UK accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, dated 28 August 2024 and 16 October 2024

UK-Ukraine Digital Trade Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the UK-Ukraine Digital Trade Agreement, dated 30 August 2024

Measures to tackle late payments and long payment terms:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade in relation to measures to tackle late payments and long payment terms, dated 18 September 2024

Bankruptcy and compulsory liquidation cases:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the increase in fees charged by the Official Receiver to fund the administration of bankruptcy and compulsory liquidation cases, dated 19 September 2024

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 November, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Declaration of interests

Matt Western and Sarah Edwards declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on UK arms exports to Israel.

Resolved, That a Member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Development Committees be invited to attend the meeting on 10 December 2024 relating to UK arms exports to Israel, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act Secondary Legislation, dated 30 October 2024

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill, dated 30 October 2024

3. Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress

Sir Alan Bates, Founder, Justice for Sub-postmasters Alliance, Jill Donnison, Horizon Shortfall Scheme claimant and Dewi Lewis, former sub-postmaster and Horizon Convictions Redress Scheme claimant, gave oral evidence.

David Enright, Partner, Howe and Co, James Hartley, Partner, Freeths and Dr Neil Hudgell, Executive Chair, Hudgell Solicitors, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon. Sir Gary Hickinbottom, Chair, Post Office Overturned Convictions Independent Pecuniary Losses Assessment Panel, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 November, at 2.00pm

Tuesday 19 November 2024

Members present:

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Gregor Poynton

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels, Bern and Geneva in connection with its work on Trade.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Estimates Memoranda:

Competition and Markets Authority: Main Estimates Memorandum 2024-25

UK Export Finance: Main Estimates Memorandum 2024-25

Department for Business and Trade: Main Estimates Memorandum 2024-25

UK-Switzerland Free Trade Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the UK-Switzerland free trade negotiations, dated 31 October 2024

UK-Switzerland Agreement on professional qualifications:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the UK-Switzerland agreement on the recognition of professional qualifications, dated 4 November 2024

National Minimum Wage and the National Living Wage:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the 2025 National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage rates, dated 31 October 2024

UK-EU Competition Cooperation Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the UK-EU Competition Cooperation Agreement, dated 5 November 2024

Certification Officer Annual Report 2023-24:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Certification Officer Annual Report 2023-24, dated 5 November 2024

Central Arbitration Committee Annual Report 2023-24:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Central Arbitration Committee Annual Report 2023-24, dated 5 November 2024

UK-GCC Free Trade Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the UK-GCC free trade negotiations, dated 8 November 2024

Post Office:

Correspondence with the Interim Chair of the Post Office, in relation to the Future of the Post Office, dated 13 November 2024

4. Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress

Gareth Thomas MP, Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, Department for Business and Trade, Heidi Alexander MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice, Carl Creswell, Director, Post Office and Business Management, Department for Business and Trade and Ed Lidington, Director, Courts, Criminal and Family Justice Directorate, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

Mark Chesher, Partner, Addleshaw Goddard, Rob Francis, Partner, Dentons and Alan Watts, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills, gave oral evidence.

Nigel Railton, Interim Chair, Post Office and Simon Recaldin, Remediations Unit Director, Post Office, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 November, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The work of the Department for Business and Trade

Rt Hon. Jonathan Reynolds MP, Secretary of State for Business and Trade and Gareth Davies, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business and Trade, gave oral evidence.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 December, at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 27 November 2024

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

Closure of Stellantis's factory in Luton and the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandate

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the evidence session held on 26 November and the closure of the Stellantis factory in Luton and the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandate

Tuesday 3 December to Thursday 5 December 2024

The Chair, Antonia Bance, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Alison Griffiths, Sonia Kumar, Charlie Maynard, Gregor Poynton, Mr Joshua Reynolds, Matt Western and Rosie Wrighting visited Exeter, Cardiff, Oxford, Warwick University, Manchester and Glasgow in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Business and Trade Committee: priorities, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 29 October 2024.

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, Monica Harding and Richard Foord also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 5 November 2024).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Japan in connection with its inquiry into Industrial Strategy and work on Trade.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the Round 3 negotiations of the UK-Republic of Korea free trade agreement, dated 29 November 2024

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP):

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, dated 29 November 2024

UK-EU Bilateral investment treaty terminations:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the termination of Bilateral investment treaty, dated 29 November 2024

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with the Remediation Unit Director, Post Office, in relation to follow up responses to the oral evidence session of 19 November, dated 2 December 2024

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to arms exports to Israel and export licensing data, dated 10 December 2024

Correspondence with the Chief Executive of Lockheed Martin UK and NATO, in relation to F-35 programme, dated 10 December 2024

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade in relation to oral evidence given on 26 December 2024, dated 4 December 2024

3. UK arms exports to Israel

Rt Hon. Douglas Alexander MP, Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, Department for Business and Trade, Stephen Doughty MP, Minister for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Lord Coaker, Minister for State, Ministry of Defence, Kate Joseph, Director General, Economic Security and Trade Relations, Department for Business and Trade, Stephen Lillie, CMG, Director, Defence and International Security, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Stuart Mills, Head of Global Issues, Security Policy and Operations Directorate, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 December, at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 12 December 2024

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

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Minister for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories in relation to UK arms exports to Israel, dated 12 December 2024

Tuesday 17 December 2024

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business

Draft Report (Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 341.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Royal Mail Group:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets in relation to the takeover of Royal Mail Group, dated 16 December 2024

4. Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill

Antonia Bance referred to her declaration of interests.

Amanda Gearing, Senior Organiser, GMB Union and Nicola Smith, Head of Rights, International, Social and Economics Department, Trades Union Congress (TUC), gave oral evidence.

Matthew Percival, Director, Future of Work and Skills, Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and Ben Willmott, Head of Public Policy and Practice, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), gave oral evidence.

Jennifer Kearney, HR Director, Amazon UK and Ireland and Stuart Morgan, HR Director, Amazon Logistics, gave oral evidence.

Beverley Fairbank, Industrial Relations and HR Director, Jaguar Land Rover, Murray Paul, Public Affairs Director, Jaguar Land Rover and Dominic Johnson, Employee Relations Director, BAE Systems, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 January 2025, at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 18 December 2024

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

Company board membership:

Correspondence with Companies House, in relation to due diligence on company board membership, dated 18 December 2024

Tuesday 7 January 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP):

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, dated 13 December 2024

Termination of the UK-Chile Bilateral Investment Treaty:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the termination of the UK-Chile Bilateral Investment Treaty, dated 13 December 2024

Export licensing:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the LITE system for export licensing, dated 16 December 2024

UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, dated 20 December 2024

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, in relation to follow up responses to the oral evidence session on 19 November 2024, dated 17 December 2024

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to Post Office Horizon redress and costs, dated 19 December 2024

Correspondence with the Director of the Courts, Criminal and Family Justice Directorate, in relation to correction to data referred to at 19 November evidence session, dated 20 December 2024

Post Office Capture Accounting Software:

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to the Government response to Kroll's investigation into Capture software, dated 17 December 2024

Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) and the deposit of statements by the UK National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on RBC:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to UK's approach to Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) and the deposit of statements by the UK National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on RBC, dated 17 December 2024

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with Amnesty International UK, in relation to UK arms exports to Israel, dated December 2024

Correspondence with the Minister for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to UK arms exports to Israel, dated 23 December 2024

Closure of Stellantis's factory in Luton and the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandate:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the closure of the Stellantis factory in Luton and the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandate, dated 24 December 2024

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive, in relation to the oral evidence session of 17 December on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Amazon UK and reporting of accidents at work, dated 20 December 2024

Correspondence with Leigh Day, in relation to 7 January oral evidence session, dated 3 January 2025

3. Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill

Alistair Macrow, CEO, McDonalds, UK and Ireland, Claire Lorains, Group Quality, Technical and Sustainability Director, Tesco and Andrew Opie, Director of Food and Sustainability, British Retail Consortium, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Heary, Senior Legal Counsel, Temu, Leonard Klenner, Senior Compliance Manager, Temu and Yinan Zhu, EMEA General Counsel, Shein, gave oral evidence.

Margaret Beels OBE, Director of Labour Market Enforcement, Department for Business and Trade and Eleanor Lyons, UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 January, at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 8 January 2025

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

Company board membership:

Correspondence with Companies House, in relation to due diligence on company board membership, dated 31 December 2024

Friday 10 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:

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Amazon, in relation to the oral evidence session of 17 December 2024 on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Amazon UK and reporting of accidents at work, dated 20 December 2024

Correspondence with London Stock Exchange, in relation to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Shein's supply chain and firms seeking to list on the London Stock Exchange, dated 9 January 2025

Correspondence with Financial Conduct Authority, in relation to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Shein's business practices and firms seeking to list on the London Stock Exchange, dated 9 January 2025

Monday 13 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:

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with McDonald's, in relation to follow up responses to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill, dated 10 January 2025

Correspondence with Shein, in relation to follow up responses to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill, dated 10 January 2025

Tuesday 14 January 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Industrial Strategy.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Export led growth.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on dynamic ticket pricing and competition.

2. Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill

Andy Brown, Chief People Officer, Frasers Group, Neil Carberry, Chief Executive Officer, Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) and Paddy Lillis, General Secretary, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW) gave oral evidence.

Paul Bedford, Group Director of Policy and Sustainability, Deliveroo, Hugo Martin, Director of Legal and Public Affairs, Evri and Alessandro Dudech, UK Chief Operating Officer, Uniqlo, gave oral evidence.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 January, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 21 January 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That a Sub-Committee on Economic Security, Arms and Export Controls be appointed.

Ordered, That all the members of the Committee [Antonia Bance, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Alison Griffiths, Sonia Kumar, Charlie Maynard, Gregor Poynton, Mr Joshua Reynolds, Matt Western, Rosie Wrighting] be members of the Sub-Committee.

Ordered, That Liam Byrne be Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Ordered, That the Chair of the Sub-committee have leave to report to the House from time to time evidence taken before the Sub-Committee which has been reported to the Committee.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Mill End Hotel (UK) Ltd [ERB0001]

Unlock [ERB0002]

Ekō [ERB0003]
The Fawcett Society [ERB0004]
Project [ERB0005]
Centre for Progressive Change [ERB0006]
Dr Michael Koch, Professor Sarah Park [ERB0007]
Work Rights Centre [ERB0008]
Jim Dickinson [ERB0009]
CILEX [ERB0010]
Dr Anke Winchebach [ERB0011]
Freelancers Make Theatre Work, University of Essex [ERB0012]
Scouts [ERB0013]
Local Government Association [ERB0014]
Domestic Angels [ERB0015]
Evri [ERB0016]
Dr Pedro Mendonca [ERB0017]
Society of Occupational Medicine [ERB0018]
Association of Convenience Stores [ERB0019]
Recruitment and Employment Confederation [ERB0020]
Bupa Global, India and UK [ERB0021]
Share Action [ERB0022]
Workstyle Revolution [ERB0023]
Professor Jo Brewis, The Open University, Professor Ilaria Boncori, University of Essex, Professor Julie Davies, Brunel University, Dr. Aimee Middlemiss, University of Plymouth [ERB0024]
Ian Clark, Darryl Dixon, Rich Pickford, James Hunter and Nidhi Sharma at the Work, Informalisation and Place (WIP) Research Centre, Nottingham Trent University [ERB0025]
Dr Philippa Collins [ERB0026]
UK Hospitality [ERB0027]
British Retail Consortium [ERB0028]
Fairwork [ERB0029]
Institute for Research into Work and Employment [ERB0030]
Edenred Reward Gateway [ERB0031]
Magistrates' Association [ERB0032]
Young Lives vs Cancer [ERB0033]
Edapt [ERB0034]
Social Care Institute for Excellence [ERB0035]
HC-one [ERB0036]

Professor Sarah Jewell [ERB0037]
MS Society [ERB0038]
Dr Heidi Ashton [ERB0039]
Fatherhood Institute [ERB0040]
Jack Whalley, Chelsea Braithwaite, Charlie Lovatt [ERB0041]
University of Brighton Students' Union [ERB0042]
Rights Lab, University of Nottingham [ERB0043]
World Wellbeing Movement [ERB0044]
Benenden Health [ERB0045]
Professor Carol Atkinson [ERB0046]
Cruse Bereavement Support, Hospice UK, Marie Curie, the National Bereavement Alliance and Sue Ryder [ERB0047]
Organise [ERB0048]
Professor Lina Dencik, Jessica Brand, Professor Rosalind Gill, Dr Dimitrios Kivotidis and Dr George Musgrave, Goldsmiths [ERB0049]
Care England [ERB0050]
Institute for Public Policy Research [ERB0051]
Maternity Action [ERB0052]
Veezu Ltd [ERB0053]
Chartered Management Institute [ERB0054]
Professor Vanessa Beck, Dr Levana Magnus, Carolyn Morris, Professor Daiga Kamerade, Mr Miguel Munoz, Dr Luis Torres-Retamal, Professor Tracey Warren, Dr Vanesa Fuertes [ERB0055]
Centre for Care, University of Sheffield [ERB0056]
National Care Forum [ERB0057]
Mr Giles Gater [ERB0058]
The Adecco Group [ERB0059]
Food and Drink Federation [ERB0060]
Jobs Foundation [ERB0061]
Universities and Colleges Employers Association [ERB0062]
World Afro Day CIC [ERB0063]
Prospect [ERB0064]
Freelancer and Contractor Services Association [ERB0065]
UNISON [ERB0066]
USDAW [ERB0067]
Professor Nicole Busby, Dr Catriona Cannon [ERB0068]
Make UK [ERB0069]
IPSE – The Self-Employment Association [ERB0070]

ASLEF [ERB0071]
British Standards Institution [ERB0072]
Trades Union Congress [ERB0073]
Business Human Resources Solutions Limited [ERB0074]
High Pay Centre [ERB0075]
Mencap [ERB0076]
UKactive [ERB0077]
CBI [ERB0078]
Anti-Slavery International [ERB0079]
Work Foundation [ERB0080]
Greene King [ERB0081]
Dr Emma Hughes [ERB0082]
Mitie [ERB0083]
Institute of Directors [ERB0084]
Federation of Small Businesses [ERB0085]
The Law Society [ERB0086]
British Chambers of Commerce [ERB0087]
Employment Law Sub-Committee at the Law Society Scotland [ERB0088]
The Investment Association [ERB0089]
Heriot-Watt University [ERB0090]
Acas [ERB0091]
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry [ERB0092]
Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development [ERB0093]
Sense [ERB0094]
Professor Simon Deakin [ERB0095]
Mind [ERB0096]
Association of British Insurers [ERB0097]
Working Families [ERB0098]
Unitemps Warwick [ERB0099]
Homecare Association [ERB0100]
TUC [ERB0101]

Live events tickets and pricing practices:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Government's consultation on the resale of live events tickets and call for evidence on pricing practices, dated 10 January 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive, in relation to the oral evidence session of 17 December on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Amazon UK and reporting of accidents at work, dated 10 January 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Employment Rights Bill, dated 17 January 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to licensing of exports to Israel and follow up responses to the oral evidence session of 10 December 2024, dated 13 January 2025

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to the legal basis for F-35 exports, dated 20 January 2025

3. Export led growth

Rt Hon. Douglas Alexander MP, Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, Department for Business and Trade, Rt Hon. Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations, Cabinet Office, Amanda Brooks CBE, Director General for Trade Policy, Implementation and Negotiations, Department for Business and Trade, and Niall MacEntee-Creighton, Deputy Director, UK-EU Economic and Trade Partnership, Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 February, at 2.00 p.m.

Friday 24 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:

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Shein, in relation to follow up questions to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill, dated 20 January 2025

Correspondence with London Stock Exchange, in relation to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Shein's supply chain and firms seeking to list on the London Stock Exchange, dated 17 January 2025

Correspondence with Financial Conduct Authority, in relation to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Shein's business practices and firms seeking to list on the London Stock Exchange, dated 17 January 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to the legal basis for F-35 exports, dated 24 January 2025

Monday 27 January – Tuesday 28 January 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Sonia Kumar, Charlie Maynard, Matt Western and Rosie Wrighting visited Brussels in connection with the Committee's inquiry into work on Trade, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 November 2024.

Monday 27 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:

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Shein, in relation to follow up responses to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill, dated 27 January 2025

Correspondence with Financial Conduct Authority, in relation to the oral evidence session of 7 January on the Employment Rights Bill relating to Shein's business practices and firms seeking to list on the London Stock Exchange, dated 27 January 2025

Tuesday 28 January 2025

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

Post Office:

Correspondence with Post Office, in relation to post offices and the proposed sale of WHSmith high street stores, dated 27 January 2025

Wednesday 29 January 2025

The Chair and Matt Western travelled to Bern in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 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:

Rip-off Britain: Dynamic pricing and consumer protection:

Correspondence with Ticketmaster UK Ltd, in relation to the Committee's invitation to Ticketmaster to attend an oral evidence session on 4 February 2025, dated 27 January 2025

Thursday 30 January – Friday 31 January 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Matt Western and Rosie Wrighting visited Geneva in connection with the Committee's inquiry into work on Trade, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 November 2024.

Thursday 30 January 2025

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

Rip-off Britain: Dynamic pricing and consumer protection:

Correspondence with Ticketmaster UK Ltd, in relation to the Committee's invitation to Ticketmaster to attend an oral evidence session on 4 February 2025, dated 29 January 2025

Tuesday 4 February 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Antonia Bance
Sarah Edwards
Sonia Kumar
Charlie Maynard
Gregor Poynton
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Matt Western
Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Priorities of the Business and Trade Committee

Draft Report (Priorities of the Business and Trade Committee), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 423.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

British Retail Consortium [ERB0102]

Trades Union Congress (TUC) [ERB0103]

National Council for Voluntary Organisations [ERB0104]

Correspondence with UNIQLO, in relation to their appearance at the oral evidence session on 14 January, dated 21 January 2025

Correspondence with UNIQLO, in relation to outstanding questions after the oral evidence session on 14 January, dated 23 January 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Employment Rights Bill, dated 29 January 2025

Neonatal Care Leave and Pay:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to Neonatal Care Leave and Pay Regulations, dated 20 January 2025

Fire Safety of Domestic Upholstered Furniture:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Fire Safety of Domestic Upholstered Furniture policy paper, dated 22 January 2025

Collective Bargaining Unit agreements:

Correspondence with BidFood, in relation to the termination of collective bargaining unit agreements, dated 27 January 2025

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, in relation to the annual report and accounts for the Department for Business and Trade, dated 28 January 2025

Post Office:

Correspondence with Post Office, in relation to Post Offices in WHSmith stores, dated 29 January 2025

4. Rip-off Britain: Dynamic pricing and consumer protection

Anne Pardoe, Interim Head of Policy, Citizens Advice, Allen Simpson, Deputy CEO, UKHospitality, Sue Davies, Head of Consumer Rights and Food Policy, Which? and Tom Greatrex, Chair, Football Supporters Association, gave oral evidence.

Andrew Parsons, UK Managing Director and Regional Vice President, UK and Ireland, Ticketmaster, gave oral evidence.

Justin Madders MP, Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, Department for Business and Trade, George Lusty, Interim Executive Director for Consumer Protection and Markets, Competition and Markets Authority and David Marshall, Deputy Director, Consumer Policy, Department for Business and Trade, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 February, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Matt Western

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Northern Ireland in connection with its inquiries into Export led growth and Industrial Strategy.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Scotland in connection with its inquiry into Industrial Strategy.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Anti-Slavery International [ERB0105]

Correspondence with Deliveroo in relation to their appearance before the Committee, dated 30 January 2025

Rip-off Britain: Dynamic pricing and consumer protection:

DynamO Pricing Ltd [DYN0001]

Dr Emre Tarim [DYN0002]

Collective Bargaining Unit agreements:

Correspondence with Bidfood, in relation to collective bargaining agreements, dated 2 February 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to the legal basis for F-35 exports, dated 6 February 2025

UK Export Finance:

UK Export Finance: Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2024-25

3. Industrial Strategy

Antonia Bance referred to her declaration of interests.

Professor Diane Coyle, Bennett Professor of Public Policy and Co-Director of the Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge, Professor Mariana Mazzucato, Professor in Economics of Innovation and Public Value and Founding Director of Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, University College London, Sir Charlie Mayfield, member of the previous Industrial Strategy Council and Founder and Chairman, Be the Business, gave oral evidence.

Clare Barclay, Chair, Industrial Strategy Advisory Council, gave oral evidence.

Kate Bell, Assistant General Secretary, Trades Union Congress (TUC) and Jordan Cummins, Interim Chief Policy and Campaigns Officer, Confederation of British Industry (CBI), gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 February, at 4.45 p.m.

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Matt Western

1. Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill

Draft Report (Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 370.

2. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 February, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Estimates memoranda:

Department for Business and Trade Supplementary Estimate 2024-25: Estimates Memorandum

Supplementary Estimates 2024-25: Estimates memorandum for the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)

Department for Business and Trade: Main Estimates Memorandum 2024-25

Rip-off Britain: Dynamic pricing and consumer protection:

Correspondence with Ticketmaster in relation to their appearance before the Committee, dated 11 February 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, in relation to the Employment Rights Bill, dated 5 February 2025

Correspondence with Shein, in relation to additional information requested by the Committee, 7 February 2025

Correspondence with Tesco, in relation to the onboarding process of a garment factory located in Mae Sot, Thailand, dated 11 February

Correspondence with Financial Conduct Authority, in relation to questions asked of the listing process, dated 17 February 2025

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with the Post Office, in relation to the Committee's first report of the session, dated 11 February 2025

3. Export led growth

Antonia Bance referred to her declaration of interests.

Lord Hannan of Kingsclere, President, Institute for Free Trade, Marley Morris, Associate Director for Migration, Trade and Communities, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) and Tom Brufatto, Executive Director of Policy and Research, Best for Britain, gave oral evidence.

Tom Wills, Director, Trade Justice Movement, Rosa Crawford, Policy Officer, Trades Union Congress (TUC) and Eric Gottwald, Trade and Globalization Policy Specialist, AFL-CIO, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Williams, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Green Alliance, Frank Aaskov, Director, Energy and Climate Change Policy, UK Steel and Rebecca Sedler, Managing Director, National Grid Interconnectors, gave oral evidence.

Lord Sedwill, Chairman, Geopolitical Advisory, Saudi Arabia, and Supervisory Board member, Rothschild & Co, Sean Sergeant, Chief Executive Officer, Green Lithium, Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles, Chair, China-Britain Business Council and George Magnus, Research Associate, University of Oxford China Centre and School of Oriental and African Studies, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 March, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 4 March 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

Chi Onwurah also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 4 March)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Members of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee be invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday 4 March relating to Industrial Strategy, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee on Economic Security, Arms and Export Controls inquire into UK economic security.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Evri, in relation to allegations made to the Committee by Evri Couriers, dated 27 February 2025

3. Industrial Strategy

Sir John Bell, President, Ellison Institute of Technology, Steve Bates OBE, Chief Executive, The BioIndustry Association and Audrey Yvernault, Vice-President, Global Corporate Government Affairs and Policy, GSK, gave oral evidence.

Miles Celic, CEO, TheCityUK, Stevan Randjelovic, Head of Public Policy and Industry Affairs, WPP and Ramon Kaur, Director, UK Public Affairs, EY UK, gave oral evidence.

Peter Stephens, Director, UK Government Partnerships, ARM, Paul Morris, Head of Government Affairs, Vodafone, Antony Walker, Deputy CEO, techUK and Steve Brierley, Founder and CEO, Riverlane, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 March, at 2.00 p.m.

Friday 7 March 2025

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

UK arms exports to Israel

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to the legal basis for F-35 exports, dated 7 March 2025

Sunday 16 March – Monday 17 March 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Charlie Maynard, and Rosie Wrighting visited Scotland in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Industrial Strategy, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 February 2025.

Tuesday 18 March 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Mr Calvin Bailey and Gavin Robinson also attended for item 5 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 18 March)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Members of the Defence Committee and Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday 18 March relating to Industrial Strategy, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That Members of the Treasury Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Economic Security, Arms and Export Controls on Wednesday 19 March relating to UK economic security, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to invite Members of other committees to attend Business and Trade Committee and Sub-Committee meetings, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business: Government response to the Committee's First Report

Draft Report (Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business: Government response to the Committee's First Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 778.

3. Proposed negative statutory instruments

Resolved, That the negative procedure, as proposed, should apply to the instrument titled The Companies (Directors' Remuneration and Audit) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 and the instrument titled The Companies Act 2006 (Recognition of Third Country Qualifications and Practical Training) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

Resolved, That the Chair do report this resolution to the House.— Liam Byrne

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Domestic Angels Franchising Limited, in relation to Employment Rights, dated 7 March 2025

Correspondence with Evri, in relation to issues raised by the Committee, dated 5 March 2025

Rip-off Britain: Dynamic pricing and consumer protection

Correspondence with Ticketmaster, in relation to questions raised by the Committee, dated 27 February 2025

Business and Trade Committee: priorities:

Correspondence with the Association of Investment Companies, in relation to Venture Capital Trusts, dated 10 March 2025

Correspondence with the Association of Investment Companies, in relation to audit reform and corporate governance, dated 11 March 2025

UK Export Finance:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to UK Export Finance support for Thales UK air defence missiles to Ukraine, dated 4 March 2025

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the Department's Spending Review, dated 4 March 2025

5. Industrial Strategy

Rajesh Nair, Chief Executive, Tata Steel UK, Jon Bolton, Chair, Materials Processing Institute, and Co-Chair, Steel Council, Allan Bell, Chief Commercial Officer, British Steel, and Alasdair McDiarmid, Assistant General Secretary, Community, gave oral evidence.

Alison Griffiths referred to her declaration of interests.

Mr Calvin Bailey referred to his declaration of interests.

Adam Forgiel-Jenkins, Managing Director of Government Relations, BAE Systems, John Howie MBE, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Babcock International, Oriel Petry, Senior Vice President, Airbus UK and Chris Daniels, Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Flare Bright gave oral evidence.

Shaun Grady, Chair, AstraZeneca and Tom Keith-Roach, UK Country President, AstraZeneca, gave oral evidence

6. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 March, at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 20 March 2025

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

Spending Review

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the Spending Review, dated 7 February 2025

Tuesday 25 March 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Sonia Kumar

Alison Griffiths

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. How to strengthen UK-EU relations

Draft Report (How to strengthen UK-EU relations), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 814.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with GSK, in relation to life sciences and Industrial Strategy, dated 14 March 2025

ECCTA Regulations:

Correspondence with Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to ECCTA Regulations, dated 13 March 2025

4. Export led growth

Charlie Humphreys, Director of Corporate Affairs, Asia House, Douglas Barrie, Senior Fellow for Military Aerospace, International Institute for Strategic Studies and Ian Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer, UK-ASEAN Business Council, gave oral evidence.

Nicola Watkinson, Managing Director, International, TheCityUK, Harry Anderson, Head of Policy and Global Engagement, Universities UK and Johanna Kyrklund, Global Chief Investment Officer, Schroders, gave oral evidence.

Helen Brocklebank, Chief Executive Officer, Walpole, Jonathan Brenton, Director of Public Affairs, Pernod Ricard and Alex Gover, Head of Business Development, Intralink, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 March, at 3.45 p.m.

Tuesday 25 March 2025

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

Export led growth:

International Meat Trade Association (IMTA) [ELG0001]

Manchester Airports Group [ELG0002]

West London Chambers of Commerce [ELG0003]

Professor David Collins [ELG0004]

Dr Anandadeep Mandal [ELG0005]

University of Surrey Business School - The Centre for the Decentralised Digital Economy (DECaDE) [ELG0006]

Best for Britain [ELG0007]

The Growth Commission [ELG0008]

Ceres [ELG0009]

The Law Society [ELG0010]

AstraZeneca [ELG0011]

The Food and Drink Federation [ELG0012]

Rise Coalition [ELG0013]

TheCityUK [ELG0014]

Brown-Forman [ELG0015]
ADS Group [ELG0016]
Walpole [ELG0017]
UK Trade Policy Observatory (UKTPO) [ELG0018]
Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy (CITP), and UK Trade Policy Observatory (UKTPO) [ELG0019]
Association of British Insurers (ABI) [ELG0020]
AirportsUK [ELG0021]
Society of London Theatre and UK Theatre [ELG0022]
UK Travel Retail Forum [ELG0023]
UK Export Finance [ELG0024]
British Standards Institution [ELG0025]
Institute of Directors [ELG0026]
Greater Manchester Combined Authority [ELG0027]
Dow [ELG0028]
Horticultural Trades Association (HTA) [ELG0029]
Centre for Cities [ELG0030]
National Farmers' Union of England and Wales [ELG0031]
Federation of Small Business [ELG0032]
Chemical Industries Association Ltd [ELG0033]
The City of London Corporation [ELG0034]
The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Ltd (SMMT) [ELG0035]
The Wine and Spirit Trade Association [ELG0037]
Dr Gabriella Legrenzi [ELG0038]
British Educational Suppliers Association [ELG0039]
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors [ELG0040]
Salmon Scotland [ELG0041]
Lloyd's of London [ELG0042]
Tees Valley Combined Authority [ELG0043]
Quality Meat Scotland [ELG0044]
Centre for Business Prosperity and Enterprise Research Centre [ELG0045]
The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (APBI) [ELG0046]
National Grid [ELG0047]
RenewableUK [ELG0048]
Trades Union Congress [ELG0049]

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sonia Kumar

Alison Griffiths

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

Mr Calvin Bailey also attended for item 5 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 18 March)

1. Industrial Strategy

Rt Hon. Maria Eagle MP, Minister of State for Defence Procurement and Industry, Ministry of Defence, Barnaby Kistruck OBE, Director of Industrial Strategy, Prosperity and Exports, Ministry of Defence, Sarah Jones MP, Minister of State for Industry, Department for Business and Trade and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Neil Johnson, Director, Materials in the Business Group, Department for Business and Trade, gave oral evidence.

2. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 April, at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 27 March 2025

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

East Lancashire businesses:

Correspondence with Sarah Smith MP, in relation to a roundtable with East Lancashire businesses, dated 13 March 2025

Free Trade Agreement with Switzerland:

Correspondence with Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to Round 6 negotiations on an enhanced Free Trade Agreement with Switzerland, dated 24 March 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Amazon, in relation to evidence given before the Committee, dated 27 January 2025

Friday 28 March 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

Economic Crime:

Correspondence with Companies House, in relation to oral evidence given to the Sub-Committee on 19 March, dated 28 March 2025

Sunday 30 March – Friday 4 April 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Sonia Kumar, Gregor Poynton, Mr Joshua Reynolds, Rosie Wrighting and Matt Western visited Japan in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Industrial Strategy and work on Trade, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 December 2024.

Monday 1 April 2025

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

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Business and Trade in relation to a plan for Steel, dated 1 April 2025

Thursday 3 April 2025

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

US Tariffs:

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Business and Trade in relation to the UK's response to the introduction of new US trade tariffs, dated 3 April 2025

Thursday 10 April 2025

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

Post Office Horizon Scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports in relation to Post Office Horizon redress schemes, dated 10 April 2025

Monday 14 April 2025

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

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Trade Remedies Authority in relation to trade diversion and the dumping of goods into the UK market, dated 14 April 2025

Wednesday 16 April 2025

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

Export led growth:

Correspondence with Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security in relation to the Government's consultation on the response to US tariffs, dated 16 April 2025

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrioting

Bill Esterson also attended for item 4 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 18 March)

1. Visit to Japan

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Royal Mail:

Correspondence with Michael Wheeler MP, in relation to Royal Mail deliveries, dated 20 March 2025

Export Control Joint Unit:

Correspondence with Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the Committee's visit to the Export Control Joint Unit, dated 25 March 2025 and 2 April 2025

Post Office:

Correspondence with Post Office, in relation to WHSmith sale, dated 31 March 2025

Correspondence with Post Office, in relation to Directly Managed Branches, dated 8 April 2025

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with AstraZeneca, in relation to oral evidence given on 18 March, dated 28 March

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with Department for Business and Trade, in relation to the Department's 2024-2025 Annual Report and Accounts, dated 27 March 2025

UK-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement:

Correspondence with Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to an upgraded Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Korea, dated 8 April 2025

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to Horizon Shortfall Scheme Appeals Process, dated 8 April 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with Walpole, in relation to Export led growth, dated 28 March 2025

Vodafone franchising:

Correspondence with Richard Tice MP, Jonathan Brash MP, Rt Hon Sir John Hayes MP CBE, and Sharon Hodgson MP, in relation to Vodafone franchising, dated 11 March 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with Saferworld, in relation to arms exports to Israel, dated 17 April 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with GMB Union, in relation to ongoing dispute with Bidfood, dated 14 April 2025

Economic Crime:

Correspondence with Companies House, in relation to continued reform, dated 17 April 2025

4. Industrial Strategy

Professor David Greenwood, Chief Executive Officer, Warwick Manufacturing Group, Brian Holliday, Managing Director, Digital Industries, Siemens plc and Stephen Phipson CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Make UK, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Edwards referred to her declaration of interests.

Dr Markus Grüeneisl, Chief Executive Officer, BMW (UK) Manufacturing Ltd, Steve Turner, Assistant General Secretary, Unite the Union, Alan Johnson, Senior Vice-President for Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Purchasing AMIEO, Nissan Motor Corp and Mike Hawes, Chief Executive Officer, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, gave oral evidence.

Alistair McGirr, Group Head of Policy and Advocacy, SSE, Rob Salter-Church, Director of Regulation, National Grid (Electricity Transmission) and Louise Kingham, Head of Country UK and SVP Europe, BP, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

George Freeman, Florence Eshalomi and Lola McEvoy also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 18 March)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Mingyang Smart Energy Group:

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in relation to Mingyang Smart Energy Group, dated 4 April 2025 and 23 April 2025

Notifiable Acquisition Regulations:

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in relation to Notifiable Acquisition Regulations, dated 4 April and 17 April

Export led growth:

Correspondence with Trade Remedies Authority, in relation to monitoring trade diversion and product dumping into the UK market, dated 17 April 2025

Correspondence with the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, in relation to their position on PEM [preferential rules of origin], dated 24 April 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to the export of F-35 components, dated 22 April 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the application of forced labour bans across Government, dated 25 April 2025

3. Industrial Strategy

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Kim McGuinness, North East Mayor, North East Combined Authority and Howard Dawber, Deputy Mayor, Business and Growth, Greater London Authority, gave oral evidence.

George Freeman declared an interest.

Kitty Ussher, Head of Group Policy Development, Barclays, John Godfrey, Managing Director for Public Affairs, Policy and Research, TheCityUK, Louis Taylor CBE, Chief Executive Officer, British Business Bank and John Flint, Chief Executive Officer, National Wealth Fund gave oral evidence.

Stian Westlake, Executive Chair, Economic and Social Research Council, UKRI, Mike Biddle, Executive Director for Net Zero, Innovate UK, UKRI, Matt Clifford CBE, Chair, Advanced Research and Invention Agency and Professor Ben Morgan, Chief Executive, Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, University of Sheffield, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 May, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 29 April 2025

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

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the UK Automotive sector, dated 29 April 2025

Friday 2 May 2025

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

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to response to US tariffs, dated 1 May 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication, under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-Committee of 19 March 2025:

Cyber-attacks:

Correspondence with the Co-op, in relation to cyber-attacks, dated 1 May 2025
Correspondence with Marks and Spencer, in relation to cyber-attacks, dated 1 May 2025

Tuesday 6 May 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Charlie Maynard, Mr Joshua Reynolds and Matt Western visited Belfast in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Export led growth, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 February 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:

Post Office Capture Accounting Software:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to Capture accounting software redress, dated 28 March 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Businesses and Exports, in relation to Capture accounting software redress, dated 25 April 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to UK measures in response to US tariffs, dated 25 April 2025

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to an update on correspondence, dated 22 April 2025

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Department for Business and Trade, in relation to the 2024-25 Annual Report and Accounts, dated 28 April 2025

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Sonia Kumar

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Washington DC in connection with work on Trade, Economic Security and Business.

2. How to strengthen UK-EU relations: Policy Priorities for the Summit

Draft Report (How to strengthen UK-EU relations: Policy Priorities for the Summit), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 908.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Post Office:

Correspondence with Post Office, in relation to the appointment of the Chief Executive and the future of the Post Office, dated 5 May 2025

P&O Ferries:

Correspondence with P&O Ferries, in relation to the decision of KPMG LLP to resign as their statutory auditor, dated 9 May 2025

Whistleblowing legislation:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to whistleblowing legislation, dated 9 May 2025

Cyber-attacks:

Correspondence with Marks and Spencer, in relation to cyber-attacks, dated 8 May 2025

Export led growth:

Selected Responses from Committee survey [ELG0051]

4. Industrial Strategy

Andrew New, Chief Executive Officer, NHS Supply Chain and Andrew Forzani, Government Chief Commercial Officer, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Lord Livermore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, HM Treasury, Baroness Gustafsson of Chesterton CBE, Minister of State (Minister for Investment), HM Treasury and Department for Business and Trade, Rt Hon. Jonathan Reynolds MP,

Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Department for Business and Trade and Rt Hon Baroness Smith of Malvern, Minister of State (Minister for Skills and Minister for Women and Equalities), Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 May, at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 15 May 2025

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

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with Minister for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to F35 components and Government transparency, dated 14 May 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the US-UK Economic Prosperity Deal, dated 15 May 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

Cyber-attacks:

Correspondence with Marks and Spencer, in relation to a request for their appearance at an evidence session, dated 15 May 2025

Friday 16 May 2025

The following papers were reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK economic security:

Correspondence with Harrods, in relation to a request for their appearance at an evidence session, dated 16 May 2025

Correspondence with Co-op, in relation to a request for their appearance at an evidence session, dated 16 May 2025

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Small Business.

2. Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill

Draft Special Report (Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2024-25), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Export led growth:

Pernod Ricard [ELG0050]

Groceries Code Adjudicator:

Correspondence with Minister for Employment Rights, Markets and Small Business, in relation to Review of the Groceries Code Adjudicator, dated 13 May 2025

Estimates Memoranda:

Department for Business and Trade Main Estimate Memorandum 2025-26
UK Export Finance Main Estimate Memorandum 2025-26

Industrial Strategy:

The Association of Investment Companies [IND0001]
Professor Nigel Driffield [IND0003]
UKRI National Interdisciplinary Centre for Circular Chemical Economy [IND0004]
Dr Dongna Zhang [IND0005]
NCC Group [IND0006]
Association of British HealthTech Industries [IND0007]
Industrial Communities Alliance [IND0009]
CIMA [IND0010]
ADS Group [IND0011]
Royal Society of Chemistry [IND0012]
Manchester Airports Group [IND0013]
TheCityUK [IND0014]
The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry [IND0015]
Vodafone UK [IND0016]
Dr Darcy Luke, Dr Nathan Critch, Professor Patrick Diamond, Professor David Richards, Dr Sam Warner, Professor Andy Westwood [IND0017]
Women's Budget Group [IND0018]
West London Alliance [IND0019]
Tank Storage Association [IND0020]

Dr Neil Dixon [IND0021]
Russell Group [IND0022]
Institution of Mechanical Engineers [IND0023]
Professor Stephanie Rickard [IND0024]
Professor Carolyn Hardaker [IND0025]
Queen Mary University of London [IND0026]
DJI [IND0027]
The Law Society of England and Wales [IND0028]
ISPA [IND0029]
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry [IND0030]
Angel Trains [IND0031]
Lendlease [IND0032]
John Hardaker [IND0033]
Professor Simon Pemberton [IND0034]
Hitachi Energy [IND0035]
Centre for Sectoral Economic Performance - Imperial College London [IND0036]
Dr Kean Fan Lim [IND0037]
Construction Industry Training Board [IND0038]
Recruitment and Employment Confederation [IND0039]
Budweiser Brewing Group UK and Ireland [IND0040]
Pragmatic Semiconductor [IND0041]
City of London Corporation [IND0042]
British Beer and Pub Association [IND0043]
Universities UK [IND0044]
The Royal Academy of Engineering [IND0045]
Dr Arman Mazhikeyev [IND0046]
BusinessLDN [IND0047]
International Air Transport Association [IND0048]
Vertical Aerospace [IND0049]
Centre for Cities [IND0050]
Northern Ireland Productivity Forum [IND0051]
Bruntwood SciTech [IND0052]
Universities for North East England [IND0053]
Marine Energy Council [IND0054]
UK Finance [IND0055]
UK Hospitality [IND0056]
Independent Networks Co-operative Association [IND0057]
Chartered Management Institute [IND0058]

City-Region Economic Development Institute, University of Birmingham [IND0059]
Tata Steel UK [IND0060]
Salford Business School, University of Salford [IND0061]
Law Society of Scotland [IND0062]
Dr Benjamin Neil Gallant , Dr Simon Mair, Professor Angela Druckman, Dr Lirong Liu [IND0063]
Make UK [IND0064]
Openreach [IND0065]
Positive Money UK [IND0067]
Premier League [IND0068]
Professor Suresh Renukappa, Mr Mark Stride, Professor Subashini Suresh, Mr Chandrashekar Subbrao, Dr Sean Starr, Professor Tony Veenith [IND0069]
techUK [IND0070]
Mineral Products Association [IND0071]
Professor Suresh Renukappa, Mr Mark Stride, Professor Subashini Suresh, Mr Chandrashekar Subbrao, Dr Sean Starr, Professor Tony Veenith [IND0072]
Green Alliance [IND0073]
Country Land and Business Association [IND0074]
Air Products Ltd [IND0075]
Association of Colleges [IND0076]
The Glasshouse International Centre for Music [IND0077]
Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy, UK Trade Policy Observatory [IND0079]
The Alliance for Intellectual Property [IND0080]
United Kingdom Accreditation Service [IND0081]
The Society of Chemical Industry [IND0082]
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board [IND0084]
British Insurance Brokers' Association [IND0085]
Chemical Industries Association [IND0086]
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [IND0087]
Logistics UK [IND0088]
Sage [IND0089]
Royal Society of Biology [IND0090]
National Biofilms Innovation Centre [IND0091]
Institute of Physics [IND0092]
Local Government Association [IND0093]
GuildHE [IND0094]
Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining [IND0095]

Vishay Intertechnology [IND0096]
Ericsson [IND0097]
British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association [IND0098]
Federation of Small Businesses [IND0099]
The Wine and Spirit Trade Association [IND0100]
Dalton Nuclear Institute, University of Manchester [IND0101]
British Printing Industries Federation [IND0102]
ChargeUK [IND0103]
Imperial College London [IND0104]
Jaguar Land Rover [IND0105]
National Grid [IND0106]
Virgin Atlantic [IND0107]
IBM [IND0108]
Renewable UK [IND0109]
British Screen Forum [IND0110]
Professor David Edgerton [IND0111]
Dr Ethan Ilzetzki [IND0112]
Startup Coalition [IND0113]
National Grid [IND0115]
Correspondence with bp plc, in relation to 22 April evidence session, dated 8 May 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to a UK trade agreement with the United States, dated 13 May 2025

Companies House:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to Companies House statutory instruments, dated 14 May 2025

Intellectual Property Rights Regime:

Correspondence with Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, in relation to UK's exhaustion of intellectual property rights regime, dated 15 May 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to arms exports to Israel, dated 20 May 2025

4. Members' attendance statistics

The Committee approved, for publication, its attendance statistics for the current session as at 9 April 2025.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 3 June, at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 2 June 2025

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

UK trade envoy programme:

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the UK trade envoy programme, dated 2 June 2025

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Chi Onwurah also attended for item 5 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 18 March)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Littlehampton, Maidenhead, Dudley, Tipton and Wensbury, and Witney in connection with its Small Business inquiry.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the role of regulators.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into UK trade with the US, India and EU.

2. Industrial Strategy

Draft Report (Industrial Strategy), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 727.

3. Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business: Government response

Draft Special Report (Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business: Government response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2024-25), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Industrial Strategy:

Defence, Equipment and Support, Ministry of Defence [IND0116]

Estimates Memorandum:

Competition and Markets Authority Main Estimate Memorandum 2025-26

Financial Reporting Council:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to reappointment of the Chair of the Financial Reporting Council, dated 16 May 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the Modern Slavery Act, dated 19 May 2025

US Tariffs:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to US tariffs on the UK automotive sector, dated 19 May 2025

Work of the Department of Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Department for Business and Trade, in relation to the May update on the 2024-25 Department for Business and Trade Annual Report and Accounts, dated 20 May 2025

P&O Ferries:

Correspondence with P&O Ferries, dated 22 May and 2 June 2025

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with Pool Re, in relation to the Sub-Committee's inquiry into UK economic security, dated 23 May 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the US-UK Economic Prosperity Deal, dated 28 May 2025

Pubs Code:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Pubs Code and Pubs Code Adjudicator, dated 29 May 2025

5. Export led growth

Russell Codling, Director, Markets Business Development and Commercial Services, Tata Steel, Andy Richardson, Managing Director, Special Melted Products, Murray Paul, Public Affairs Director, Jaguar Land Rover and George Drakos, Director, Bridgnorth Aluminium, gave oral evidence.

David Exwood, Deputy President, National Farmers Union, Paul Kenward, Chief Executive Officer, ABF Sugar and Steve Bates, Chief Executive Officer, BioIndustry Association, gave oral evidence.

Charlie Maynard referred to his declaration of interests.

Dr Simon Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Paragraf, Sabina Ciofu, Associate Director – International, techUK and Jonathan Legh-Smith MBE, Executive Director, UKQuantum, gave oral evidence.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 June, at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 4 June 2025

The following papers were reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to a future session on UK arms exports, dated 4 June 2025

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to giving evidence on UK arms exports, dated 3 June 2025

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Defence, in relation to a future session on UK arms exports, dated 4 June 2025

Monday 9 June – Tuesday 10 June 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Sonia Kumar, Mr Joshua Reynolds, Matt Western, and Rosie Wrighting visited Washington DC in connection with the Committee's work on Trade, Economic Security and Business in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 May 2025.

Tuesday 10 June 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:

Steel Special Measures Act:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the Steel Special Measures Act, dated 30 May 2025

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with NHS Supply Chain, in relation to the Industrial Strategy inquiry, dated 4 June 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America, and UK Overseas Territories, in relation to arms exports to Israel, dated 4 June 2025

Wednesday 11 June 2025

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

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to Post Office Horizon scandal redress, dated 10 June 2025

Monday 16 June 2025

The Chair, Alison Griffiths and Mr Joshua Reynolds visited Littlehampton in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Small Business in accordance with the Committee's decision of 3 June 2025.

The Chair, Alison Griffiths, Mr Joshua Reynolds and Sarah Edwards visited Maidenhead in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Small Business in accordance with the Committee's decision of 3 June 2025.

Tuesday 17 June 2025

Sarah Edwards, Sonia Kumar, and Charlie Maynard visited Tamworth in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Small Business in accordance with the Committee's decision of 3 June 2025.

The Chair, Sarah Edwards, Sonia Kumar, and Charlie Maynard visited Dudley in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Small Business in accordance with the Committee's decision of 3 June 2025.

The Chair, Sarah Edwards, and Charlie Maynard visited Witney in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Small Business in accordance with the Committee's decision of 3 June 2025.

Wednesday 18 June 2025

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

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Business and Trade and Secretary of State for Defence, in relation to the Defence Industrial Strategy, dated 18 June 2025

Thursday 19 June 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:

Steel Strategy:

Correspondence with Minister of State for Industry, in relation to Steel Strategy, dated 9 June 2025

Post Office and Capture accounting software:

Correspondence with Post Office, in relation to Capture accounting software, dated 19 June 2025

Correspondence with Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to Capture accounting software, dated 19 June 2025

Correspondence with Criminal Cases Review Commission, in relation to Capture accounting software, dated 19 June 2025

Tuesday 24 June 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Charlie Maynard

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Dr Rupa Huq also attended for item 5 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Business and Trade Committee's resolution of 18 March)

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Financing the real economy.

2. Export led growth: Trade with the Asia-Pacific region

Draft Report (Export led growth: Trade with the Asia-Pacific region), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Eight Report of the Committee, HC 1048.

3. Draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025

Resolved, That the affirmative resolution procedure should apply to the draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025, which was laid before the House on 21 May 2025.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with Trade Ministers, in relation to UK-EU Common Understanding, dated 16 June 2025

Correspondence with Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to UK-US Economic Prosperity Deal update, dated 18 June 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with AB Sugar, in relation to UK Bioethanol industry, dated 18 June 2025

Correspondence with Secretary of State for Business and Trade and Secretary of State for Transport, in relation to UK Bioethanol Industry, dated 24 June 2025

P&O Ferries:

Correspondence with P&O Ferries, in relation to financial support from DP World, dated 16 June 2025

UK trade envoys:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the UK trade envoy programme, dated 16 June 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Lord Coaker, in relation to UK arms exports, dated 20 June 2025

5. Pricing, competition and consumer protection

Dominic Morrey, Commercial Director for Fresh Food, Tesco and Ed Anderson, Director of Legal (Regulatory and Commercial), Sainsbury's, gave oral evidence.

Sophie Dekkers, Chief Commercial Officer, easyJet and Robert Griggs, Policy and Public Affairs Director, Airlines UK, gave oral evidence.

Andrew Parsons, Managing Director, Ticketmaster and Phil Bowdrey, Executive President, Touring International Music, Live Nation, and Chairman, Concert Promoters Association, gave oral evidence.

Emma Cochrane, Acting Executive Director of Consumer Protection, Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) and Hayley Fletcher, Interim Senior Director of Consumer Protection, Competition and Markets Authority, gave oral evidence.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 July, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 1 July 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

Antonia Bance

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025

Draft Report (Draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 1140.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Pricing, competition and consumer protection

Correspondence with Competition and Markets Authority, dated 20 June 2025

Corporate sustainability consultations:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to corporate sustainability disclosure and assurance consultations, dated 25 June 2025

Post Office Capture accounting software:

Correspondence with Post Office, in relation to Post Office Capture information, dated 23 June 2025

Draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025:

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office, in relation to the draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025, dated 16 June 2025 and 25 June 2025

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, dated 23 June 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to round seven of negotiations on an enhanced Free Trade Agreement with Switzerland, dated 25 June 2025

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the UK's Trade Strategy, dated 25 June 2025

4. Small business strategy

Andrew Goodacre, Chief Executive, British Independent Retailers Association, Paul Wilson, Policy Director, Federation of Small Business, Jonny Haseldine, Head of Corporate Governance and Business Environment Policy, British Chambers of Commerce and Dominic Armstrong, Head of Policy and Communications, Community Trade Union, gave oral evidence.

Caroline Larissey, Chief Executive, National Hair and Beauty Federation, Toby Dicker, Chief Executive, Salon Employers Association, Gareth Penn, Registrar, Hair and Barber Council and Victoria Brownlie, Chief Policy and Sustainability Officer, British Beauty Council, gave oral evidence.

Brian Berry, Chief Executive, Federation of Master Builders and Paul Brain, Managing Director, Ashcroft Services Ltd, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 July, at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 2 July 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Prime Minister, in relation to UK arms exports to Israel, dated 2 July 2025

Tuesday 8 July 2025

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

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to publication of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry's final report volume one, dated 8 July 2025

Wednesday 9 July 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

Activities concerning Gaza:

Correspondence with Boston Consulting Group, in relation to activities concerning Gaza, dated 9 July 2025

Thursday 10 July 2025

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

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority, in relation to Shein and the UK listing regime, dated 10 July 2025

Tuesday 15 July 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

John Cooper

Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Matt Western

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to launch of UK-Taiwan Enhanced Trade Partnership Pillars on Investment, dated 27 June 2025

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Department for Business and Trade, in relation to Annual Report and Accounts June update, dated 30 June 2025

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with the Minister for Industry, in relation to Government support for the UK automotive sector, dated 30 June 2025

Abolition of local registers:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to abolition of local registers, dated 30 June 2025

Parental Leave Review:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to Parental Leave Review, dated 1 July 2025

Post Office Capture accounting software:

Correspondence with Criminal Cases Review Commission, in relation to Post Office Capture cases, dated 3 July 2025

Post Office Horizon scandal redress: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with the Minister Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to the publication of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry Report, dated 8 July

Pricing, competition and consumer protection:

Correspondence with Ticketmaster UK, in relation to evidence given before the Committee on 24 June, dated 9 July

Correspondence with Touring International Music (Live Nation UK), in relation to evidence given before the Committee on 24 June, dated 9 July

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to UK-US Economic Prosperity Deal, dated 26 June 2025 and 9 July 2025

Office for Responsible Business Conduct:

Correspondence with the Office for Responsible Business Conduct, in relation to the Department's work, dated 9 July 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority, in relation to Shein and integrity of the UK Listing Regime, dated 11 July 2025

3. The role of regulators

Charlie Maynard referred to his declaration of interests.

Sarah Pritchard, Executive Director Consumers, Competition and International and Deputy Chief Executive, Financial Conduct Authority, Sarah Cardell, Chief Executive, Competition and Markets Authority and David Bailey, Executive Director, Prudential Policy, Prudential Regulation Authority (Bank of England), gave oral evidence.

Jonathan Brearley, Chief Executive, Ofgem, David Black, Chief Executive, Ofwat and Jo Nettleton, Chief Regulator, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

The Rt Hon. the Lord Willetts, Chair, Regulatory Innovation Office and Justin Madders MP, Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, Department for Business and Trade and Chris Carr, Director, Company Law and Governance, Department for Business and Trade, gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 September, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 22 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:

Unpaid internships:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to unpaid internships, dated 17 July 2025

Assimilated Law Parliamentary Report:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Assimilated Law Parliamentary Report, dated 17 July 2025

The role of regulators:

Correspondence with the Environment Agency, in relation to oral evidence given to the Committee on 15 July, dated 17 July 2025

The Companies (Directors' Report) (Payment Reporting) Regulations:

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to The Companies (Directors' Report) (Payment Reporting) Regulations, dated 17 July 2025

Climate Change Committee:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to a Climate Change Committee briefing invitation, dated 12 June 2025 and 10 July 2025

Post Office:

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to the Post Office Green Paper, dated 14 July 2025

UK-Turkey Free Trade Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to Round 1 of negotiations on an enhanced Free Trade Agreement with Turkey, dated 14 July 2025

UK-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to Round 5 of negotiations on an upgraded Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Korea, dated 21 July 2025

UK Internal Market Act:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the review of UK Internal Market Act, dated 15 July 2025

Draft Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets, in relation to the Draft Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill, dated 21 July 2025 and 22 July 2025

Strategic Priorities for Telecommunications, the Management of Radio Spectrum and Postal Services:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, in relation to a consultation on the statement of strategic priorities for telecommunications, the management of radio spectrum and postal services, dated 21 July 2025

Sizewell C final investment decision:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, in relation to the Sizewell C final investment decision, dated 22 July 2025

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Department for Business and Trade, in relation to a July update on the Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025, dated 22 July 2025

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports, in relation to the performance of the Horizon redress schemes, dated 21 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to oral evidence given to the Business and Trade Sub-Committee on Economic Security, Arms and Export Controls on 9 July, dated 21 July

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in relation to a potential register of foreign-owned assets in the UK, dated 21 July

Correspondence with the Minister for Security, in relation to the Government's response to the public consultation on Ransomware legislative proposals, dated 22 July 2025

Pay differentials between NCA Officers and Police Officers:

Correspondence with the National Crime Agency, in relation to pay differentials between NCA Officers and Police Officers, dated 21 July 2025

Thursday 24 July 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

Activities concerning Gaza:

Correspondence with Boston Consulting Group, in relation to activities concerning Gaza, dated 22 July 2025

Wednesday 13 August 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade, for Defence, and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, in relation to suspended arms exports to Israel, dated 13 August 2025

Monday 18 August 2025

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

Price of Mounjaro:

Correspondence with Eli Lilly, in relation to the price of Mounjaro, dated 18 August 2025

Wednesday 20 August 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

DSEI 2025:

Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade and for Defence, in relation to IDF suppliers' participation at DSEI 2025, dated 19 August 2025

Thames Water Utilities Ltd:

Correspondence with Ofwat, in relation to the 'Ultimate Controller' of Thames Water Utilities Ltd, dated 20 August 2025

Friday 22 August 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:

UK Trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to tariffs on finished goods exported to the US, dated 22 August 2025

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

John Cooper

Alison Griffiths

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard

Gregor Poynton

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Matt Western

Rosie Wrighting

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. How to strengthen UK-EU relations: Policy Priorities for the Summit

Draft Special Report (How to strengthen UK-EU relations: Policy Priorities for the Summit: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2024-25), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Price of Mounjaro:

Correspondence with Eli Lilly, in relation to the UK list price for Mounjaro, dated 29 August

Pricing, competition and consumer protection:

Correspondence with Ticketmaster, in relation to questions raised by the Committee during the session on 24 June, dated 29 August 2025

Correspondence with Live Nation, in relation to questions raised by the Committee on 24 June, dated 29 August 2025

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to Parliamentary scrutiny of the US-UK Economic Prosperity Deal, dated 22 July 2025

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to the UK-India Free Trade Agreement, dated 23 July 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Paymaster General and the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, in relation to the Committee's sixth report on UK-EU relations and the Committee's letter of 16 June, dated 15 July 2025

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to the UK's bioethanol industry, dated 4 August 2025

Small business strategy:

Correspondence with the Minister for Services, Small Businesses and Exports, in relation to the plan for small and medium sized business, dated 31 July 2025

The role of regulators:

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority, in relation to topics raised by the Committee on 15 July, dated 11 August 2025

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Chief Operating Officer for the Department, in relation to the August update on 2024-25 Annual Report and Accounts, dated 21 August 2025

Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025:

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office, in relation to the Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025, dated 27 August 2025

UK economic security:

Correspondence with Pool Re, in relation to potential measures to bolster the UK's economic resilience, dated 22 July 2025

Correspondence with Lord Coaker, in relation to questions raised on the UK's economic security in response to the Strategic Defence Review, dated 27 August 2025

Correspondence with Lord Robertson, in relation to the Strategic Defence Review, dated 10 July 2025

Economic Crime:

Correspondence with Companies House, in relation to identity verification, dated 7 August 2025

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 September, at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 8 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:

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the Employment Rights Bill, dated 8 September 2025

Industrial Strategy:

Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade and for Defence, in relation to the Defence Industrial Strategy, dated 4 September 2025

Tuesday 9 September 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair

John Cooper

Sonia Kumar

Charlie Maynard
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Matt Western

1. Industrial Strategy

Draft Special Report (Industrial Strategy: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2024-26), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

2. US Economic Prosperity Deal

Draft Report (US Economic Prosperity Deal), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report, was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the Report are published with the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1306.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Priorities of the Business and Trade Committee for 2026.

Resolved, That the Committee hold engagement events in London and regional roundtables, in connection with its inquiry into Priorities of the Business and Trade Committee for 2026.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the Post Office and Horizon compensation.

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

Export led growth:

Financial Times [ELG0052]

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Dr Anandadeep Mandal [UKT0001]
The Law Society of England and Wales [UKT0002]
FOUR PAWS UK [UKT0003]
World Animal Protection [UKT0004]
British Beer and Pub Association [UKT0005]
National Measurement Laboratory at LGC [UKT0006]
Compassion in World Farming [UKT0007]
Chester Zoo [UKT0008]
Mr Raja Gopal Aulla [UKT0009]
BritishAmerican Business [UKT0010]
Chivas Brothers Pernod Ricard [UKT0011]
Confederation of British Industry (CBI) [UKT0012]
Best for Britain [UKT0013]
Global Justice Now [UKT0014]
Quality Meat Scotland [UKT0015]
British Sugar plc [UKT0016]
UK Music [UKT0017]
Dr Nicolette Butler [UKT0018]
RSPCA [UKT0019]
Dr Maria Garcia [UKT0020]
BPI (British Recorded Music Industry) [UKT0021]
Overton Advisory [UKT0022]
National Farmers' Union (NFU) [UKT0023]
ABTA - The Travel Association [UKT0024]
Law Society of Scotland [UKT0025]
The Investment Association [UKT0026]
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) [UKT0027]
London Market Group [UKT0028]
Scotch Whisky Association [UKT0029]
Ceramics UK [UKT0030]
CropLife UK [UKT0031]
Institute of Directors [UKT0032]
ICAEW [UKT0033]
Paragraf [UKT0034]
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) [UKT0035]
UK Trade Policy Observatory (UKTPO) and Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy (CITP) [UKT0036]

The Wine and Spirit Trade Association (WSTA) [UKT0037]
Trade Justice Movement [UKT0038]
Norwich Research Park [UKT0039]
UKinbound [UKT0040]
Dow [UKT0041]
The Food and Drink Federation [UKT0042]
WWF-UK [UKT0043]
UK BioIndustry Association (BIA) [UKT0044]
Royal Institute of British Architects [UKT0045]
Deloitte LLP [UKT0046]
Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy (CITP) [UKT0047]
Mr Bin Yu [UKT0048]
Animal Policy International [UKT0050]
Dr Joao Vitor Tossini [UKT0051]
India Labour Solidarity [UKT0052]
Scottish Chambers of Commerce [UKT0053]
Lloyd's Market Association [UKT0054]
Getlink Group [UKT0055]
The City of London Corporation [UKT0057]
Federation of Small Businesses [UKT0058]
British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVCA) [UKT0059]
Vodafone Group [UKT0060]
Department for Business and Trade [UKT0061]
United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) [UKT0062]

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, dated 5 September 2025

Wagestream and workplace lending services:

Correspondence with Asda relating to Wagestream and workplace lending services, dated 4 September 2025

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 September, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 9 September 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK economic security:

Correspondence with Jaguar Land Rover, in relation to the cyber attack on the company, dated 9 September 2025

Thursday 11 September 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK economic security:

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in relation to support for Jaguar Land Rover's supply chain after the cyber attack on the business, dated 11 September 2025

Friday 12 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:

Wagestream:

Correspondence with Asda, in relation to Wagestream, dated 10 September 2025

Tuesday 16 September 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
John Cooper
Sarah Edwards

Alison Griffiths
Sonia Kumar
Charlie Maynard
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Matt Western

1. Export led growth

Draft Special Report (Export led growth: Trade with the Asia-Pacific Region: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2024-26), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eighth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets in relation to the Planned Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill, dated 4 September 2025

Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with Secretary of State in relation to the Employment Rights Bill, dated 15 September 2025

The role of regulators:

Correspondence with Ofgem in relation to the Committee's session on 15 July on the role of regulators, dated 8 September 2025

4. Small business strategy

Josh Clarke, Director and Flat Roofing Manager, Clarke Roofing, Tim Balcon, Chief Executive, Construction Industry Training Board, David Hughes CBE, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges, Sarah Maclean CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Skills England gave oral evidence.

Jon McGinty, Managing Director, Gloucester City Council, Nick Plumb, Director of Policy and Insight, Power to Change, Daniel Thompson, Managing Director – UK Development, Greystar gave oral evidence.

Allen Simpson, CEO, UKHospitality, Stephen Montgomery, Director, Scottish Hospitality, Lydia Papaphilippopoulos-Snape, Owner, Warwick Street Kitchen & Saint Kitchen gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 October, at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 17 September 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with Tata Motors, in relation to protections for Jaguar Land Rover and its supply chain, dated 17 September 2025

Thursday 18 September 2025

Thames Water Utilities Ltd

Correspondence with Ofwat, in relation to the 'Ultimate Controller' of Thames Water Utilities Ltd, dated 8 September 2025

Monday 22 September 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence from Jaguar Land Rover, in relation to the cyber attack on the company, dated 19 September 2025

Wednesday 24 September 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with Tata Motors, in relation to the cyber attack on Jaguar Land Rover, dated 23 September 2025

Correspondence with Jaguar Land Rover, in relation to the approach to supplier confidentiality following the cyber attack, dated 24 September 2025

Wednesday 25 September 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in relation to a recent meeting of the Committee with Jaguar Land Rover suppliers, dated 25 September 2025

Friday 26 September 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with Tata Motors, in relation to cyber attacks in the United Kingdom, dated 26 September 2025

Thursday 2 October 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to the announcement of the loan guarantee to Jaguar Land Rover, dated 1 October 2025

Tuesday 14 October 2025

Members present

Sarah Edwards, in the Chair
Antonia Bance
John Cooper
Sonia Kumar
Charlie Maynard
Mr Joshua Reynolds

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Government of Jersey [UKT0063]

Export led growth

Correspondence from Minister of State for Trade in relation to UK's WTO Article XXVIII process, dated 17 September 2025

Fujitsu

Correspondence with Chief Operating Officer at the Cabinet Office relating to value of Government contract extensions with Fujitsu, dated 11 September 2025

Correspondence with Government Chief Commercial Officer relating to Government contracts with Fujitsu since May 2024, dated 8 October 2025

Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress:

Correspondence with Minister for Small Business and Economic Transformation in relation to the Department's response to Vol.1 of the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry Report, dated 9 October 2025

Pricing, competition and consumer protection

Correspondence with the Competition and Markets Authority in relation to pricing practices in the live events sector, dated 25 September 2025

UK-Greenland Partnership

Correspondence with the Secretary of State in relation to the UK-Greenland Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement Negotiations, 3 October 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with Tata Consultancy Services, in relation in relation to cyber attacks in the United Kingdom, dated 29 September 2025

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to the cyber attack on Jaguar Land Rover, dated 29 September 2025

3. Financing the real economy

Professor Tera Allas, Chair, The Productivity Institute, Professor Jagjit Chadha, Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge, Lord Turner of Ecchinswell, Chair, OakNorth Bank, Professor Jonathan Haskel, Professor of Economics, Imperial College Business School gave oral evidence.

Will Hutton, Co-Chair, The Purposeful Company, President, The Academy of Social Sciences gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 October, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Antonia Bance
John Cooper
Alison Griffiths
Sonia Kumar
Charlie Maynard
Mr Joshua Reynolds

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Export led growth

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade relating to round 2 of negotiations on an enhanced Free Trade Agreement with Turkey, dated 13 October

Small business strategy

Correspondence with National Federation of Roofing Contractors in relation to the evidence session on 16 September, dated 15 October 2025

UK trade with the US, India and EU

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade in relation to UK-US Trade, dated 13 October 2025

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade in relation to the Ratification Plan for the UK-India Free Trade Agreement, dated 14 October 2025

3. Financing the real economy

Anita Breslin, Chief Financial Officer, Tokamak Energy, Jenny Hadlow, Chief Operating Officer, Checkout.com, Markus Bauman, Chief Corporate Strategy Officer and Chief Legal Officer, CMR Surgical gave oral evidence.

Rob Salter-Church, Regulation Director, National Grid, Greg Reed, Chief Executive Officer, Places for People, David Ward, Chief Financial Officer, GB Group Plc, Dr Stephen Streater, Research and Development Director, Blackbird Plc gave oral evidence.

Mo Jamei, Director of Economic Policy, Confederation of British Industry, Fhaheen Khan, Senior Economist, Make UK, Rosalind Gill, Director of Policy, Analysis and External Affairs, NCUB, James Ashton, Chief Executive Officer, Quoted Companies Alliance gave oral evidence.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 November, at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 27 October 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards and Charlie Maynard visited Cambridge in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Priorities for 2026 in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 September 2025.

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards, Alison Griffiths and Charlie Maynard visited Derby and Lincoln in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Priorities for 2026 in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 September 2025.

Tuesday 28 October 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, in relation to the announcement of the loan guarantee to Jaguar Land Rover, dated 13 October 2025

Tuesday 28 October - Wednesday 29 October 2025

The Chair, John Cooper, Sarah Edwards and Joshua Reynolds visited Sheffield, Leeds and Newcastle in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Priorities for 2026 in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 September 2025.

Thursday 30 October 2025

The Chair, John Cooper and Joshua Reynolds visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Priorities for 2026 in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 September 2025.

Tuesday 31 October 2025

The following paper was reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to the Government financial support to Jaguar Land Rover suppliers, dated 31 October 2025

Tuesday 4 November 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Antonia Bance
John Cooper
Sarah Edwards
Alison Griffiths
Sonia Kumar
Justin Madders
Charlie Maynard
Matt Western

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Paris, Brussels and Berlin in connection with its inquiries into UK-EU reset, Economic Security and Financing the real economy

Resolved, That the Committee visit India in connection with its inquiry into UK trade with the US, India and EU.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade, in relation to round eight of negotiations on an enhanced Free Trade Agreement with Switzerland, dated 28 October 2025

Employment Rights Bill:

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights and Consumer Protection, in relation to Employment Rights Bill October consultation package, dated 23 October 2025

Radio Equipment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025:

Correspondence with the Minister for Small Business and Economic Transformation, in relation to The Radio Equipment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025, dated 21 October 2025

Regulation Action Plan:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade and Chancellor of the Exchequer, in relation to the Regulation Action plan, dated 21 October 2025

Small business strategy:

Correspondence with the District Councils' Network, in relation to the small business strategy inquiry, dated 1 October 2025

3. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 November, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 11 November 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Antonia Bance
John Cooper
Alison Griffiths
Sonia Kumar
Justin Madders
Charlie Maynard
Matt Western

1. UK Economic Security

Draft Report (Toward a new doctrine for economic security), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 835.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Amazon UK:

Correspondence to Amazon UK in relation to the working conditions at Amazon's UK warehouses, dated 10 November 2025

Export led growth:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade in relation to EU Cumulation and Direct Transport in the UK-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement, dated 5 November 2025

Keep Britain Working Review:

Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade and Work and Pensions in relation to the Government response to the Keep Britain Working Review, dated 5 November 2025

Small business strategy:

Access by Design [SBS0001]

Engage with Business Ltd [SBS0002]

Dr Narmin Nahidi [SBS0003]

K Larcher Ltd [SBS0004]

Dr David Irwin [SBS0005]

Frog Bikes Ltd [SBS0006]

The Front Roo Penzance Limited [SBS0007]

Small Firms Enterprise Development Initiative Limited [SBS0008]
Corporate Development Ltd [SBS0010]
National Enterprise Network [SBS0011]
Professor Suresh Renukappa, Dr Sean Starr, University of Wolverhampton,
Professor Subashini Suresh, University of Wolverhampton Professor Tonny
Veenith, the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust [SBS0012]
L'Wren Hairdressing [SBS0013]
Individuals Hair Design Ltd [SBS0014]
Elliot's Hairdressing Ltd [SBS0017]
The Essentials Beauty [SBS0018]
UK Fashion and Textile Association [SBS0020]
Oracle Hairdressing Ltd [SBS0021]
Body Image (Hampshire) Ltd [SBS0022]
Dr Moustafa Haj Youssef, Dr Hiba Hussein, Dr Steve Nolan, Liverpool John
Moores University [SBS0023]
Tauber Hands Ltd (the Speech House Hotel) [SBS0024]
Association of Accounting Technicians [SBS0025]
Rainbow Room International [SBS0026]
HotWalls + [SBS0027]
Fundability Limited [SBS0028]
FTMR Bournemouth Ltd [SBS0029]
CIMA [SBS0030]
British Chambers of Commerce [SBS0031]
Export Partners UK [SBS0032]
University of East London [SBS0033]
National Hair & Beauty Federation [SBS0034]
Finance & leasing Association [SBS0035]
Plunkett UK [SBS0037]
Molbys Ltd [SBS0039]
National Federation of SubPostmasters [SBS0040]
Dr Robert Wapshott, University of Nottingham, Professor Oliver Mallett,
University of Stirling [SBS0041]
British Beauty Council [SBS0042]
The Open University [SBS0043]
Faces Hair & Beauty [SBS0044]
British Independent Retailers Association (BIRA) [SBS0045]
Aesthetics Ltd [SBS0046]
Dr Danny Buckley, Loughborough University Business School [SBS0047]

ABTA, The Travel Association [SBS0048]
Marshall Kinder-Maiss [SBS0049]
The Careers & Enterprise Company [SBS0051]
Dr S Asieh H. Tabaghedhi, Professor Ashley Braganza, Brunel University of London [SBS0052]
Dr S Asieh H. Tabaghedhi, Brunel University of London [SBS0053]
VodafoneThree [SBS0054]
The British Hair Consortium [SBS0055]
National Federation of Roofing Contractors [SBS0056]
The Association of Convenience Stores [SBS0057]
Elite Salon Hampshire Ltd [SBS0058]
Professor Roya Rahimi, Dr Samia Mahmood, Professor Prashant Pillai, Professor Zeeshan Parvez, University of Wolverhampton [SBS0059]
Quoted Companies Alliance [SBS0060]
UK Finance [SBS0061]
Dr Siming Liu, Brunel University of London, Professor Len Skerratt, University of Manchester [SBS0062]
Uk Jewellery, Silverware, Allied Crafts (JSAC) Sector [SBS0063]
Lorraine Beavers MP [SBS0064]
DEP Business Services Ltd [SBS0066]
British BIDs [SBS0067]
Open Opportunities [ERB0068]
Society of Independent Brewers and Associates (SIBA) [SBS0070]
Stones Hair [SBS0072]
Nort Laine Hair Company LLP [SBS0073]
Collinge & Co Limited [SBS0074]
Dr Kingsley Omeihe, Dr Ibiyemi Omeihe, University of the West of Scotland [SBS0075]
Tommy's Hair Company [SBS0076]
KAM Hair & Body Spa [SBS0077]
Creations Hair Salon Chichester Ltd [SBS0078]
IAB UK [SBS0079]
Dr Robert James Crammond, University of the West of Scotland [SBS0080]
Sage [SBS0081]
Horticultural Trades Association [SBS0083]
British Association of Landscape Industries [SBS0084]
The Nationwide Caterers Association [SBS0085]
Ceramics UK [SBS0086]

British Beer and Pub Association [SBS0087]
Creative UK [SBS0088]
Booksellers Association [SBS0089]
Hairdressing Council [SBS0090]
UKHospitality [SBS0091]
Chris Kane MP [SBS0092]
Block [SBS0093]
Camden Enterprise Ltd (CENTA) [SBS0094]
Enterprise Nation [SBS0096]
Buckinghamshire Business First [SBS0097]
Post Office Ltd [SBS0098]
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [SBS0100]
British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association [SBS0101]
Dr Anandaeep Mandal, UCL Centre for Blockchain Technologies and University of Birmingham [SBS0102]
Edge Foundation [SBS0103]
Intuit [SBS0104]
Confederation of British Industry (CBI) [SBS0105]
Goldman Sachs '10,000 Small Businesses UK Initiative' [SBS0106]
Power to Change [SBS0107]
Money Advice Trust [SBS0108]
PURE Spa [SBS0109]
Finishes and Interiors Sector [SBS0110]
Actuate UK [SBS0111]
National Association of Funeral Directors [SBS0113]
Digital Boost Upskilling [SBS0115]
Society of Chemical Industry [SBS0116]
Electrical Contractors Association [SBS0117]
Social Market Foundation [SBS0119]
Bloom [SBS0120]
Funding Circle [SBS0121]
ScaleUp Institute [SBS0122]
Steve Darling MP [SBS0123]
Torbay Council [SBS0124]
Tony Vaughan MP [SBS0125]
The Nationwide Caterers Association [SBS0126]
Boots UK [SBS0127]

Dr Kiran Kandade, Dr Nan Jiang, Brunel University London, Paul Andrews, Family Business United [SBS0128]
City of London Corporation [SBS0129]
E.ON [SBS0130]
UKHospitality [SBS0131]
E.ON [SBS0132]
Energy UK [SBS0133]

The following papers were reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 21 January 2025 and Order of the Sub-committee of 19 March 2025:

UK Economic Security:

The Centre for Finance and Security at the Royal United Services Institute [ECO0036]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, in relation to the loan guarantee through UK Export Finance to Jaguar Land Rover, dated 7 November 2025

UK arms exports to Israel:

Correspondence with the Ministers for Trade, for Defence Readiness and Industry and for Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan, in relation to Arms Export Licenses, dated 5 November 2025

4. The work of the Department for Business and Trade

Rt Hon. Peter Kyle MP, Secretary of State for Business and Trade and Gareth Davies, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business and Trade, gave oral evidence.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 November, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 18 November 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Antonia Bance
Alison Griffiths
Justin Madders
Charlie Maynard
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Matt Western

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade, in relation to the Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill, dated 11 November 2025

Postal Universal Service Obligation

Correspondence with Citizens Advice, in relation to the postal Universal Service Obligation, dated 12 November 2025

Sizewell C Revenue Commencement

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, in relation to Sizewell C Revenue Commencement, dated 12 November 2025

3. Financing the real economy

Tim Creed, Head of Private Equity Investments, Schrodgers, Sandra Boss, Chair, BlackRock UK, Liz Fernando, Chief Investment Officer, Nest Corporation, Barry Kenneth, Chief Investment Officer, Pension Protection Fund gave oral evidence

Richard Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Allica Bank, Ben Barbanel, Chief Lending Officer, OakNorth, Andy Gray, Managing Director (Mid-market lending), Natwest, Louis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, British Business Bank gave oral evidence

Anna Shiel, Chief Investment Officer, Better Society Capital, Mila Lukic, Head of Outcomes Partnerships, Bridges Ventures, Lisa Jacobs, Chief Executive Officer, Funding Circle gave oral evidence

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 November, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25 November 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Antonia Bance
John Cooper
Alison Griffiths
Sonia Kumar
Justin Madders
Charlie Maynard
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Matt Western

1. US Economic Prosperity Deal

Draft Special Report (US Economic Prosperity Deal: Government Response to the Committee's tenth report of session 2024-26), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Tenth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into competition and market functioning in the UK live music industry.

3.Evidence reported for publication

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

Chair of the Competition and Markets Authority

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade in relation to the recruitment of a substantive chair for the Competition and Markets Authority, dated 14 November

Financing the Real Economy:

Dr Dongna Zhang, Northumbria University [FRE0001]

The Institution of Civil Engineers [FRE0002]

British Chambers of Commerce [FRE0003]

UK Export Finance [FRE0004]

Mr Damian Horton [FRE0005]

Greater Manchester Combined Authority [FRE0006]

Association of Investment Companies [FRE0007]

Gary Parlett, Answer Digital [FRE0008]

The Quoted Companies Alliance [FRE0009]

City of London Corporation [FRE0010]

Co-operatives UK [FRE0011]

Anonymous [FRE0012]

Finance Innovation Lab [FRE0013]

Bright Blue [FRE0014]

Intelligent Energy [FRE0015]

Octopus Group [FRE0016]

Venture Capital Trust Association [FRE0017]

Make UK [FRE0018]

RailPen [FRE0019]

Positive Money [FRE0020]

Oxford Nanopore Technologies [FRE0021]

C-Suite Pension Strategies [FRE0022]

Boardwave [FRE0023]

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [FRE0024]
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry [FRE0025]
Confederation of British Industry [FRE0026]
The CityUK [FRE0027]
Professor Tera Allas, Professor Bart van Ark, The Productivity Institute,
University of Manchester, Dr Dimiri Zenghelis, University of Cambridge
[FRE0028]
Tokamak Energy [FRE0029]
UK Finance [FRE0030]
New Capital Consensus [FRE0031]
London & Partners [FRE0032]
British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association [FRE0033]
Funding Circle [FRE0034]
People's Partnership [FRE0035]
National Centre for Universities and Business [FRE0036]
Pensions UK [FRE0037]
Equitix [FRE0038]
The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys [FRE0039]
British Business Bank [FRE0040]
Advanced Oxford [FRE0041]
techUK [FRE0042]
BGF [FRE0043]
Dr M Hosam Al Kaddour, Dr Nouha Saber, University of Southampton [FRE0044]
Association of British Insurers (ABI) [FRE0045]
Quoted Companies Alliance [FRE0046]
The Phoenix Group [FRE0047]
Cleantech for UK [FRE0048]
The Investment Association [FRE0049]
BlackRock [FRE0053]
Startup Coalition [FRE0054]
London Stock Exchange Group [FRE0055]
Department for Business and Trade [FRE0056]
Pension Insurance Corporation plc [FRE0057]
Inngot Ltd [FRE0058]

Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025

Correspondence to the Parliamentary Secretary at the Cabinet Office in relation to the Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) order 2025, dated 18 November 2025

Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights and Consumer Protection in relation to the Employment Rights Bill consultation on Electronic and Workplace Balloting, dated 19 November 2025

Pricing, competition and consumer protection

Correspondence with the Competition and Markets Authority in relation to online pricing practices dated 18 November 2025

Secondary Ticketing

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment Rights and Consumer Protection and Minister for Creative Industries, Media and the Arts in relation to secondary ticketing, dated 19 November

Small Business Strategy:

Correspondence with the Minister for Devolution, Faith and Communities in relation to support for high streets and town centres, dated 18 November 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Devolution, Faith and Communities in relation to support for high streets and town centres, dated 21 November

Correspondence with the Minister for Policing and Crime Prevention in relation to high street crime, dated 18 November 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Policing and Crime Prevention in relation to high street crime, dated 25 November 2025

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with the Exchequer Secretary in relation to Double Contributions Convention in the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, dated 17 November 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Indo-Pacific in relation to the UK-India comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, dated 23 October 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Indo-Pacific in relation to strategic and geopolitical considerations of the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, dated 19 November 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Migration and Citizenship and Exchequer Secretary in relation to mobility provisions and fiscal implications of the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, dated 23 October 2025

Correspondence with the Minister for Migration and Citizenship and Minister of State for Trade in relation to the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, dated 17 November 2023

Correspondence with the Minister for Trade in relation to the call for evidence on the UK's potential accession to the Pan Euro Mediterranean Convention, dated 17 November 2025

4. Small business strategy

Wendy Martin, Director, National Trading Standards, Martin Swain, Director of Intelligence and Law Enforcement Engagement, Companies House, Sal Melki, Deputy Director Illicit Finance, National Crime Agency gave oral evidence

Blair McDougall MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Small Business and Economic Transformation), Department for Business and Trade, Isobel Stephen, Director General, Domestic International Markets and Exports (Jobshare), Department for Business and Trade, Ros Wall, Director of Small Business Strategy, Department for Business and Trade gave oral evidence

5. Priorities of the Business and Trade Committee 2026

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 December, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 2 December 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Dan Aldridge
Antonia Bance
John Cooper
Sarah Edwards
Alison Griffiths
Sonia Kumar
Justin Madders
Charlie Maynard
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Matt Western

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Priorities of the Business and Trade Committee 2026

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Arms exports to Israel (Non-inquiry session)

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence in relation to Israeli participation at the Defence Security Equipment International, dated 22 September 2025

Business support for co-operatives and non-financial mutuals

Correspondence with the Minister for Small Business and Economic Transformation in relation to the call for evidence on Business Support for co-operatives and non-financial mutuals, dated 26 November 2025

Financing the Real Economy:

Funding Circle [FRE0059]

Professor Tera Allas, University of Manchester [FRE0060]

The Good Growth Foundation [FRE0061]

Allica Bank [FRE0062]

Monzo [FRE0063]

Winterflood [FRE0064]

The work of the Department for Business and Trade:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Trade in relation to the evidence session of the 11 November, dated 1 December 2025

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with the Minister for Migration and Citizenship and Minister for Trade in relation to migration impacts of the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, dated 17 November 2025

UK trade with the US, India and EU:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade in relation to an update on UK-US Trade, dated 1 December 2025

4. UK trade with the US, India and EU

Murray Paul, Public Affairs Director, Jaguar Land Rover, Tom Bradshaw, President, National Farmers Union, Jonathan Brenton, Director of Public Affairs, Pernod Ricard, Mike Archer, Director of Public Affairs, AstraZeneca UK gave oral evidence

John Cooke, Co-Chair, Liberalisation of Trade in Services Expert Advisory Group, The CityUK, Amanda Tickel, Partner and Head of Tax and Trade, Deloitte UK, Dr Claus Zimmermann, Head of International Trade, Ashurst LLP gave oral evidence

Rachel Timmins, Policy Manager, CeramicsUK, Tom Wills, Director, Trade Justice Movement gave oral evidence

Sir Chris Bryant, Minister of State, Department for Business and Trade, Kate Thornley, UK-India Chief Negotiator, Department for Business and Trade gave oral evidence

5. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 November, at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 9 December 2025

Members present

Liam Byrne, in the Chair
Antonia Bance
John Cooper
Sarah Edwards
Alison Griffiths
Sonia Kumar
Justin Madders
Charlie Maynard

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Amazon UK:

Correspondence with Amazon UK in relation to the working conditions at Amazon's UK warehouses, dated 2 December 2025

Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade in relation to the Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation, dated 3 December 2025

Postal Universal Service Obligation

Correspondence with the Greetings Card Association and Signatory Members in relation to the postal Universal Service Obligation, dated 20 November 2025

UK trade with the US, India and EU

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade in relation to the evidence session of the 2 December, dated 8 December 2025

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade in relation to the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade agreement CRaG scrutiny period, dated 9 December 2025

3. Financing the real economy

Debbie Wosskow OBE, Co-Chair, Invest in Women, Jordan Dargue, Co-Founder, Lifted Ventures, Debra McDonald, CEO, Iron & Velvet gave oral evidence

Paul Bristow, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Oliver Coppard, Mayor of South Yorkshire, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority gave oral evidence

Lord Stockwood, Minister for Investment, Department of Business and Trade, Blair McDougall, Minister for Small Business and Economic Transformation, Department of Business and Trade, Paula Crofts, Director, Small Business Growth, Department for Business and Trade, Sean Jones, Director, Companies & Economic Security, Climate, Energy and Environment, HM Treasury gave oral evidence

4. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 January 2026, at 2.00 p.m.

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Byrne, Liam (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North) (Chair) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Writing a book

Payer: Head of Zeus – UK, 5-8 Hardwick Street, London EC1R 4RG

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: (1) The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & International Monetary Fund (2) The Stone Center, Harris School of Public Policy
Address of donor: (1) 66 avenue d'Iéna, 75116 Paris, France (2) University of Chicago, 5801 S. Ellis Ave. Chicago, IL 60637, USA
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Flights (£1,446) accommodation (£1,588) and sundries (estimated at £100), value £3,134 (2) Accommodation (£650) and sundries (estimated at £100), value £750
Destination of visit: United States (Washington DC and Chicago)
Dates of visit: 10 April 2024 to 12 April 2024
Purpose of visit: (1) In my capacity as Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and international Monetary Fund, to attend the World Bank IMF Spring Meetings. (2) Invited to present a lecture at the University on the Inequality of Wealth.
(Registered 14 May 2024)

Bance, Antonia (Tipton and Wednesbury) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Head of Campaigns, Communications and Digital, the TUC
Until: 5 July 2024.
Payer: Trades Union Congress (Trade union), Congress House, Great Russell St, London WC1B 3LS
(Registered 23 July 2024)
Payment: £3,065.14 Final payment including accrued annual leave.
Received on: 15 July 2024. Hours: no additional hours since my election.
(Registered 31 July 2024)

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

Name of donor: Labour Together Ltd
Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500 donation to the constituency Labour party for the general election campaign
Donor status: company, registration 09630980
(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Aslef

Address of donor: 77 St John Street , Clerkenwell, London EC1M 4NN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 donation to the constituency Labour party, to support my general election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Paul Callaghan

Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 contribution to the costs of the general election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: GMB

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 contribution to the costs of the general election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Director (voluntary) of Generation Rent (National Private Tenants Organisation Ltd). This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 10 July 2024

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Director of Hope not Hate Ltd. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 6 August 2024)

Cooper, John (Dumfries and Galloway) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 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: The Cayzer Trust Company Ltd

Address of donor: 30 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6NN

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

Donor status: company, registration 04987694

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: 1900 Club

Address of donor: 4 Barton Street, London SW1P 3NG

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

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: The Cayzer Trust Company Ltd

Address of donor: 30 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6NN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,500 fighting fund donation

Donor status: company, registration 04987694

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Sir Henry NL Keswick

Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 fighting fund donation

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Scottish Unionist Association Trust

Address of donor: 570 Mossbank Boulevard, Glasgow G52 1SD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 one other. 50/50 split

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Sarah Edwards (Tamworth) 5 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

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

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobald's Road, London WC1X 8TN

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

Date received: 10 June 2024

Date accepted: 10 June 2024

Donor status: trade union
(Registered 23 July 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: £6,000 as a short
campaign donation

Date received: 25 June 2024

Date accepted: 25 June 2024

Donor status: trade union
(Registered 23 July 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Together

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

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

Date received: 4 April 2024 Date accepted: 4 April 2024

Donor status: company, registration 09630980
(Registered 23 July 2024)

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: Voyager Building, 2 Furness Quay, Salford Quay, Manchester
M50 3XZ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for use in
the long campaign.

Date received: 9 January 2024

Date accepted: 10 January 2024

Donor status: trade union (Registered 23 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobald's Road, London WC1X 8TN

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

Date received: 11 June 2024

Date accepted: 11 June 2024

Donor status: trade union
(Registered 23 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

A trustee of Unite the Union Pension. This was an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 20 October 2023

(Registered 15 November 2023)

Member of the Mid Counties Coop Board. I received no remuneration for this role.

Date interest ended: 22 October 2023

(Registered 15 November 2023)

Griffiths, Alison (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Director

Payer: Gisborne Ltd (Strategy and Marketing Consulting, Technology Sector), private address

Additional information: Gisborne Ltd is not currently profitable, so I have not received any income from it in this calendar year.

(Registered 1 August 2024)

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

Name of donor: Mr Chris Hayman CBE

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 7 June 2024

Date accepted: 7 June 2024

Donor status: individual (Registered 17 August 2024)

Name of donor: Lord (Philip C) Harris

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 11 June 2024

Date accepted: 11 June 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 August 2024)

Name of donor: The Lord Michael Hintze

Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
Date received: 11 June 2024
Date accepted: 11 June 2024
Donor status: individual
(Registered 17 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 (Flat)
Number of properties: 1
Location: London
Ownership details: Co-owned with family member.
(Registered 2 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid directorship, Sterling Montague Ltd.
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Unpaid directorship
Strategic Risk Control Ltd.
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Kumar, Sonia (Dudley) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Physiotherapist
Payer: Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, Russells Hall Hospital, Pensnett Road, Dudley DY1 2HQ
(Registered 15 July 2024)

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

Type of land/property: Residential property (House)
Number of properties: 1
Location: Birmingham
(Registered 15 July 2024)

Maynard, Charlie (Witney) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: District Councillor

Payer: West Oxfordshire District Council (District Council), Wood Green, Witney, Oxon, OX28 1NB

(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: Charles Riley

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Anatole Kaletsky

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Frank Julian Brookes

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Frank Julian Brookes

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Al Breach

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Lara Legassick

Address of donor: private

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

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 (Flat)

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

Ownership details: co-owned with wife

Rental income: Yes

Rental income details: rental income is paid to me and my wife

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Type of land/property: Residential property (House)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Upstate New York, United States

Ownership details: co-owned with my wife

Rental income: Yes Rental income details: the rental income is paid to me and my wife

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Type of land/property: Residential property (House)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Hampshire

Ownership details: Co-owned with three family members

Rental income: Yes

Rental income details: rental income is paid by one family member to three family members

(Registered 1 August 2024)

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

Name of company or organisation: BDA Partners

Nature of business: Asia focussed advisory firm

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Poynton, Gregor (Livingston) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Partner in communications agency

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: Headland Consultancy (Agency supporting clients' financial and corporate communications, public affairs and campaigning.), Cannon Green, 27 Bush Lane, London EC4R 0AA

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Payment: £2,288.46

Final payment Received on: 26 July 2024. Hours: 8 hrs.

(Registered 29 July 2024)

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

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 towards my election campaign

Date received: 2 April 2024

Date accepted: 2 April 2024

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 24 July 2024)

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: 465c Caledonian Road, London N7 9GX

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

Date received: 31 May 2024

Date accepted: 31 May 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Michael Anthony Craven

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 24 May 2024

Date accepted: 24 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Danny Luhde-Thompson

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 28 May 2024

Date accepted: 28 May 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Reynolds, Mr Joshua (Maidenhead) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Local Councillor - RBWM

Payer: Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (Local Council), Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Remuneration: £756.25 a month

Hours: 10 hrs a week

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Member

Until: 23 August 2024.

Payer: Berkshire Fire Authority, Pincents Kiln Industrial Park, Newsham Court, Calcot, Reading RG31 7SD

(Registered 29 July 2024; updated 2 September 2024)

Remuneration: £757.93 a month

Hours: 10 hrs a week

(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: Elnur Seyidli

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000 for my general election

Campaign Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: National Liberal Club

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Complimentary membership of the NLC from 12 September 2024 until 31 December 2025, value £1,552.86

Date received: 15 September 2024 to 31 December 2025

Date accepted: 15 September 2024

Donor status: company, registration 01355034

(Registered 20 September 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Board Member of the Visit Windsor Partnership Board. This is an unpaid role.
(Registered 16 July 2024)

Local Authority appointed representative of Maidenhead Arts Council. This is an unpaid role.
(Registered 29 July 2024)

Governor at Furze Platt Senior School.
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Western, Matt (Warwick and Leamington) 5 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 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: Dorset

Ownership details: Owned jointly with a family member

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 5 July 2017)

7. (ii) Other shareholdings, valued at more than £70,000

Name of company or organisation: Apple Nature of business: Technology company (Registered 5 July 2017)

Wrighting, Rosie (Kettering) 29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 14 October 2024)

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

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

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

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

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 24 July 2024)

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: Voyager Building 2 Furness Quay Salford, Manchester M50 3XZ

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

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

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: 108 Northampton Rd, Earls Barton, Northampton NN6 0JH

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

Date received: 19 March 2024

Date accepted: 19 March 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Bear Bros Limited

Address of donor: Foresters Hall, 25-27 Westow Street, London SE19 3RY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 for social media campaigning

Date received: 12 February 2024

Date accepted: 12 February 2024

Donor status: company, registration 10958237

(Registered 29 July 2024)

(ii) Specialist Advisers

Nil