



House of Commons

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2019–21

Formal Minutes of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2019–21

Formal Minutes

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair¹

Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Mary Glindon
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Mr Toby Perkins
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Confidentiality and Privilege

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Committee working practices

Resolved, That the Committee examine witnesses in public, except where 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 Committee delegated the following matters to the Chair:

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No 122B) 29 January 2020 (Votes and Proceedings 29 January 2020).

- a) Agreeing the circulated agenda for Committee meetings;
- b) Engaging in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature;
- c) Arranging informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit;
- d) Authorising the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;
- e) Proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall;
- f) Taking decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent.

4. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the Agriculture Bill and trade standards.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into flooding.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State on the work of his Department.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a pre-appointment hearing with the prospective Chair of the Office for Environmental Protection.

5. Evidence reported for publication

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

Beef prices:

Correspondence from the Group Quality Director, Tesco PLC, relating to beef prices, dated 18 December 2019.

Puppy smuggling:

Correspondence from the Minister for Pacific and the Environment relating to Puppy smuggling, dated 10 February 2020.

Water resources infrastructure:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Rebecca Pow MP), relating to water resources infrastructure, dated 10 February 2020.

6. Spending Review 2020

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State in relation to Spending Review 2020.

7. Defra and Ofwat Supplementary Estimates 2019-20

Ordered, That the Supplementary Estimates memoranda and annexes relating to Defra and the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 9.30 a.m.]

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

Mr Toby Perkins
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Labour in the food supply chain.

2. Plastic food and drink packaging

Draft Special Report (*Plastic Food and Drink Packaging: Government Response to the Committee's Sixteenth Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Session 2017-19 in the last Parliament 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. Beyond the Common Fisheries Policy: scrutiny of the Fisheries Bill

Draft Special Report (*Beyond the Common Fisheries Policy: Scrutiny of the Fisheries Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Eleventh Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee of Session 2017-19 in the last Parliament 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. An update on rural connectivity

Draft Special Report (*An Update on Rural Connectivity: Government Response to the Committee's Seventeenth Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventeenth Report from the Committee of Session 2017-19 in the last Parliament was appended to the Report.

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

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

5. Reporting of Written Evidence

Resolved, That, where the Committee has evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which, in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication provided that the evidence or correspondence concerned shall have been circulated to the Committee and all members shall have been given the opportunity to object to such publication before it takes place.

6. Agriculture Bill and trade standards

Resolved, That the Committee supports the following amendment being made to the Agriculture Bill:

To move the following clause —

International trade agreements: agricultural and food products

(1) *A Minister of the Crown may not lay a copy of an international trade agreement before Parliament under section 20(1) of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 that contains provisions relating to the importation of agricultural and food products into the UK unless they have first made a statement confirming that—*

(a) *the agreement contains an affirmation of the United Kingdom's rights and obligations under the World Trade Organisation Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement, and*

(b) *any agricultural or food products imported into the UK under the agreement will, to the best of the Secretary of State's knowledge, have been produced according to standards which are equivalent to, or which exceed, the relevant domestic standards and regulations in relation to—*

- (i) *animal health and welfare,*
- (ii) *plant health, and*
- (iii) *environmental protection.*

(2) *A statement under subsection (1) shall be laid before each House of Parliament.*

(3) *Before the first statement under subsection (1) may be made, the Secretary of State must by regulations specify:*

(a) *the process by which the Secretary of State will determine—*

- (i) *that the standards to which any agricultural or food product imported into the UK under a trade agreement is produced are equivalent to, or exceed, the relevant domestic standards and regulations in relation to animal health and welfare, plant health and environmental protection, and*
- (ii) *that the enforcement of those standards in the place that any agricultural or food product imported into the UK under an international*

trade agreement are produced or processed is equivalent to, or exceeds, in effectiveness the enforcement of the equivalent domestic standards and regulations in the UK.

(b) the “relevant domestic standards and regulations” for the purposes of subsections (1)(b) and (3)(a)(i).

(4) The Secretary of State may make regulations amending any regulations made under subsection (3).

(5) Regulations under subsection (3) or (4) shall be made under the affirmative procedure.

(6) In this section—

“international trade agreement” means—

(a) an agreement that is or was notifiable under—

(i) paragraph 7(a) of Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, part of Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time), or

(ii) paragraph 7(a) of Article V of the General Agreement on Trade in Services, part of Annex 1B to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time), or

(b) an international agreement that mainly relates to trade, other than an agreement mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii);

“Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975;

“World Trade Organisation Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement” means the agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, part of Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time);

“WTO Agreement” means the agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation signed at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994.”

Emily Rees, Managing Director, Trade Strategies; James West, Senior Policy Manager, Compassion in World Farming; and Nick von Westenholz, Director of EU Exit and International Trade, National Farmers’ Union, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 April at 2.15 p.m.]

30 March

Reports under the Chair's power under paragraph 3 of the Order of the House of 24 March

*Fourth Special Report: Coastal flooding and erosion, and adaptation to climate change:
Interim Report: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2019*

*Fifth Special Report: Scrutiny of the Agriculture Bill: Government Response to the
Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2017-19*

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Special Report represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House. (Order of the House of 24 March 2020) [see votes and proceedings 21 April 2020].

3 April

Resolution under the Chair's power under paragraph 3 of the Order of the House of 24 March

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into COVID-19 and food supply.

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Special Report represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House. (Order of the House of 24 March 2020) [see votes and proceedings 21 April 2020, as corrected].

Evidence reported under the Chair's power under the Order of the Committee of 11 March.

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 [and reported to the House on 21 April]):

COVID-19 and food supply:

- Food and Drink Foundation [COV0001]
- The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [COV0002]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 8 April (Order of the Committee, 11 March)

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 [and reported to the House on 21 April]):

COVID-19 and food supply:

- Trussell Trust [COV0003]
- UK Hospitality [COV0004]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 9 April (Order of the Committee, 11 March)

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 [and reported to the House on 21 April]):

COVID-19 and food supply:

- Correspondence from the Chair of the Food Standards Agency, dated 3 April 2020, on the Agency's Covid-19 response.

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2020

Virtual meeting¹

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. COVID-19 and food supply

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

- British Retail Consortium [COV0006]
- Mrs Marianne Crisp [COV0007]

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State regarding matters related to the inquiry further to a private briefing with Defra officials, and that it be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 April at 9.30 a.m.]

¹ 'Virtual meeting' indicates a meeting held pursuant to the Order of the House of 24 March 2020 (as amended) relating to Select Committees (Participation and Reporting). At such meetings, some or all Members participated remotely through approved electronic means.

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray
Mr Toby Perkins
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. COVID-19 and food supply

Resolved, That a Member of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 5 May 2020 relating to COVID-19 and food supply, 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:

COVID-19 and food supply:

Mrs Lone McCourt [COV0008]
Hawkchurch Community Shop [COV0009]
Shared Assets CIC [COV0010]
Country Land and Business Association [COV0011]
Groceries Code Adjudicator [COV0012]
Payhembury Provisions Community Shop [COV0013]
Global Feedback Ltd [COV0014]
LKL Services [COV0015]

Labour in the food supply chain

Professor Ryszard Piotrowicz [LFS0002]
NFU Scotland [LFS0003]
G's Fresh [LFS0004]
Country Land and Business Association [LFS0005]
British Meat Processors Association [LFS0006]
Countryside Alliance [LFS0007]
Fresh Produce Consortium [LFS0008]
Ornamental Horticulture Roundtable Group [LFS0009]
Cornwall Council [LFS0010]
Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers [LFS0011]

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 May at 2.15 p.m.]

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray
Mr Toby Perkins
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

Mr Robert Goodwill also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. COVID-19 and food supply

Minette Batters, President, National Farmers' Union; Tom Hind, Chief Strategy Officer, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board; and Jack Ward, Chief Executive Officer, British Growers Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Friday 15 May at 9.00 a.m.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 13 May (Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020).

Catch recording system for under 10-meter fishing boats:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Victoria Prentis MP) relating to the catch recording system for under 10-meter fishing boats, dated 30 April 2020.

Reservoir safety:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Rebecca Pow MP) relating to the Small Raised Reservoir Project, dated 1 May 2020.

COVID-19 and food supply:

Mr Richard Boden [COV0016]

Batstone [COV0018]

The Food, Farming and Countryside Commission [COV0019]

Age Verification Providers Association [COV0020]

Helen Bamber Foundation [COV0021]

Hubbub [COV0022]

Erik Millstone; Prof Terry Marsden; Prof Tim Lang [COV0023]

Action for M.E. [COV0024]

HOPS Labour Solutions [COV0025]

The Asplins Producer Organisation Limited [COV0026]

The Country Trust [COV0027]

NFU Scotland [COV0028]

Professor Louise Manning [COV0029]

Fresh Produce Consortium [COV0030]

Disabled People Against Cuts [COV0031]

The Soil Association [COV0032]

Gastronomy [COV0033]

Age UK [COV0034]

Mrs Catherine Thornton [COV0035]

Crop Protection Association UK Ltd [COV0036]

Scope [COV0037]

Defra and Ofwat Main Estimates 2020/21

Defra Main Estimate Memorandum 2020/21 & supporting tables

OFWAT Main Estimate Memorandum 2020/21

FRIDAY 15 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Declaration of Interests

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. COVID-19 and food supply

Ian Byrne declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committees' inquiry into COVID-19 and food supply as a co-founder of Fans Supporting Foodbanks.

Lindsay Boswell, Chief Executive Officer, FareShare; and Emma Revie, Chief Executive Officer, Trussell Trust, gave oral evidence.

Caroline Abrahams, Charity Director, Age UK; and Fazilet Hadi, Policy Manager, Disability Rights UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 May at 2.30 p.m.]

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence relating to the Environmental Land Management scheme from Defra.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Fisheries negotiations.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

COVID-19 and food supply:

Anonymous [COV0017]
Independent Age [COV0038]
The Fairtrade Foundation [COV0040]
City of London Corporation [COV0041]
British Meat Processors Association [COV0042]
National Pig Association [COV0043]
Parkinson's UK [COV0044]
Royal Society for Public Health [COV0046]
Plunkett Foundation [COV0047]
The Foodhall Project [COV0048]
Mr Peter Sanderson [COV0049]
UK Fisheries Ltd [COV0050]
Sustainable Food Places [COV0051]
Newcastle City Council [COV0052]
The Cystic Fibrosis Trust [COV0053]
Guide Dogs for the Blind [COV0054]
Disability Rights UK [COV0056]
British Poultry Council [COV0057]
Marine Conservation Society [COV0059]
Provision Trade Federation [COV0060]
Getlink [COV0062]
National Autistic Society [COV0063]
NUNDY [COV0064]
FareShare [COV0065]

National Farmers Union [COV0066]
Food and Drink Federation [COV0068]
Bite Back 2030 [COV0069]
Macmillan Cancer Support [COV0070]
Pepsico UK & ROI [COV0071]
Federation of Wholesale Distributors [COV0072]
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership [COV0073]
Mind [COV0074]
IKnowFood [COV0075]
Brakes UK [COV0076]
The Bread and Butter Thing [COV0077]
MS Society [COV0078]
Dr Mark Roodhouse [COV0079]
First Steps Nutrition Trust [COV0080]
Landworkers Alliance [COV0081]
British Pregnancy Advisory Service, Feed UK [COV0082]
British Egg Industry Council [COV0083]
Ocado [COV0084]
Coeliac UK [COV0085]
Deliveroo [COV0086]
Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation [COV0087]
Greenpeace UK [COV0088]
Ulster Farmers Union [COV0089]
Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership [COV0090]
Local Government Association [COV0091]
Obesity Health Alliance [COV0092]
Association of Labour Providers [COV0093]
Magic Breakfast [COV0094]
The School & Nursery Milk Alliance [COV0095]
British Dietetic Association [COV0096]
AIC (Agricultural Industries Confederation) [COV0097]
British Veterinary Association [COV0098]
Sustainable Fish Cities [COV0100]
Wildlife and Countryside Link, Policy Lead at Greener UK [COV0101]
Joseph Rowntree Foundation [COV0102]
UKHospitality [COV0103]
WRAP [COV0104]
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds [COV0105]
Winvisible [COV0106]
Hive Hope [COV0107]
Birmingham Food Council CIC [COV0108]
Infant Feeding Alliance [COV0109]
Institute of Food Science and Technology [COV0110]
Arla Foods UK [COV0112]
Fry Law [COV0113]
Food Foundation [COV0114]
Sustain Alliance [COV0115]
Brighton & Hove Food Partnership [COV0116]
Farmers' Union of Wales [COV0117]
Association of Independent Meat Suppliers [COV0118]

Ms Vera Zakharov [COV0119]
Independent Food Aid Network [COV0120]
Scottish Land & Estates [COV0121]
Diabetes UK [COV0122]
Royal National Institute of Blind People [COV0123]
Just Eat [COV0124]

3. COVID-19 and food supply

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State regarding matters related to the inquiry further to points raised during the oral evidence taken on 15 May 2020, and that it be reported to the House for publication.

Nick Allen, Chief Executive, British Meat Processors Association; James Bielby, Chief Executive, Federation of Wholesale Distributors; and Ian Wright CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Friday 5 June at 9.00 a.m.]

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

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:

Labour in the food supply chain:

Philippe Mandangi [LFS01]
British Egg Industry Council [LFS12]
NFU [LFS13]
Arla Foods [LFS14]
Recruitment and Employment Confederation [LFS15]
Rights Lab, University of Nottingham [LFS16]
Association of Labour Providers [LFS17]
Scottish Land & Estates [LFS18]

COVID-19 and food supply:

Dr Kelly Parsons and Professor David Barling [COV0125]
Dr Samanthika Gallage and Dr Uchitha Jayawickrama [COV0126]
Centre for Food Policy at City, University of London [COV0127]
Dr Reynolds and Dr Armstrong [COV0128]
Professor Bob Doherty, Dr Philip Garnett, and Professor Tony Heron [COV0129]
IVC Evidensia [COV0130]
Money Mail [COV0131]
Tenant Farmers Association [COV0132]
Dr Carrie Bradshaw and Professor Michael Cardwell, School of Law, University of Leeds [COV0133]
Motor Neurone Disease Association [COV0134]
Which? [COV0135]
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health [COV0136]
Association of Convenience Stores [COV0137]
Competition and Markets Authority [COV0138]
Mr Oliver-Bellasis [COV0139]
The Food Standards Agency [COV0140]
Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs [COV0142]

Storehouse Foodbank (Sudbury) [COV0143]
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board [COV0144]
Potato Processors' Association [COV0145]
Carers Trust [COV0146]
Consensus Action on Salt, Sugar and Health Response [COV0147]
Feeding Britain [COV0148]
Professor Simon Pearson and David Ross [COV0149]
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations [COV0150]
Birmingham Food Council CIC [COV0151]

3. COVID-19 and food supply

James Lowman, Chief Executive, Association of Convenience Stores; and Andrew Opie, Director of Food and Sustainability, British Retail Consortium, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 June at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Declaration of Interests

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

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Air quality.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Public sector procurement of food.

3. Fisheries negotiations

Barrie Deas, Chief Executive, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations; and Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation, gave oral evidence.

Jimmy Buchan, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Seafood Association; and Jerry Percy, Director, New Under Ten Fishermen's Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 June at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

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:

COVID-19 and food supply:

Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer, Co-op Food, dated 11 June 2020

Correspondence to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, dated 9 June 2020

3. Environmental Land Management scheme

Tamara Finkelstein, Permanent Secretary, and David Kennedy, Director-General, Food, Farming and Bio-Security, Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 June at 2.15 p.m.]

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

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:

COVID-19 and food supply:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, dated 18 June 2020

Dr Sonal Choudhary; Dr Raymond Obayi; Dr Seyed Ebrahimi; Mr Rakesh Nayak; Dr Panayiota Alevizou; Dr Graeme Heron and Mr Geoff McBride [COV0152]
Andrew Opie, British Retail Consortium [COV0154]
Tim Benton, Chatham House [COV0156]
Josh Green, British Beer and Pub Association [COV0157]

Fisheries negotiations:

Call4Fish [FIN0001]

3. COVID-19 and food supply

Andrew Kenny, UK Managing Director, Just Eat; and Kate Nicholls, Chief Executive, UKHospitality, gave oral evidence.

Professor Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy, City, University of London; and Anna Taylor, Executive Director, Food Foundation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 June at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Government support to the dairy sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Bovine Tuberculosis Vaccination:

Correspondence from the Minister for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity, dated 24 June 2020

COVID-19 and food supply:

Children's Food Campaign and School Food Matters [COV0055]

Young Women's Trust [COV0067]

Feeding Britain [COV0158]

Lidl [COV0159]

Defra [COV0160]

Edenred [COV0161]

Flooding:

Strine Internal Drainage Board [FLO0001]

Linda Bevan [FLO0002]

Fire Brigades Union [FLO0004]

John Markwick [FLO0005]

Witham Fourth District IDB [FLO0006]

Witham & Humber Drainage Boards (Witham First District Internal Drainage Board, Witham Third District Internal Drainage Board, Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board, and North East Lindsey Drainage Board) [FLO0007]

Telford and Wrekin Council [FLO0008]

London Borough of Sutton and Royal Borough of Kingston Shared Environment Service [FLO0010]

Westminster Sustainable Business Forum [FLO0012]

Institution of Environmental Sciences [FLO0016]

Local Government Association [FLO0017]

Adaptation Committee of the Committee on Climate Change [FLO0018]

Yorkshire Integrated Catchment Solutions Programme (iCASP) [FLO0019]
Arla Foods UK [FLO0020]

3. COVID-19 and food supply

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; David Kennedy, Director General for Food, Farming, Animal and Bio-security, and Henry Dimbleby, Lead non-executive board member, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 July at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

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:

Fisheries negotiations:

Greener UK [FIN002]

Flooding:

BASC [FLO021]

Dr Sally Brown [FLO022]

Met Office [FLO023]

Hampshire County Council [FLO024]

NFU [FLO025]

AXA UK [FLO026]

Upper Calder Valley Renaissance [FLO027]

Mineral Products Association [FLO028]

Worcestershire County Council [FLO029]

Ms Mary Dhonau [FLO031]

Association of British Insurers [FLO032]

Professor Adrian Butler; Professor Sarah Bell; Dr Catharina Landstrom; and Dr Ana Mijic [FLO033]

Willis Towers Watson [FLO034]

Dr Sally Priest; and Dr Meghan Alexander [FLO035]

Gloucestershire Lead Local Flood Authority [FLO036]

Environment Agency [FLO037]

Keswick Flood Action Group [FLO038]

Town & Country Planning Association [FLO039]

Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [FLO040]

Natural England [FLO041]

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [FLO042]

Dr Kate Smith [FLO043]

Mr Bryan Curtis [FLO044]

National Flood Forum [FLO045]

Zurich Insurance [FLO046]
North East Kendal Flood Action Group [FLO048]
Association of Drainage Authorities [FLO049]
British Insurance Brokers' Association (BIBA) [FLO050]
West Yorkshire Combined Authority [FLO052]
Dr Steven Cole [FLO053]
Coastal Partnership East (CPE) [FLO057]
Yorkshire Water [FLO058]
Institute and Faculty of Actuaries [FLO059]
Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group [FLO060]
Flood Re [FLO061]
Greater Manchester Combined Authority [FLO062]
United Utilities [FLO064]
Cheshire Mid-Mersey [FLO065]
Flood Control [FLO066]
National Infrastructure Commission [FLO067]

Labour in the food supply chain:

Concordia [LFS0019]
British Growers Association [LFS0021]
British Meat Processors Association [LFS0022]

3. Labour in the food supply chain

Tom Bradshaw, Vice President, National Farmers' Union; and David Camp, Chief Executive, Association of Labour Providers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 July at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 14 JULY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

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:

Environmental Land Management scheme:

Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, dated 7 July 2020

Flooding:

Caterham Flood Action Group [FLO0013]

Anglian Water Services [FLO0047]

Labour in the food supply chain:

G's Fresh Ltd [LFS0020]

Cucumber Growers' Association [LFS0023]

Riviera Produce Ltd [LFS0024]

Brassica Growers Association [LFS0025]

UK Mushroom Growers Association [LFS0026]

Greater Lincolnshire LEP [LFS0027]

British Herb Trade Association [LFS0028]

Professor Simon Pearson & Dr Dave Ross [LFS0029]

Ms Deb Pepper [LFS0030]

British Veterinary Association (BVA) [LFS0031]

3. Flooding

Emma Howard Boyd, Chair; Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive; and John Curtin, Executive Director, Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 July at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 21 JULY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Office for Environmental Protection

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State regarding matters related to the proposed recruitment of the Chair of the Office for Environment Protection.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Companion animal welfare charity sector:

Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, dated 20 July 2020

COVID-19 and Food Supply:

Lesley Campbell [COV0058]

Guy's and St Thomas' Charity [COV0061]

Leeds Emergency Response, Leeds Food Aid Network [COV0162]

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [COV0163]

Flooding:

Steven Jacobs (Company Director at Allups Ltd) [FLO0003]

Brompton Flood Prevention Group [FLO0015]

Nikki Stocks [FLO0054]

Firsby Group Parish Council [FLO0068]

Floodplain Meadows Partnership [FLO0070]

Government support to the dairy sector during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 1 July and 9 July 2020

NFU Scotland [DAS0001]

Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF) [DAS0002]

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) [DAS0003]

Dairy UK [DAS0004]

Provision Trade Federation [DAS0005]

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership [DAS0006]

Ulster Farmers' Union [DAS0007]

The School & Nursery Milk Alliance [DAS0008]

National Farmers' Union of England and Wales [DAS0009]

Labour in the food supply chain:
British Poultry Council [LFS0032]

3. Government support to the dairy sector during the COVID-19 pandemic

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Victoria Prentis MP) regarding matters related to the inquiry, and that it be reported to the House for publication.

4. Companion animal welfare charity sector and COVID-19

Mrs Sheryll Murray declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cats, the secretariat of which is funded by Battersea Dogs and Cats Home.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State regarding matters related to the companion animal welfare charity sector and COVID-19, and that it be reported to the House for publication.

5. COVID-19 and food supply

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit FareShare's depot in Deptford, London, in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry.

Draft Report (*COVID-19 and food supply*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 263.

6. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State on Defra's preparations for the end of the transition period.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 September at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

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:

Air quality:

National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS) [AQU0001]
Mr Michael Cuff [AQU0002]
London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies [AQU0003]
Pupils 2 Parliament [AQU0004]
Mr Paul Gwiazda; and Mrs Janet Hutchinson [AQU0005]
Association of Anaesthetists [AQU0006]
Help Rescue the Planet [AQU0007]
Marston Holdings [AQU0008]
Mr William Wilson [AQU0009]
All Seasons DIY [AQU0010]
Liquid Gas UK [AQU0011]
Bird [AQU0012]
Environmental Protection UK [AQU0013]
Royal College of Physicians [AQU0014]
Dr Liza Selley; Dr Julie Morrissey; Dr Joanne Purves; Ms Louise Corscadden; and Ms Rebekah Jukes-Jones [AQU0015]
Friends of the Earth (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) [AQU0016]
BESA [AQU0017]
National Farmers' Union [AQU0018]
BAE Systems Power and Propulsion Systems [AQU0019]
Local Government Association [AQU0020]
Dr Susan Kenyon [AQU0021]
Victoria Scowcroft [AQU0022]
Global Action Plan [AQU0023]
UK Environmental Law Association [AQU0024]
UKRI [AQU0026]
Mr Ralph Hardwick [AQU0028]
Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation Partnership [AQU0029]

Dr Jonathan Higham; Ms Cammy Acosta Ramírez; Dr Mark Green; and Professor Andy Morse [AQU0031]
Professor John Bryson; Prof Francis Pope; Dr Catherine Muller; Professor Zongbo Shi; Dr Suzanne Bartington; Professor Lee Chapman; Dr Omid Ghaffarpasand; Professor Roy Harrison; and Professor William Bloss [AQU0032]
Mrs Margaret J White [AQU0033]
BEAMA [AQU0034]
The AIR Alliance [AQU0035]
British Marine [AQU0037]
Transport for Greater Manchester [AQU0038]
Ms Adrienne Williams [AQU0040]
Bristol Clean Air Alliance [AQU0042]
British Medical Association [AQU0043]
Guy's and St Thomas' Charity [AQU0045]
Bristol Clean Air Alliance (no. 2) [AQU0046]
Cadent [AQU0050]
Environmental Research Group, Imperial College London [AQU0051]
Mineral Products Alliance [AQU0052]
UK Health Alliance on Climate Change [AQU0053]
Alstom UK & Ireland [AQU0055]
Client Earth [AQU0056]
Road Haulage Association [AQU0059]
Openreach [AQU0060]
Institute of Air Quality Management [AQU0061]
Plantlife International [AQU0062]
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health [AQU0063]
Campaign for Better Transport [AQU0064]
National Express/National Express West Midlands [AQU0065]
The City of London Corporation [AQU0066]
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health [AQU0067]
Professor Eloise Scotford [AQU0068]
Centre for Environmental Health and Sustainability, University of Leicester [AQU0069]
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) [AQU0070]
Sustrans [AQU0071]
Clean Air London [AQU0072]
The Society of Motor Manufacturers [AQU0075]
MRC Toxicology Unit, University of Cambridge [AQU0076]

Companion animal welfare charity sector:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 10 August 2020

Flooding:

Correspondence from the Chair and Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, dated 3 August 2020
Ali Morse [FLO0069]
St Michael's-on-Wyre Flood Action Group [FLO0071]
Professor Onno Bokhove; Professor Mark Kelmanson; and Dr Tom Kent [FLO0074]
Doncaster Council [FLO0075]
Joan Birkett [FLO0079]

Office for Environmental Protection:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 21 July and 3 August 2020

3. Flooding

Councillor David Renard, Chair, Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board, Local Government Association; and Innes Thomson, Chief Executive, Association of Drainage Authorities, gave oral evidence.

Andy Bord, Chief Executive, Flood Re; Paul Cobbing, Chief Executive, National Flood Forum; and Hugh Ellis, Policy Director, Town and Country Planning Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 September at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

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:

Flooding:

Water UK [FLO0056]

Public sector procurement of food:

Soil Association [PRO0001]

ProVeg, Plant-Based Health Professionals UK [PRO0002]

Dynamic Food Procurement National Advisory Board [PRO0003]

National Farmers' Union of Scotland (NFU Scotland) [PRO0004]

The School and Nursery Milk Alliance [PRO0005]

GY5 Limited [PRO0006]

British Veterinary Association (BVA), British Cattle Veterinary Association (BCVA), British Veterinary Poultry Association (BVPA), Goat Veterinary Society (GVS), Pig Veterinary Society (PVS), Sheep Veterinary Society (SVS), and Veterinary Deer Society (VDS) [PRO0007]

Consensus Action on Salt, Sugar and Health [PRO0008]

The Association of Independent Meat Suppliers [PRO0009]

FOUR PAWS UK [PRO0010]

School Food Matters [PRO0011]

Dairy UK [PRO0012]

Pelican Procurement Services [PRO0013]

The Vegetarian Society [PRO0014]

Animal Aid [PRO0015]

National Pig Association [PRO0016]

Mr Duncan Brack [PRO0017]

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals UK [PRO0018]

Dr Neil Boyle; Dr Maria Anna Corvaglia; Dr Rachel Marshall; Dr Rebecca Whittle; Lucy Antal; Anna Clayton; and Sonja Woodcock [PRO0019]

RSPCA [PRO0020]

3. Air quality

Professor Alastair Lewis, Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry, University of York and Science Director, National Centre for Atmospheric Science; and Professor Eloise Scotford, Professor of Environmental Law, University College London, gave oral evidence.

Professor Anna Hansell, Professor of Environmental Epidemiology and Director of the Centre for Environmental Health and Sustainability, University of Leicester; and Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Institute of Health Equity, University College London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 September at 2.00pm]

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Cross-border animal movements.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Forestry and tree planting.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an oral evidence session on Puppy smuggling.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour in the food supply chain:

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs [LFS0033]

Food and Drink Federation [LFS0034]

Public sector procurement of food:

Demos [PRO0021]

Bristol City Council [PRO0022]

The Vegan Society [PRO0023]

Devon County Council [PRO0024]

Love British Food [PRO0025]

Compassion in World Farming [PRO0026]

Rural Development Programme for England:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 2 June, 7 and 9 July and 7 September 2020.

3. Labour in the food supply chain

Simon Doherty, Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association; Richard Griffiths, Chief Executive, British Poultry Council; and Tim Rycroft, Chief Operating Officer, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 September at 1.45 p.m.]

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

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:

Flooding:

Local Government Association [FLO0105].

3. The work of Defra

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Tamara Finkelstein, Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 September at 2.00 p.m.]

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Format of meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Flooding:

Town & Country Planning Association [FLO0080]
Local Government Association [FLO0088]
Flood Re [FLO0097]
Flood Re [FLO0106]
National Flood Forum [FLO0107]

Public sector procurement of food:

Dr Adrian Morley [PRO0027]
UK Centre for Animal Law [PRO0028]
National Farmers' Union [PRO0029]
Sodexo [PRO0030]
British Poultry Council [PRO0031]
Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming [PRO0032]
Food Foundation [PRO0033]
Rachael Andrews [PRO0034]
Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [PRO0035]
British Egg Industry Council [PRO0036]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [PRO0037]

4. Air quality

Jemima Hartshorn, Founder, Mums for Lungs; Dame Professor Parveen Kumar, Chair of the Board of Science, British Medical Association; and Kate Langford, Programme Director for

the Health Effects of Air Pollution Programme, Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, gave oral evidence.

Subrahmaniam Krishnan-Harihara, Head of Research, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce; and Paul Swinney, Director of Policy and Research, Centre for Cities, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 October at 1.45 p.m.]

9 October

Reports under the Chair's power under paragraph 3 of the Order of the House of 24 March

Sixth Special Report: COVID-19 and food supply: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2020

After consulting all Members of the Committee, the Chair was satisfied that the Special Report represented a decision of the majority of the Committee and reported it to the House. (Order of the House of 24 March 2020) [see Votes and Proceeding 12 October].

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scrutiny of trade deals

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the UK-Norway Framework Fisheries Agreement.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Chair of the Trade and Agriculture Commission.

Ordered, That the Chair attend the meetings of the International Trade Committee relating to UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under 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:

Air quality:

Gary Quinn [AQU0027]
Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Natural England [AQU0036]
Mr Magee [AQU0044]
Mums for Lungs [AQU0047]
Nutbourne [AQU0049]
Greater London Authority [AQU0057]
Miss Anita Millea [AQU0073]
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs [AQU0074]
British Heart Foundation [AQU0077]
Lawrence Fairbairn [AQU0079]
Professor Eloise Scotford [AQU0080]
Professor Anna Hansell [AQU0081]
British Medical Association [AQU0082]

Dairy Response Fund:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Victoria Prentis MP), dated 14 October 2020

Flooding:

Mr Paul Barnes and Mr Keith Harryman [FLO0082]
Royal Institute of British Architects [FLO0083]
Policy Connect [FLO0084]
Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE [FLO0085]
The Blue Green Economy [FLO0086]
Mr Neil Heckels, Professor Louise Bracken, Dr Sim Reaney and Professor Karen Johnson [FLO0087]
National Trust [FLO0089]
Zurich Insurance [FLO0090]
National Farmers Union [FLO0091]
Association of British Insurers [FLO0092]
Mr David Simmonds MP [FLO0095]
Cllr Dr Erica Lewis [FLO0100]
The Wildlife Trusts [FLO0101]
Cumbria Rivers Authority Governance Group [FLO0102]
AXA UK [FLO0103]
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management [FLO0104]

Labour in the food supply chain:

British Veterinary Association [LFS0035]
John Hardman [LFS0036]
National Farmers Union [LFS0037]
Association of Labour Providers [LFS0038]
Place UK [LFS0039]
Pro-Force Ltd [LFS0040]
Riviera Produce Ltd [LFS0041]
Maurice Crouch Growers Ltd [LFS0042]
British Meat Processors Association [LFS0043]
National Farmers Union of Scotland [LFS0044]

Public sector procurement of food:

Miss Mandy de la Hunty [PRO0038]
Mr John McLaughlin [PRO0039]
Mr Richard Flynn [PRO0040]
Miss Jessica Humble [PRO0041]
Mrs Gill Seels [PRO0042]
Sherri Allen [PRO0043]
Katherine Lubar [PRO0044]
Sally Bayly [PRO0045]
Mrs Janet Tyas [PRO0046]
Oly Shipp [PRO0048]
Ms Francoise Petre [PRO0049]

The work of Defra:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 14 October 2020

4. Flooding

Professor Richard Dawson, Member, Adaptation Committee, Committee on Climate Change; and James Richardson, Chief Economist, National Infrastructure Commission, gave oral evidence.

Richard Bramley, Member, Environment Forum, National Farmers' Union; Ali Morse, Acting Chair, Blueprint for Water; and Rob Wesley, Head of Policy, Water UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 November at 1.45 p.m.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 23 October 2020 (Order of the Committee, 11 March 2020):

Correspondence to the Secretary of State relating to the operation of the interim Office for Environmental Protection, dated 23 October 2020.

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan

Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. COVID-19 and food supply

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Victoria Prentis MP) in relation to support for food redistribution charities, and that the letter be reported to the House for publication.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour in the food supply chain:

British Growers Association [LFS0047]
G's Fresh Ltd [LFS0048]
AG Recruitment and Management Ltd [LFS0049]
British Poultry Council [LFS0050]
Fresh Produce Consortium [LFS0051]
Greater Lincolnshire LEP [LFS0052]

Public sector procurement of food:

Penelope Noakes [PRO0051]

UK-Norway Framework Fisheries Agreement:

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations [FFA0001]

4. Air quality

Councillor Matthew Holmes, Deputy Leader of Derby City Council; and Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 November at 1.45 p.m.]

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Common framework on food and feed safety and hygiene

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Common framework on food and feed safety and hygiene.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Flooding:

Professor Colin Green [FLO0051]
Nancy Mayo [FLO0055]
Whalley & Billington Flood Action Group [FLO0108]
Julie Blackburn [FLO0109]
Keswick Flood Action Group [FLO0110]
Keith Hoddinott [FLO0111]

Public sector procurement of food:

Christian Ethics of Farmed Animal Welfare [PRO0052]
NHS Supply Chain [PRO0054]

4. Public sector procurement of food

David Bowles, Head of Public Affairs, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Rob Percival, Head of Policy, Soil Association; and Ruth Westcott, Campaign Coordinator, Sustain, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 November at 3.45 p.m.]

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour in the food supply chain:

Fentongollan Farms [LFS0045]

Cornwall Area Bulb Growers Association [LFS0046]

National Farmers Union [LFS0053]

2. Air quality

Rachel Maclean MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport (DfT); Rebecca Pow MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra); Andrew Jackson, Deputy Director of the Joint Defra/DfT Air Quality Unit; and Dr Bill Parish, Deputy Director for Air Quality and Industrial Emissions, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 November at 1.45 p.m.]

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

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:

Pet smuggling:

Dr Tanya Wyatt [PS0001]
RSPCA [PS0002]
Blue Cross [PS0003]
Kennel Club [PS0004]
Dr Jenny Maher [PS0005]
Marc Abraham, Emily Rees, Sarah Clover, Edie Bowles, Julia Carr, Linda Goodman [PS0006]
The British Veterinary Association and The British Small Animal Veterinary Association [PS0007]
Battersea Dogs & Cats Home [PS0008]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [PS0009]

Tree planting and woodlands:

Martin Allen [TPW0001]
Confor [TPW0003]
Bright Blue [TPW0006]
Bob Barker [TPW0007]
Dr Keith Kirby [TPW0009]
The Wildlife Trusts [TPW0010]
Spenn Valley Civic Society [TPW0011]
WoodsfortheTrees.org [TPW0013]
Friends of the Earth [TPW0016]
National Tree Improvement Strategy [TPW0017]
Richard Ebley [TPW0018]

UK/Norway Fisheries Framework Agreement:

Scottish Fishermen's Federation [FFA0002]
Professor Richard Barnes [FFA0003]

UK Fisheries Ltd [FFA0004]

Greener UK [FFA0005]

3. Labour in the food supply chain

Kevin Foster MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office; Victoria Prentis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra); Tim Mordan, Head of Farming – Innovation, Productivity and Science, Defra; and Philippa Rouse, Director, Future Border and Immigration System Directorate, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 November at 1.45 p.m.]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 19 November 2020 (Order of the Committee, 11 March 2020):

Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the operation of the interim Office for Environmental Protection, received on 17 November 2020.

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan

Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. UK-Norway Framework Fisheries Agreement

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Victoria Prentis MP) in relation to the evidence received by the Committee, and that the letter be reported to the House for publication.

3. COVID-19 and food supply

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State on the Food Waste Fund, and that the letter be reported to the House for publication.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Air Quality:

Guy's and St Thomas' Charity [AQU084]
Mayor of Bristol [AQU085]
Bath & North East Somerset Council [AQU086]

Pet smuggling:

Dogs Trust [PS0010]

Public sector procurement of food:

Federation of Wholesale Distributors [PRO055]

Tree planting and woodlands:

Mrs Judith Ford [TPW020]
The Earl of Caithness [TPW021]
Friends of the Lake District [TPW022]
Mr Hugh Warmington [TPW023]
Natural England [TPW024]
Tenant Farmers Association [TPW025]

Rewilding Britain [TPW027]
FSC UK [TPW028]
Association of Tree Officers [TPW029]
Professor Ian Bateman [TPW030]
National Trust [TPW031]

5. Pet smuggling

Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dog's Trust; Dr Jennifer Maher, Lecturer and Subject Leader in Criminology, University of South Wales; and Daniella Dos Santos, Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association, gave oral evidence.

Lord Goldsmith, Minister for the Pacific and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Marc Casale, Head of Animal Welfare, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 December at 1.45 p.m.]

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Environmental Audit Committee for the purpose of holding a pre-appointment hearing for the Chair-Designate of the Office for Environmental Protection

2. UK-Norway Framework Fisheries Agreement

Ordered, That the correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Victoria Prentis MP) relating to the UK-Norway Framework Fisheries Agreement be reported to the House for publication.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tree planting and woodlands:

The Ramblers [TPW0032]
The Wood Panel Industries Federation [TPW0033]
National Farmers Union [TPW0035]
Institute of Chartered Foresters [TPW0036]
Soil Association [TPW0037]
Historic England [TPW0038]
Lake District National Park Partnership [TPW0039]
Royal Horticultural Society [TPW0040]
James Hutton Institute [TPW0041]
National Parks England [[TPW0042]
National Small Woods Association [TPW0043]
Wildlife & Countryside Link [TPW0044]

4. Public Sector Procurement of Food

Andy Jeffery, Owner, Farrington's Farms; and Greg Parsons, Co-founder, South West Food Hub, gave oral evidence.

Kirstin Morris, Category Development Lead, NHS Supply Chain; Howard Stevenson, Supply Chain Manager, Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation; Jason Swettenham, Head of Public Sector Prison Industries, HM Prison and Probation Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 December at 10.30 a.m.]

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Flooding:

National Flood Forum [FLO0112]

Water UK [FLO0113]

National Farmers' Union [FLO0114]

2. Flooding

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Lord Stephen Greenhalgh, Minister for Building Safety and Communities, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the Home Office; and David Cooper, Deputy Director, Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 December at 1.45 p.m.]

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

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:

Air quality:

Marina Soltan [AQU0087]
Stephen Holgate [AQU0088]

Flooding:

London Borough of Sutton and Royal Borough of Kingston [FLO0076]
www.FloodEye.uk [FLO0094]
Dr Paola Sakai [FLO0098]
Raymond Barry [FLO115]

Public sector procurement of food:

ESPO [PRO0057]

Tree planting and woodlands:

Birmingham Institute of Forest Research (BIFoR) at the University of Birmingham [TPW0045]
Kate Southworth [TPW0046]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [TPW0047]
Arboricultural Association [TPW0048]
Mr Richard Bellamy [TPW0049]

3. The work of Defra

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Emma Bourne, Director for EU Exit, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Mark Thompson, Head of EU exit strategy and negotiations, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 December at 4.30 p.m.]

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

[The Committee met concurrently with the Environmental Audit Committee]

Members present:

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Sheryll Murray
Neil Parish (Chair)

The following members of the Environmental Audit Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A).

Duncan Baker
Rt Hon Philip Dunne (Chair)
Barry Gardiner
Mr Robert Goodwill
Marco Longhi

Caroline Lucas
Cherilyn Mackrory
Jerome Mayhew
Alex Sobel
Nadia Whittome

Neil Parish was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair-Designate of the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)

Dame Glenys Stacey, Chair-Designate, Office for Environmental Protection, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair-Designate of the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Second Report of the Environmental Audit Committee, HC 1042.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 December at 11.00 a.m]

THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scrutiny of Trade Deals

Ordered, That Dr Emily Lydgate and Mr Alex Carson-Taylor be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters related to the scrutiny of trade deals. (*For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.*)

3. Common framework on food and feed safety and hygiene

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chair of the Food Standards Agency regarding matters related to the inquiry raised in written evidence received by the Committee, and that it be reported to the House for publication.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Air quality:

Imperial College London [AQU0089]

Common framework on food and feed safety and hygiene:

Food and Drink Federation [FFSH001]

Labour in the food supply chain:

John Hardman [LFS0036]

HOPS Labour Solutions [LFS0054]

Tree planting and woodlands:

Defra and Forestry Commission [TPW0050]

Dr David Lonsdale [TPW0051]

Pennine Forestry Ltd [TPW0052]

Friends of Meon Vale Woodland Walk [TPW0053]

The Landworkers' Alliance [TPW0054]

UK Environmental Law Association [TPW0055]

Woodland Trust [TPW0056]
National Forest Company [TPW0057]
Horticultural Trades Association [TPW0058]
The CLA [TPW0059]
OVO Energy [TPW0060]
Dr Kirsten McEwan [TPW0061]
Terry Davis [TPW0063]
RSPB [TPW0064]
Ancient Tree Forum [TPW0066]
National Association of AONBs, Forest of Bowland AONB [TPW0069]
Green Alliance [TPW0071]
Wood Pasture and Parkland Network, Peoples Trust for Endangered Species [TPW0072]
Andrew Heald [TPW0073]
Rebecca Oaks [TPW0074]
Pennine Prospects [TPW0075]
Forest School Association [TPW0076]
Airborne Allergy Action [TPW0077]
Fiona Fyfe [TPW0079]
Corporation of the City of London [TPW0080]
Forest of Selwood CIC [TPW0081]

5. Labour in the food supply chain

Draft Report (*The UK's new immigration policy and the food supply chain*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 231.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 January at 2.45 p.m]

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Covid-19 and food supply: follow up.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour in the food supply chain:

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Apprenticeships and Skills, Department for Education, dated 17 December 2020

Public sector procurement of food:

The South West Food Hub [PRO058]

3. Public sector procurement of food

Victoria Prentis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra); Ananda Guha, Deputy Director, Food Exports, Promotion and Partnerships, Agri-Food Chain Directorate, Defra; and Simon James, Director, Constitution & Borders, Defra, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 January at 1.30 p.m]

TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan

Barry Gardiner
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The work of the Environment Agency

Emma Howard Boyd, Chair; and Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 January at 9.20 a.m]

WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the seafood and meat exports to the EU.

2. Future programme

Ordered, That the Chair and Dave Doogan attend the meeting of the Scottish Affairs Committee relating to fisheries and Scotland, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 February at 2.00 p.m]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 29 January (Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020).

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Correspondence to the Secretary of State, dated 29 January 2021.

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

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:

Air quality:

Defra [AQU0092]

Covid-19 and food supply: follow-up:

Professor Margaret Rayman; Philip Calder [CFSF0001]

Cystic Fibrosis Trust [CFSF0002]

Arla Foods [CFSF0003]

Eats Rosyth [CFSF0004]

Hawkchurch Community Shop [CFSF0005]

WinVisible [CFSF0006]

Independent Age [CFSF0007]

Mrs Catherine Thornton [CFSF0008]

Wye Community Farm [CFSF0009]

The Foodhall Project [CFSF0010]

National Disabled People Against Cuts [CFSF0011]

Feedback global [CFSF0012]

Fresh Produce Consortium [CFSF0013]

Agricultural Industries Confederation [CFSF0014]

The Fairtrade Foundation [CFSF0015]

Provision Trade Federation [CFSF0016]

NFU Scotland [CFSF0017]

The Association of UK Dietitians [CFSF0018]

Flooding:

Defra [FLO0116]

Public sector procurement of food:

British Soft Drinks Association [PRO0050]

The South West Food Hub [PRO0058]
Defra [PRO0059]

Rural Payments Agency:

Correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer, dated 2 February 2021

3. Flooding

Draft Report (*Flooding*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 170.

4. Air quality

Draft Report (*Air quality and coronavirus: a glimpse of a different future or business as usual*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 468.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 February at 2.30 p.m]

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Seafood and meat exports to the EU

Resolved, That members of the Scottish Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 2 March 2021 relating to seafood and meat exports to the EU, 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:

Covid-19 and food supply: follow-up:

FareShare [CFSF0019]
Federation of Wholesale Distributors [CFSF0020]
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council [CFSF0021]
National Pig Association [CFSF0022]
Hubbub [CFSF0023]
The Country Trust [CFSF0024]
Landworkers Alliance [CFSF0025]
Action on Salt and Action on Sugar [CFSF0026]
Age Verification Providers Association [CFSF0027]
Coeliac UK [CFSF0028]
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations [CFSF0029]
Birmingham Food Council CIC [CFSF0030]
RNIB [CFSF0031]
National Farmers' Union (NFU) [CFSF0032]
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health Authority [CFSF0033]
The Food Foundation [CFSF0034]
Food and Drink Federation [CFSF0035]
Food Standards Agency [CFSF0036]
Trussell Trust [CFSF0037]

Transfer of the RSPCA's prosecuting role to the Crown Prosecution Service:
Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA, dated 29 January 2021.

Correspondence to the Attorney General, dated 9 February 2021.

4. Covid-19 and food supply: follow-up

Fazilet Hadi, Head of Policy, Disability Rights UK; Councillor James Jamieson, Chairman, Local Government Association; Emma Revie, Chief Executive Officer, Trussell Trust; and Anna Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Food Foundation, gave oral evidence.

James Bielby, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Wholesale Distributors; Kate Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, UKHospitality; and Ian Wright CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 February at 2.00 p.m]

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Defra Supplementary Estimates 2020-21

Ordered, That the Supplementary Estimates memorandum and annexes relating to Defra be reported to the House for publication.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Covid-19 and food supply: follow-up:

British Poultry Council [CFSF0039]

Newcastle City Council [CFSF0040]

Local Government Association [CFSF0041]

Federation of Wholesale Distributors [CFSF0042]

The Food Foundation [CFSF0043]

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Defra [SME0034]

4. Covid-19 and food supply: follow-up

Victoria Prentis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Will Quince MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 March at 2.00 p.m]

TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

Pete Wishart and Douglas Ross also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee hold an oral evidence session on Land-based education.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition:

Mr Tom Jewers [ELM0001]

Millicent Harding [ELM0002]

Ian Davis; Sam Awdry; Tom Chapman; Angus Dalton; Anthony Ellis; Rob Garrett; Dave Knight; Steve North; Dan Powell; and Richard Trevethan [ELM0003]

Agrovista UK Ltd [ELM0004]

Agricultural Industries Confederation [ELM0005]

UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology [ELM0006]

Farm Consultancy Group [ELM0007]

Plantlife [ELM0008]

Mrs Ann Willcocks [ELM0009]

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) [ELM0010]

Guildford Business Forum Rural Group [ELM0011]

National Farmers Union [ELM0012]

Sustainable Soils Alliance [ELM0013]

PAN UK [ELM0014]

Mr Alejandro Moure Abelenda [ELM0015]

Small Woods Association [ELM0016]

Open Spaces Society, British Canoeing, British Mountaineering Council, Ramblers [ELM0017]

Federation of Cumbria Commoners [ELM0019]

Juliet Bailey [ELM0020]

Nature Friendly Farming Network [ELM0021]

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Health Made Easy Ltd [SME0001]
Macduff Shellfish [SME0002]
The International Meat Trade Association [SME0003]
Mr Andrew Trust; Mr Steve Farrar [SME0004]
Euro Quality Lambs [SME0005]
Countryside Alliance [SME0006]
Quality Meat Scotland [SME0007]
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership [SME0008]
Chapmans of Rye and the shared Environmental Health Service of Rother & Wealden District Councils [SME0009]
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council [SME0010]
Plymouth Trawler Agents [SME0012]
Mr Neil Brooks [SME0013]
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board [SME0014]
Seafood Scotland [SME0015]
NFU Scotland [SME0016]
Western Fish Producers' Organisation, Waterdance Ltd, More Seafood, Brixham Trawler Agents, Samways Fish Merchants & International Transporters and Passmore Fishing [SME0017]
British Meat Processors Association [SME0018]
Scotland Food & Drink [SME0022]
Pet Food Manufacturers Association [SME0023]
Provision Trade Federation [SME0024]
Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation [SME0025]
British Game Alliance [SME0026]
British Veterinary Association [SME0027]
National Farmers' Union [SME0028]
National Sheep Association [SME0029]
British Poultry Council [SME0030]
The National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations [SME0031]
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health [SME0032]
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons [SME0033]

Trade and Agriculture Commission and free trade agreements:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 25 February 2021

3. Seafood and meat exports to the EU

Donna Fordyce, Chief Executive, Seafood Scotland; Sarah Horsfall, Co-Chief Executive, Shellfish Association of Great Britain; and Martyn Youell, Senior Manager of Fisheries and Quota, Waterdance Limited, gave oral evidence.

Nick Allen, Chief Executive, British Meat Processors Association; Charlie Dewhirst, Senior Policy Advisor, National Pig Association; and Dan Phipps, Chairman, National Sheep Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 March at 10.00 a.m]

WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Public sector procurement of food

Draft Report (*Public procurement of food*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 469.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 March at 2.00 p.m]

TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

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:

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition:

Dr Louis Phipps [ELM0022]
English Organic Forum [ELM0023]
The Wildlife Trusts [ELM0024]
Sustain [ELM0025]
Wildlife and Countryside Link [ELM0026]
Natural England [ELM0027]
Historic England [ELM0028]
Institute of Chartered Foresters [ELM0029]
Country Land & Business Association [ELM0030]

Moving animals across borders:

Mr Roy Gregg [MAAB0001]
Mr Ian Wilson; Dr Mike Tempest [MAAB0003]
International Association of Vegan Sociologists [MAAB0004]
Mandy Collings [MAAB0005]
ESM Equestrian Ltd [MAAB0006]
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons [MAAB0009]
RSPCA [MAAB0010]
Mrs Sarah Lewis [MAAB0011]

Transfer of the RSPCA's prosecuting role to the Crown Prosecution Service:

Correspondence from the Solicitor General, dated 24 February 2021.

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Association of Independent Meat Suppliers [SME0035]

3. Tree planting and woodlands

Dr Amanda Thomson, UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology; Professor Ian Bateman, Director of the Land, Environment, Economics and Policy Institute, Exeter University; and Jim Mackinnon CBE, former Chief Planner, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Mrs Sheryll Murray was called to the chair.

Dr Amanda Thomson, UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology; Professor Ian Bateman, Director of the Land, Environment, Economics and Policy Institute, Exeter University; and Jim Mackinnon CBE, former Chief Planner, Scottish Government, gave further oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 March at 2.00 p.m]

TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Trade and Agriculture Commission

Resolved, That members of the International Trade Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 27 April 2021 relating to the Trade and Agriculture Commission, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Ofwat Supplementary Estimates 2020-21

Ordered, That the Supplementary Estimates memorandum and annexes relating to the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) be reported to the House for publication.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tree planting and woodlands:

Royal Forestry Society [TPW0084]

Professor Ian Bateman [TPW0085]

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [SME0036]

5. Seafood and meat exports to the EU

Gary McFarlane, Northern Ireland Director, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health; and James Russell, President, British Veterinary Association, gave oral evidence.

Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association; Shane Brennan, Chief Executive, Cold Chain Federation; and Eddie Green, Head of UK Cold Chain, DFDS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 March at 2.00 p.m]

TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

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:

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:
Shellfish Association of Great Britain [SME0037]

3. Land based education

Tom Bradshaw, Vice President, National Farmers' Union; Shireen Chambers MBE, Executive Director, Institute of Chartered Foresters; and Alex Payne, Chief Executive, Landex, gave oral evidence.

Tim Whittaker, Principle of Askham Bryan College; Judith Clapham, Director of Governance, Askham Bryan College; Lord Richard Inglewood, Chair, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership; Jo Lappin, CEO, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership, gave oral evidence.

Ordered, that the Chair issue a press notice setting out the Committee's support for ongoing land-based education provision at Newton Rigg in Cumbria, and for a national strategy for land-based skills.

[Adjourned till Thursday 25 March at 2.00 p.m]

THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition:

Foundation for Common Land [ELM0031]

Curlew Action [ELM0032]

Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [ELM0034]

British Veterinary Association [ELM0035]

National Sheep Association (NSA) [ELM0036]

Confederation of Forest Industries [ELM0037]

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Food Standards Agency [SME0038]

National Pig Association [SME0039]

2. Seafood and meat exports to the EU

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; David Kennedy, Director General for Food, Farming, Animal and Bio-security, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Ian Hewett, Operations Director, Animal and Plant Health Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 29 March at 11.00 a.m]

MONDAY 29 MARCH 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition:

Rare Breeds Survival Trust [ELM0033]

The Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology [ELM0038]

DJM Consulting [ELM0041]

Food, Farming and Countryside Commission [ELM0042]

CSA Network [ELM0043]

Dr Ruth Little; Jess Lyon; Dr David Rose; Dr Judith Tsouvalis; Dr José Luis Fajardo Escoffié; Professor Charlotte Burns; and Professor Susan Hartley [ELM0044]

Association of Drainage Authorities [ELM0045]

The University of Gloucestershire [ELM0046]

Pasture-Fed Livestock Association CIC [ELM0047]

WWF [ELM0048]

Moving animals across borders:

The Livestock Auctioneers Association Limited [MAAB0020]

The Abattoir Sector Group, Sustainable Food Trust, Rare Breed Survival Trust, Fur Farm, Craft Butchers Association, AIMS, Small Abattoirs [MAAB0021]

British Association for Shooting and Conservation [MAAB0026]

National Sheep Association [MAAB0027]

MSD Animal Health UK Limited [MAAB0028]

The Poultry Club of Great Britain [MAAB0033]

The Self Help Group for Farmers, Pet Owners and Others experiencing difficulties with the RSPCA [MAAB0034]

Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation [MAAB0035]

Quality Meat Scotland [MAAB0046]

City of London Corporation [MAAB0047]

Compassion in World Farming [MAAB0049]

Countryside Alliance [MAAB0050]

Chartered Trading Standards Institute [MAAB0051]

National Pig Association [MAAB0053]

Defra [MAAB0054]

Wildlife and Countryside Link [MAAB0055]

2. Covid-19 and food supply: follow-up:

Draft Report (*Covid-19 and the issues of security in food supply*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1156.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 April at 2.00 p.m]

TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Declaration of interests

Dr Neil Hudson amended his declaration of interests of 4 March 2020. (For details, see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Air quality

Draft Special Report (*Air quality and coronavirus: a glimpse of a different future or business as usual: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2019-21*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

Resolved, That the Report be the Seventh 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 written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Moving animals across borders:

Aviagen Group [MAAB0043]

Dog's Trust [MAAB0048]

NFU [MAAB0057]

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Waterdance [SME0040]

5. Moving animals across borders

James Russell, President, British Veterinary Association; Victor Chestnutt, President, Ulster Farmers' Union; and Stuart Roberts, Deputy President, NFU, gave oral evidence.

Professor Malcolm Mitchel, Professor of Physiology and Animal Welfare, Scotland's Rural College; Professor Tim Morris, Special Professor in Laboratory Animal Welfare and Science, University of Nottingham; and James West, Senior Policy Manager, Compassion in World Farming, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 22 April at 1.30 p.m]

THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Seafood and meat exports to the EU

Draft Report (*Seafood and meat exports to the EU*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1189.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 April at 1.30 p.m]

TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

Angus Brendan McNeil, Anthony Mangnall and Craig Williams also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

1. Declaration of interests

Dr Neil Hudson amended his declaration of interests of 4 March 2020. (For details, see Appendix.)

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Flooding

Draft Special Report (*Flooding: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2019-21*), 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 Eighth 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 written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Environmental land management and the agricultural transition:

Jane Bassett [ELM0039]

Professor Karen Sayer [ELM0040]

Tenant Farmers Association [ELM0049]

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [SME0041]

5. Trade and Agriculture Commission report

Tim Smith, Nick Von Westenholz, and Dr Nigel Gibbens CBE, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 May at 2 p.m]

Evidence reported to the House for publication on 29 April (Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020).

Land based education:

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Education (Gillian Keegan MP), dated 30 March 2021 and 16 April 2021.

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Education, dated 29 April 2021.

Askham Bryan College [LBE0001]

APPENDIX

Members' interests:

Neil Parish

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources:

Name of donor: National Association of British and Irish Millers Address of donor: 21 Arlington Street, London SW1A 1RN Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: For me and my wife, accommodation £200 and a dinner £360, total value £560 Date received: 17 May 2019 Date accepted: 17 May 2019 Donor status: company, registration 00148449 (Registered 21 May 2019).

Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year:

Family farm in Somerset: (i) and (ii).

8. Miscellaneous:

Partner in R.T. Parish and Son, Dodds farm, Somerset.

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses:

I employ my wife, Susan Parish, as Junior Secretary.

Ian Byrne

1. Employment and earnings:

Until further notice, member of Liverpool City Council, Venture Place, Sir Thomas St, L1 6BW. I receive allowances of £882.50 a month for an expected commitment of 40 hrs a month. Allowances donated to charity from January 2020. (Registered 10 January 2020).

31 December 2019, received £3,592.08 from IPSA for work as an MP's office manager until 12 December 2019. I repaid £1,018.68 on 30 January 2020. (Registered 29 January 2020; updated 09 March 2020).

4. Visits outside the UK:

Name of donor: Justice for Colombia Address of donor: 75 St John St, London EC1N 4NN Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights, accommodation and incountry travel, value over £3,000. Destination of visit: Colombia Dates of visit: 23 to 29 May 2019 Purpose of visit: meetings with human rights organisation and discussions about peace treaty implementation. (Registered 10 January 2020).

8. Miscellaneous:

Member of the management committee, Kitty's Laundrette: ecological and community laundrette in Anfield. (Registered 10 January 2020).

Member of the management committee, Spirit of Shankly, which promotes the interests of football supporters. (Registered 10 January 2020).

Co-founder of Fans Supporting Foodbanks, an organisation based in Liverpool to help fight food poverty.

I work with both the Trussell Trust and FareShare locally.

Geraint Davies

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year:

Residential property in London: (i) and (ii). (Updated 3 June 2015).

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

Pure Crete Ltd, tour operator to Crete.

Dave Doogan

1. Employment and earnings:

20 December 2019, received £1,504.06 from Perth and Kinross Council, High Street, Perth PH1 5PH, for my role as a Councillor. Hours: approx. 20 hrs. (Registered 07 January 2020).

8. Miscellaneous:

Councillor, Perth and Kinross Council. From January 2020, I receive no allowances for this role. (Registered 07 January 2020).

Rosie Duffield

1. Employment and earnings:

Payments from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for opinion surveys:

18 January 2019, received £75 for January 2019 Panel Survey. Hours 40 mins. (Registered 30 September 2019).

16 May 2019, received £75 for February Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours 40 mins. (Registered 30 September 2019).

16 May 2019, received £75 for March Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours 30 mins. (Registered 30 September 2019).

20 September 2019, received £75 for June Parliamentary Survey. Hours 45 mins. (Registered 30 September 2019).

20 September 2019, received £75 for July Parliamentary Survey. Hours 45 mins. (Registered 30 September 2019).

Payments from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for opinion surveys:

21 January 2019, received £200 for Winter 2018 Survey. Hours 1 hr. (Registered 30 September 2019).

19 September 2019, received £200 for Summer 2019 Survey. Hours 1 hr. (Registered 30 September 2019).

Payments from YouGov Plc, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT for opinion surveys:

15 January 2019, received £70 for December 2018 survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 11 January 2020).

30 December 2019, received £100 for September 2019 survey. Hours: 50 mins. (Registered 11 January 2020).

30 December 2019, received £60 for October 2019 survey. Hours: 35 mins. (Registered 11 January 2020).

30 June 2019, received £80 for December 2018 survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 11 January 2020).

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

Name of donor: USDAW Address of donor: 188 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M14 6LJ
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 Donor status: trade union (Registered 11 January 2020).

Name of donor: Communication Workers' Union Address of donor: The Broadway, London, Wimbledon, London, SW19 1RX, London Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: trade union (Registered 11 January 2020).

Name of donor: Robin Lunn Address of donor: private Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,750 Donor status: individual (Registered 11 January 2020).

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

Name of donor: Lord Matthew Oakeshott Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Date received: 17 September 2019 Date accepted: 17 September 2019 Donor status: individual (Registered 15 October 2019).

Name of donor: Lord Matthew Oakeshott Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Date received: 18 November 2019 Date accepted: 18 November 2019 Donor status: individual (Registered 11 January 2020).

8. Miscellaneous:

Member of Trades Union GMB, CWU, and Unison.

Vice Chair of the Net Zero All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Barry Gardiner

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

Name of donor: Democracy Forum Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 Donor status: company, registration 07046518 (Registered 07 May 2019)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 Donor status: company, registration 07046518 (Registered 11 June 2019)

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: £3,000 Donor status: trade union (Registered 07 January 2020)

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

Name of donor: Christine Lee & Co Address of donor: 86 Holloway Head, Birmingham B1 1NB Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Researcher for 5 days per week from 1 June 2018 to 31 May 2019, approx. value £31,680 Date received: 1 June 2018 Date accepted: 1 June 2018 Donor status: company, registration 2890577 (Registered 07 June 2018)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG Amount of donation, or nature and value of donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Caseworker from 31 July 2018 to 1 August 2019, value £12,529 Date received: 31 July 2018 to 1 August 2019 Date accepted: 31 July 2018 Donor status: company, registration 07046518 (Registered 06 August 2018)

Name of donor: Christine Lee & Co Address of donor: 86 Holloway Head, Birmingham B1 1NB Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Researcher for 5 days per week from 12 March 2019 to 31 December 2019, value £32,625 Date received: 12 March 2019 to 31 December 2019 Date accepted: 12 March 2019 Donor status: company, registration 2890577 (Registered 12 March 2019; updated 07 January 2020)

Name of donor: Christine Lee & Co Address of donor: 86 Holloway Head, Birmingham B1 1NB Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Researcher for 5 days per week from 1 June 2019 to 31 August 2019, approx. value £7,920 Date received: 1 June 2019 Date accepted: 1 June 2019 Donor status: company, registration 2890577 (Registered 11 June 2019)

Name of donor: Christine Lee & Co Address of donor: 86 Holloway Head, Birmingham B1 1NB Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Researcher for 5 days per week from 1 September 2019 to 28 February 2020, approx. value £17,078 Date received: 1 September 2019 Date accepted: 1 September 2019 Donor status: company, registration 2890577 (Registered 24 September 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

From 7 January 2016, unremunerated Director of GLOBE International AISBL, an international non-profit network devoted to legislative leadership on sustainable development and climate change, of 235/2 Avenue des Volontaires, B-1150 Brussels. (Registered 03 February 2016)

From 4 February 2019, Trustee of Climate Parliament, which aims to educate and inform legislators about climate change and policy options for promoting renewable energy. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 28 February 2019)

Castle Water Ltd Address of donor: Craighall Caste, Rattray, Blairgowrie PH10 7JB Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Sponsorship of Christmas Cards £5,000 (Registered 15 January 2019) ***past financial interest**

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Caroline Smith, as Constituency Office Manager and Senior Caseworker. (Updated 5 June 2015 and 30 June 2017)

Mary Glindon

1. Employment and earnings:

22 March 2019, payment of £200 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey. Hours: approx. 1 hr. Fee paid direct to North Tyneside CLP. (Registered 29 April 2019).

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

None

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

Name of donor: Addaction Address of donor: 67-69 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6PU
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Parliamentary Group, which I cochair, provided by Union Services Parliamentary Consultancy, at a value of £1,280 from 1 September 2018 to 31 December 2018 Date received: 1 September 2018 - 31 December 2018 Date accepted: 1 September 2018 Donor status: company, registration 2580377 (Registered 06 September 2018; updated 18 March 2019).

Name of donor: Blenheim Address of donor: 212 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2JU
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Parliamentary Group, which I cochair, provided by Union Services Parliamentary Consultancy, at a value of £1,280 from 1 September 2018 to 31 December 2018 Date received: 1 September 2018 - 31 December 2018 Date accepted: 1 September 2018 Donor status: company, registration 1694712 (Registered 06 September 2018; updated 18 March 2019).

Name of donor: WDP Address of donor: 18 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BL Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Parliamentary Group, which I cochair, provided by Union Services Parliamentary Consultancy, at a value of £1,280 from 1 September 2018 to 31 December 2018 Date received: 1 September 2018 - 31 December 2018 Date accepted: 1 September 2018 Donor status: company, registration 2807934 (Registered 06 September 2018; updated 18 March 2019).

Name of donor: Addaction Address of donor: 67-69 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6PU
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Parliamentary Group, which I cochair, provided by Solidarity Consulting Ltd (which succeeded Union Services Parliamentary Consultancy), at a value of £5,274 from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 Date received: 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019 Date accepted: 1 January 2019 Donor status: company, registration 2580377 (Registered 18 March 2019).

Name of donor: Blenheim Address of donor: 212 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2JU
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Parliamentary Group, which I cochair, provided by Solidarity Consulting Ltd (which succeeded Union Services Parliamentary Consultancy), at a value of £1,318.50 from 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019 Date received: 1 January 2019 -

31 March 2019 Date accepted: 1 January 2019 Donor status: company, registration 1694712 (Registered 18 March 2019; updated 19 June 2019).

Name of donor: WDP Address of donor: 18 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BL Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Parliamentary Group, which I cochair, provided by Solidarity Consulting Ltd (which succeeded Union Services Parliamentary Consultancy), at a value of £5,274 from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 Date received: 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019 Date accepted: 1 January 2019 Donor status: company, registration 2807934 (Registered 18 March 2019).

Name of donor: Humankind Address of donor: Aycliffe Business Park, Sapphire House, Horndale Ave, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6DS Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Drugs, Alcohol and Justice Parliamentary Group, which I cochair, provided by Solidarity Consulting Ltd (which succeeded Union Services Parliamentary Consultancy), at a value of £3,955.50 from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019 Date received: 1 April 2019 – 31 December 2019 Date accepted: 1 April 2019 Donor status: company, registration 1820492 (Registered 19 June 2019).

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources:

Name of donor: English Football League Address of donor: 10-12 West Cliff, Preston PR1 8HU Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two league One Play off Final tickets with hospitality, total value £503.28 (£251.64 each) Date received: 26 May 2019 Date accepted: 26 May 2019 Donor status: company, registration 80612 (Registered 24 July 2019).

8. Miscellaneous:

My Brother, Joseph Mulgrove, is a meat inspector. His employer is: The FSA, Foss House, York, YO1 7PX.

Dr Neil Hudson

1. Employment and earnings:

19 December 2019, received £4,927.92 as Senior Veterinary Clinical Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 07 January 2020).

8. Miscellaneous:

From 1 January 2020, on unpaid sabbatical leave as a senior lecturer from the University of Edinburgh. (Registered 07 January 2020).

Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. (Registered 07 January 2020).

Member of the British Equine Veterinary Association. (Registered 07 January 2020).

Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA), 2017-2021: Co-grant holder and co-supervisor for a postgraduate PhD studentship on Traveller and Gypsy Horse Welfare.

Project at University of Edinburgh/Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), funded by The Horse Trust £80,534 (Horse Trust, Slad Lane, Speen, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 0PP).

Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Horse.

Member of the British Horseracing Authority Whip Review Steering Group (2021/22) (added 20 April 2021).

Vice Chair of the APPG for Animal Welfare (added 27 April 2021).

Robbie Moore

1. Employment and earnings:

Until 20 January 2020, I received allowances as a member of Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF. (Registered 9 January 2020; updated 27 January 2020) 16 December 2019, received £1,058.54. Hours: none since my election to Parliament. (Registered 09 January 2020).

Until 20 January 2020, I received £14,004 a year, paid monthly, for an expected commitment of approximately 38 hrs a month. (Registered 9 January 2020; updated 27 January 2020) Payments for work done through Brockthorpe Consultancy RM, Brockthorpe Consultancy RM, Brockdam Farm, Ellingham, Chathill NE67 5HN, of which I am sole proprietor.

Payment of £2,500 expected for work as a consultant/rural surveyor, from the Executors of the estate of the late Mr M Higgins, c/o Rayworths Solicitors, 89 Station Parade, Harrogate HG1 1HF. Hours: none since my election to Parliament. (Registered 09 January 2020).

Payment of £350 expected for work as a consultant/rural surveyor from W R A Fife (private address). Hours: none since my election to Parliament. (Registered 09 January 2020) 18 December 2019.

£1,169 received for work as a consultant/rural surveyor from Haddon Farms Ltd, Farfields Farm, Crosland Edge, Meltham, HD9 5RS. Hours: none since my election to Parliament. (Registered 09 January 2020).

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

Name of donor: Diane Smith Address of donor: private Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

Name of donor: IPGL Ltd Address of donor: 39 Sloane St, London SW1X 9LP Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: company, registration 02011009 (Registered 09 January 2020).

Name of donor: Dr Lawrence Tomlinson Address of donor: private Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year:

House in Northumberland: (i). (Registered 09 January 2020).

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

Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; consultants and rural surveyors. This is the umbrella company of Brockthorpe Consultancy RM. (Registered 09 January 2020).

8. Miscellaneous:

Unpaid director of Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; consultants and rural surveyors. This is the umbrella company of Brockthorpe Consultancy RM. (Registered 09 January 2020).

Fellow of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers, Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Scholar of the Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust, Member of The Farmers Club.

Father owns agricultural land in Lincolnshire where he and other family members occupy and run a farming business. Member has no financial interest within the farming business or ownership of the assets but is involved in providing advice to the business.

Father owns a plastic recycling business; Agri-Cycle Ltd which predominately collects and recycles agricultural plastic waste. Business operates nationally. Member has no financial interest within the recycling business or the ownership of the assets but is involved in providing advice to the business.

Father is a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farmers.

Mrs Sheryll Murray

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

Name of donor: IPGL Ltd Address of donor: 3rd Floor, 39 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9LP
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: company, registration 2011009 (Registered 24 December 2019).

4. Visits outside the UK:

Name of donor: Government of Jersey London Office Address of donor: Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9AA Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): airfare, accommodation, travel, food and drink for me and member of staff with a value of £1,372.50 Destination of visit: Jersey Dates of visit: 9-12 May 2019 Purpose of visit: Attendance at meetings and fact finding trip. (Registered 17 June 2019).

Name of donor: Yunus Emre Enstitüsü (Yunus Emre Institute) & ITSEB Turkish Speaking Health Professionals in the UK Address of donor: 10 Maple Street, London W1T 5HA Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): for me and a member of staff, flights, domestic transport and accommodation to the value of £4,794 Destination of visit: Turkey Dates of visit: 4-18 August 2019 Purpose of visit: Delegation of Conservative MPs to see the conditions of Syrian refugees and meet key officials, ministers, governors and mayors, also to visit the Turkish Grand National Assembly and trade and industry chambers. (Registered 10 September 2019).

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year:

House in South East Cornwall. The property is owned by a trust of which I am a beneficiary: (i) and (ii). (Registered 06 January 2012).

8. Miscellaneous:

Member of The National Trust.

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Fisheries.

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cats.

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses:

I employ my partner, Mr Robert Davidson, as Office Manager.

Mr Toby Perkins

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

Name of donor: Weightron Bilanciai Ltd Address of donor: Titan Works, Bridge Way, Chesterfield S41 9QJ Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000 Donor status: company, registration 02154099 (Registered 14 January 2020).

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources:

Name of donor: The Construction Skills People Ltd Address of donor: Bridge Business Centre, Beresford Way, Chesterfield S41 9FG Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: company, registration 06616608 (Registered 14 January 2020).

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association Address of donor: Priory Ln, London SW15 5JQ Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for tennis at Queens Club, total approx. value £170 Date received: 17 June 2019 Date accepted: 17 June 2019 Donor status: company, registration 7459469 (Registered 15 August 2019).

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association Address of donor: Priory Ln, London SW15 5JQ Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for tennis at Wimbledon, total value £166 Date received: 4 July 2019 Date accepted: 4 July 2019 Donor status: company, registration 7459469 (Registered 15 August 2019).

4. Visits outside the UK:

Name of donor: (1) Sardar Group of Companies; (2) Erbil Chamber of Commerce and Industry; (3) Iraq and Slemani Chamber of Commerce Address of donor: (1) Gulan Street, Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq; (2) Aras Street, Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq; (3) Salim Street, Slemani, Kurdistan Region, Iraq Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Travel, value £3,000; (2) hotel accommodation in Erbil, value £400; (3) hotel accommodation in Slemani, value £200 Destination of visit: Erbil and Slemani provinces, Arabat, Slemani, Erbil Dates of visit: 20-23 June 2019 Purpose of visit: APPG Kurdistan Region in Iraq visit to meet Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Kurdistan MPs, UK Consul-General, Governors, Chambers of Commerce, and visit a camp for internally displaced people and places of cultural significance. (Registered 22 July 2019).

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses:

I employ my partner, Amanda Collumbine, as Executive Office Manager. (Registered 14 January 2020).

Julian Sturdy

1. Employment and earnings:

I am a partner in G E Sturdy and Son; a farming partnership. Address: Westgate Farm, North Deighton, Wetherby, LS22 4EN. I provide administrative support for the partnership, as well as doing some buying and selling at certain times. Until further notice, I will receive £500 per month. Hours: no more than 4 hours a week. (Updated 9 December 2015).

8. Miscellaneous:

GE Sturdy and Son is in receipt of RPA funding.

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Science and Technology in Agriculture.

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Rural Business.

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses:

I employ my wife, Victoria Sturdy, as part time Secretary. (Registered 04 June 2015).

Derek Thomas

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

Name of donor: Richard W Belton Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

Name of donor: Peter A Batchelor Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

Name of donor: Lord Philip Harris Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

Name of donor: Robert Dorrien-Smith Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £6,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

Name of donor: Robert Dorrien-Smith Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Raffle prize with a value of £5,000 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

Name of donor: Rodrich Brooks Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 Donor status: individual (Registered 09 January 2020).

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year:

(i) From 4 October 2017, house and adjacent retail outlet in West Cornwall, owned jointly with my wife (Registered 30 October 2017).

8. Miscellaneous:

Sole Trader, Derek Thomas Building Services, not currently engaged in trading. (Registered 05 June 2015).

Since December 2015, an interest below registrable value in Mustard Seed Property Ltd, a community benefit society which provides housing in Cornwall for vulnerable people. (Registered 19 October 2016).

Chair of the Rural Fair Share Group (Local Government Finance).

Special Advisers' interests:**Alex Carson-Taylor**

Member of the Shropshire Committee, Country Land and Business Association

Emily Lydgate

Co-own a small family farm, Lydgate Farms, in the state of Hawaii in the US. We do not export internationally (nor plan to).

I have advised on, and co-produced publications with, NGOs: Sustain and Pesticide Action Network and the Future British Standards Coalition.

Provided training to UK civil servants on trade matters, including courses delivered for Defra, FCDO, DIT, BEIS and the Welsh Government.