



House of Commons

Scottish Affairs Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2019–21

The Scottish Affairs Committee

The Scottish Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Scotland Office (including (i) relations with the Scottish Parliament and (ii) administration and expenditure of the offices of the Advocate General for Scotland (but excluding individual cases and advice given within government by the Advocate General).

Current membership

[Pete Wishart MP](#) (Scottish National Party, Perth and North Perthshire) (Chair)

[Mhairi Black MP](#) (Scottish National Party, Paisley and Renfrewshire South)

[Andrew Bowie MP](#) (Conservative, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine)

[Deidre Brock MP](#) (Scottish National Party, Edinburgh North and Leith)

[Wendy Chamberlain MP](#) (Liberal Democrat, North East Fife)

[Alberto Costa MP](#) (Conservative, South Leicestershire)

[Jon Cruddas MP](#) (Labour, Dagenham and Rainham)

[Sally-Ann Hart MP](#) (Conservative, Hastings and Rye)

[John Lamont MP](#) (Conservative, Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk)

[Douglas Ross MP](#) (Conservative, Moray)

[Liz Twist MP](#) (Labour, Blaydon)

[David Duguid MP](#) (Conservative, Banff and Buchan) was also a member of the Committee during the current Parliament.

Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No.152. These are available on the internet via www.parliament.uk.

Publications

The reports and evidence of the Committee are published on the [Committee's website](#) and in print by Order of the House.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Samantha Colebrook (Committee Operations Officer), Deborah Courtney, (Committee Operations Manager), Nerys Davies (Committee Specialist), Ed Hamill (Committee Specialist), Simon Horswell (Committee Specialist), Alex Knight (Senior Economist, Scrutiny Unit), Leoni Kurt (Clerk), Xameerah Malik (Senior Specialist), Zac Mead (Second Clerk) and Tim West (Media Officer).

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Formal Minutes of the Scottish Affairs Committee

Session 2019–21

Thursday 7 May 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair¹

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
David Duguid
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Liz Twist

1. Declaration of Interests

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

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses, in accordance with Standing Order No. 125, unless the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That oral briefing may be provided to witnesses prior to their examination, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Ordered, That John Lamont take the Chair of the Committee, if present, in the absence of the Chair.

Resolved, That decisions on the following matters may be delegated to the Chair:

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- (a) Agreeing the circulated agenda for Committee meetings (subject to the right of any Committee member to raise issues for the Committee to consider);
- (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 (for example, with visiting parliamentarians);
- (d) Authorising the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;
- (e) Subject to a degree of prior negotiation, deciding to which parliamentary proceedings Committee Reports should be tagged for debate in the House (or Westminster Hall), and proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall;
- (f) Taking decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent;
- (g) Amending the timing of meetings, where necessary.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Future of Scottish Agriculture:

- Letter, dated 23 February, from George Eustice, Secretary of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to the Chair, relating to The Future of Scottish Agriculture post-Brexit.

Financial Scrutiny:

- Written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2019-20 submitted by the Scotland Office.
- Written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate Main Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2020-21 submitted by the Scotland Office.

4. Financial Scrutiny

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland in relation to the Annual Report and Accounts.

5. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Coronavirus and Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence from the Secretary of State for Scotland.

6. Confidentiality and Privilege

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Standards of Service

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Virtual evidence sessions

The Committee considered this matter.

9. Witness diversity

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 1.30 pm on 14 May.]

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [27 January 2020].

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Thursday 14 May 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
David Duguid
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Liz Twist

1. Coronavirus and Scotland

Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Douglas Ross MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Gillian McGregor, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.55 pm on 21 May.]

Thursday 21 May 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
David Duguid
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Liz Twist

1. Coronavirus and Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland requesting answers to questions not answered during the evidence session on 14 May.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Problem drug use in Scotland

- Letter, dated 5 November 2019, from Kit Malthouse MP, Minister of State (Minister for Crime and Policing), relating to the former Scottish Affairs Committees' inquiry on problem drug use.

3. Financial Scrutiny

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland in relation to the Annual Report and Accounts.

4. Immigration Health Surcharge Exemption.

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Coronavirus and Scotland

Professor Andrew Morris, Director at Health Data Research UK and Chair of the Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group, Dr Gregor Smith, Interim Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, and Professor Sheila Rowan, Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 11 June.]

Thursday 11 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont

1. Economy, Energy and Fair work Committee inquiry into Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Coronavirus and Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Interim Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, in relation to the Coronavirus and Scotland.

4. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Jeane Freeman OBE MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport at Scottish Government, Professor Jason Leitch, Clinical Director of Healthcare Quality and Strategy, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.55pm on 18 June.]

Thursday 18 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Douglas Ross
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont

1. Declaration of interests

Douglas Ross declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- COR0002 - Ms Clare Slipper (Political Affairs Manager at NFU Scotland)
- COR0003 - Professor John O.S. Wilson; Dr Dimitris Chronopoulos; Dr Marcel Lukas
- Letter, dated 16 June 2020, from interim Chief Medical Officer for Scotland to Chair, relating to Scottish Care Homes

3. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Minister of State for Crime and Policing relating to the government response to the Public Drug Use in Scotland Report of Session 2019.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into My Scottish Affairs.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a roundtable event on Problem Drug Use in Scotland.

5. Cancer Research UK

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Oil and Gas Industry

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Akash Paun, Senior Fellow at Institute for Government, Professor Linda Bauld, Professor of Public Health, University of Edinburgh, Professor Nicola McEwen, Co-Director at Centre of Constitutional Change, Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.40pm on 25 June.]

Thursday 25 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa
John Cruddas
Douglas Ross
Sally-Ann Hart

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- COR0005 – Scottish Renewables
- COR0006 – British Veterinary Association
- COR0007 – Scotland IS
- COR0008 – Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service
- COR0010 – Scottish Care
- COR0011 – Oil and Gas UK
- COR0012 – Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland
- COR0013 – Scottish Retail Consortium
- COR0014 – Scottish Beef Association
- COR0015 – Which?
- COR0016 – Scottish Land and Estates
- COR0017 – Royal Society of Edinburgh
- COR0018 – Food and Drink Federation Scotland
- COR0019 – Law Society

Shared Prosperity Fund

- Letter, dated 19 June 2020, from Simon Clarke MP, Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government to Select Committee Chairs relating to the Shared Prosperity Fund

2. My Scottish Affairs

The Committee considered this matter

3. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, relating to the Coronavirus and Scotland inquiry.

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Resolved, That the Committee write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting ministerial representation before the Committee as part of the Coronavirus and Scotland inquiry.

James Withers, Chief Executive, Scotland Food and Drink, Karen Betts, CEO, Scottish Whiskey Association, and Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.55pm on 2 July.]

Thursday 2 July 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa
Jon Cruddas

John Lamont
Douglas Ross
Sally-Ann Hart
Liz Twist

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- Letter, dated 19 May 2020, from the Committee to the Secretary of State for Scotland, relating to the Joint Biosecurity Centre.
- Letter, dated 24 June 2020, from the Secretary of State for Scotland, relating to the Joint Biosecurity Centre.

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee write to Sir Bernard Jenkin, Chair of the Liaison Committee, relating to a Government response on the Problem Drug Use in Scotland inquiry.

3. CBI briefing paper

The Committee considered this matter.

4. IFS briefing paper

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. My Scottish Affairs

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Publication Fiscal Update

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Coronavirus and Scotland

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The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Alasdair Smith, Commissioner at Scottish Fiscal Commission; David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.55pm on 9 July.]

Thursday 9 July 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain

Jon Cruddas
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- COR0020 – SEFARI

2. Access to cash

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Access to Food (Scotland)

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Colette Cohen, CEO, Oil and Gas Technology Company, Deirdre Michie, CEO, Oil and Gas UK (OGUK), Professor John Underhill, Chair of Exploration Geoscience in the Institute of GeoEnergy Engineering, Chief Scientist at Heriot-Watt University and member of the Scottish Scientific Advisory Council (SSAC), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.55pm on 16 July.]

Thursday 16 July 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black	Jon Cruddas
Andrew Bowie	Douglas Ross
Deidre Brock	Sally-Ann Hart
Wendy Chamberlain	John Lamont
Alberto Costa	Liz Twist

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- COR0021 – deafscotland

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Universities in Scotland.

3. Immigration

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Coronavirus and Scotland

Draft Report, (*Coronavirus and Scotland: Interim Report on Intergovernmental Working*) 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 in the First Report of the Committee, HC 314, Session 2019-21.

[Adjourned till 1.55pm on 3 September.

Thursday 3 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Douglas Ross
John Lamont
Liz Twist

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- COR0023 – BEMIS/the Ethnic Minority National Resilience Network (Scotland)

Job Start Payment scheme

- Letter, dated 13 August 2020, from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Job Start Payment

Annual Report and Accounts of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland

- Letter, dated 22 July 2020, from the Secretary of State for Scotland, 2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts for the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland

UK internal market White Paper and Consultation

- Letter, dated 16 July 2020, from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Launch of the UK internal market White Paper and consultation

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Problem drug use in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2019*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the First Report from the Committee in Session 2019 was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Coronavirus and Scotland

Elspeth Macdonald, CEO, Scottish Fishermen's Federation, Jimmy Buchan, Chief Executive, Scottish Seafood Association, John Anderson, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Organisation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 10 September.]

Thursday 10 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa
Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross
Liz Twist

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Coronavirus and Scotland

Dr Donald Macaskill, Chief Executive, Scottish Care, Theresa Fyffe, Director, Royal College of Nursing Scotland, Wilma Brown, Employee Director, NHS Fife, and Lay Activist, UNISON, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 9am on 10 September.]

Thursday 17 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart
Douglas Ross
John Lamont

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- COR0023 – Royal College of Nursing Scotland (supplementary)

Introduction of the UK Internal Market Bill

- Letter, dated 9 September 2020, from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, relating to the introduction of the UK Internal Market Bill
- Letter, dated 10 September 2020, from the Attorney General on the UK Internal Market Bill, and accompanying HMG Legal Statement

2. Coronavirus and Scotland

Rt Hon Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Scotland), Gillian McGregor CBE, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 9.30am on 22 September.]

Thursday 24 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
Douglas Ross
John Lamont
Liz Twist

1. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Secretary of State for Scotland relating to coronavirus and Scotland.

2. Universities and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 9.30am on 29 September.]

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Liz Twist

1. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 1 October.]

Thursday 1 October 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa
Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross
Liz Twist

1. Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 8 October.]

Thursday 8 October 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Coronavirus and Scotland

- Correspondence, dated 24 September and 5 October 2020 with the Secretary of State for Scotland relating to the evidence session on 17 September

2. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Welfare Policy in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an evidence session on the UK Internal Market Bill.

3. Universities and Scotland

Dr Vicky Johnson, Director of the Centre for Remote and Rural Communities (CRRC), University of the Highlands and Islands, Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland and Professor James Conroy, Dean for Global Engagement (Europe) and Vice Principal Emeritus, University of Glasgow, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 2.00pm on 15 October.]

Thursday 15 October 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
John Lamont
Liz Twist

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Universities and Scotland

- USC0001 - Medical Research Council Units at Edinburgh University and Dundee University

Coronavirus and Scotland

- Letter, dated 7 October 2020, from Gillian McGregor, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, relating to the government response on the Coronavirus and Scotland interim report

2. Coronavirus and Scotland – Report consideration

Draft Report, (*Coronavirus and Scotland*) 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 in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 895, Session 2019-21

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 21 October.]

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Alberto Costa

Wendy Chamberlain
John Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

My Scottish Affairs

- Submissions to My Scottish Affairs 2020

2. Universities and Scotland

Mary Senior, Scotland Official at University and College Union Scotland, Matt Crilly President at NUS Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 4 November.]

Wednesday 4 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Alberto Costa
Wendy Chamberlain

John Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Universities and Scotland

- USC0002-Audit Scotland
- USC0003-University of Glasgow
- USC0004-University of Edinburgh
- USC0005-The Open University in Scotland
- USC0006-RSE Young Academy of Scotland
- USC0007-MillionPlus, The Association for Modern Universities
- USC0008-National Union of Students Scotland
- USC0009-Heriot-Watt University
- USC0010-University of Strathclyde
- USC0011- Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

Coronavirus and Scotland

- Correspondence, dated 25 September 2020, with the Royal College of Nursing relating to Coronavirus and Scotland

2. My Scottish Affairs

Janis McDonald, deafscotland, Clare Slipper, NFU Scotland, Rosemary Dickson, member of the public, Michael Clancy, The Law Society, Benjamin Gill, Mhoraig Green, Citizens Advice Scotland, Moira Crawford, member of the public (Immigration), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 11 November.

Wednesday 11 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Alberto Costa

Wendy Chamberlain
John Lamont
Douglas Ross
Liz Twist

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Problem Drug Use in Scotland

- Note summarising the Problem Drug Use in Scotland roundtable event held on 24 September 2020.

2. Welfare Policy in Scotland

Ordered, That Dr Hayley Bennett and Dr Sarah Weakley be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters related to children and families. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Future Programme

The committee considered this matter.

4. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

The committee considered this matter.

5. Universities and Scotland

Karen Watt, Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council, Stewart Fancey, Director, Scottish Funding Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 18 November.

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Alberto Costa

Wendy Chamberlain
Sally Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Intergovernmental relations

- Letter, dated 9 November 2020, from the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution, relating to intergovernmental relations

My Scottish Affairs 2020

- Letter, dated 5 November, from Janis McDonald, Chief Officer, deafscotland to the Chair, relating to the 4 November evidence session on My Scottish Affairs 2020

2. UK Internal Market Bill

Professor Michael Keating, Professor of Politics, University of Aberdeen, Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs, Scottish Government, Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets), Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, (Minister for Scotland) Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 25 November.]

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

UK Common Frameworks

- Letter, dated 19 October 2020, to Chloe Smith MP, Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution from the Committee Chair and other Select Committee Chairs Joint Letter on UK Common Frameworks
- Letter, dated 12 November 2020, from Chloe Smith MP, Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution to the Committee Chair and other Select Committee Chairs Joint Letter on UK Common Frameworks

2. Welfare Policy and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Problem Drug Use in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to Kit Malthouse MP, Minister for Crime and Policing relating to UK Government policy on problem drug use in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Lord Advocate in relation to safe consumption rooms.

4. University and Scotland

Professor Katherine Smith, Professor of Public Health Policy, University of Strathclyde, Professor Chris Pearce, Vice Principal for Research, Dean of Research and Deputy Head of the College of Science & Engineering, University of Glasgow, Professor Rebecca Lunn MBE, Head of the Centre for Ground Engineering and Energy Geosciences, University of Strathclyde, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 2 December.]

Wednesday 2 December 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Scottish Funding replacement programme

- Letter, dated 19 November 2020, from Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, Scottish Government, on proposed Scottish Funding replacement programme

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Problem Drug Use

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Universities and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Welfare Policy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee write to Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, Scottish Government relating to Scottish Funding replacement programme.

7. Dunlop review

Resolved, That the Committee write to Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office relating to scrutiny of the Dunlop review.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 9 December.

Wednesday 9 December 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Liz Twist

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:

Welfare Policy in Scotland

- WPS0002-Money Advice Moray (Moray Council)
- WPS0003-Shetland Islands Council
- WPS0004-Marie Curie
- WPS0005-SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health)
- WPS0006-The Trussell Trust
- WPS0007-Inclusion Scotland
- WPS0008-deafscotland
- WPS0009-Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland
- WPS0010-Policy in Practice
- WPS0011-Scottish Women's Convention
- WPS0012-Crisis
- WPS0013-Scottish Government
- WPS0014-Citizens Advice Scotland
- WPS0015-Bright Blue

UK Internal Market Bill

- Letter, dated 3 December 2020, from the Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Labour Markets, and the Minister for Scotland, follow-up to the UK Internal Market Bill evidence session on 18 November

Shared Prosperity Fund

- Letter, dated 9 December, to the Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, Scottish Government, relating to the Shared Prosperity Fund

3. Universities and Scotland

Rachel Sandison, Vice Principal, External Relations, University of Glasgow, and Member of the International Committee, Universities Scotland, Professor Tim Bedford, Associate Principal (Research & Knowledge Exchange), University of Strathclyde, Member of the

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Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee, Universities Scotland Professor Nigel Seaton, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Abertay University, and Executive Member, MillionPlus, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1.30pm on 16 December.]

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Problem Drug use in Scotland

- Letter, dated 25 November 2020, to the Minister for Crime and Policing, Problem drug use in Scotland following the Committee's roundtable event on 24 September 2020
- Letter, dated 11 December 2020, from the Minister for Crime and Policing, Problem drug use in Scotland following the Committee's roundtable event on 24 September 2020

Welfare Policy in Scotland

- WPS0016-Engender
- WPS0017-Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
- WPS0018-The Poverty Alliance
- WPS0019-Joseph Rowntree Foundation

2. Welfare Policy in Scotland

Professor Grainne McKeever, Professor of Law and Social Justice, Ulster University, Professor Paul Spicker, Emeritus Professor of Public Policy, Robert Gordon University, Professor John McKendrick, Professor in Social Justice, Glasgow Caledonian University, Chris Birt, Deputy Director of Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, David Eiser, Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Fraser of Allander Institute, Neil Cowan, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, The Poverty Alliance, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.30am on 21 January.]

Thursday 21 January 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Dunlop Review

- Correspondence dated 23 December 2020, 8 January 2021 and 18 January 2021, with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, relating to the availability of the Dunlop Review.

Universities and Scotland

- Robert Gordon University [USC0012]

Welfare Policy in Scotland

- Fife Council [WPS0020]
- Department for Work and Pensions [WPS0021]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from representatives of the fishing industry in Scotland on Fisheries.

Resolved, That members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 4 February 2020 relating to Fisheries and Scotland, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Secretary of State for Scotland in relation to the Committee's future work programme.

3. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Coronavirus and Scotland's Climate Assembly

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Universities and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Welfare policy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Nina Ballantyne, Policy Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland, Marion Davis, Head of Policy and Strategy, One Parent Families Scotland, Kirsty McKechnie, Welfare Rights Worker, Child Poverty Action Group Scotland (CPAG), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 28 January.]

Thursday 28 January 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross
Liz Twist

1. Visa arrangements for UK musicians in the EU

Resolved, That Pete Wishart attend the meeting of the Petitions Committee on 4 February 2021 relating to visa arrangements for UK musicians in the EU, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Welfare policy in Scotland

- Citizens Advice Scotland [WPS0022]

The Dunlop Review

- Letter, dated 25 January 2021, to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, relating to the availability of the Dunlop Review.

2. Coronavirus and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*Coronavirus and Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's First and Second Reports 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 First and Second Reports from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Common Frameworks

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on COP26.

Deidre Brock declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's evidence session on COP26 as SNP shadow spokesperson for COP26.

5. Fisheries and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Welfare policy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Universities and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, Scottish Government, Roddy Macdonald, Head of Higher Education and Science, Scottish Government, Lauren McNamara, Director of Strategy and Operations, Student Awards Agency Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 4 February.]

Thursday 4 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross
Liz Twist

Neil Parish and Dave Doogan also attended for item 2, under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*) (Resolution of 21 January).

1. Universities and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Fisheries and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Jimmy Buchan, Chief Executive, Scottish Seafood Association, Elaine Whyte, Executive Secretary, Clyde Fishermen's Association, James Withers, Chief Executive, Scotland Food and Drink, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 11 February.]

Thursday 11 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross
Liz Twist

1. Seafood and meat exports to the EU

That Pete Wishart and Douglas Ross attend the meeting of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee on 2 March 2021 relating to seafood and meat exports to the EU, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

2. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on The Scottish hospitality sector.

2. COP26

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Welfare policy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Councillor Richard Bell, Treasurer, Glasgow City Council, Polly Jones, Head of Scotland, Trussell Trust, Suzanne Lavelle, Advice Team Leader, Southside Housing Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 25 February.

Thursday 25 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Financial scrutiny

- Supplementary Estimate for the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and Office of the Advocate General 2020-21

Universities and Scotland

- The Royal Society of Edinburgh [USC0013]

Welfare policy in Scotland

- Southside Housing Association [WPS0023]
- The Trussell Trust [WPS0024]

2. Universities and Scotland

Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Scotland) and Rebecca Hackett, Deputy Director, Policy Delivery and Relationship Management, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 4 March.]

Thursday 4 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black	Sally-Ann Hart
Andrew Bowie	John Lamont
Deidre Brock	Douglas Ross
Wendy Chamberlain	Liz Twist
Alberto Costa	

Resolved, That Andrew Bowie attend the meeting of the Environmental Audit Committee on 11 March 2021 relating to scrutiny of COP26, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

- Tyne Esk LEADER [SPF0001]
- Aberdeenshire Council [SPF0002]
- Highlands & Islands European Partnership [SPF0003]
- The Industrial Communities Alliance (Scotland) [SPF0004]
- Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations [SPF0005]
- Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) [SPF0006]
- Welsh Government [SPF0007]
- Scottish Islands Federation [SPF0008]
- Shetland Islands Council [SPF0009]
- MillionPlus - The Association for Modern Universities [SPF0010]
- West of Scotland European Forum [SPF0011]
- Scottish Local Authority Economic Development Group (SLAED) [SPF0012]
- Scottish Rural Action [SPF0013]
- Stirling Council [SPF0014]
- The Royal Society of Edinburgh [SPF0015]
- Orbital Marine Power [SPF0016]
- Colleges Scotland [SPF0017]
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise [SPF0018]
- University of Glasgow [SPF0019]
- European Marine Energy Centre Ltd (EMEC) [SPF0020]
- Comhairle nan Eilean Siar [SPF0021]
- University of the West of Scotland [SPF0022]
- The Royal Society [SPF0023]
- East of Scotland European Consortium (ESEC) [SPF0024]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on Fisheries and Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Scotland.

3. Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Professor David Bell, Professor at University of Stirling, and Chair, Scottish Government Steering Group on the Replacement of EU Structural Funds, and Professor John Bachtler, Professor of European Policy Studies and Director of the European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, and Co-Chair, Scottish Government Steering Group on the Replacement of EU Structural Funds, gave oral evidence.

Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, and Hilary Pearce, Deputy Director, European Structural Funds and Subsidy Control, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 11 March.]

Thursday 11 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont

1. Declaration of interests

Wendy Chamberlain declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Welfare policy in Scotland, namely: that her husband had an unpaid role on Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP's campaign.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Welfare policy in Scotland

- Submissions to the Committee's welfare policy in Scotland survey

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Renewable energy in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on Growth deals in Scotland.

4. Welfare policy in Scotland

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Catherine Reeves, Social Security Programme Management Office, and Callum Smith, Reserved and Working Age Benefits Team Leader, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 18 March.]

Thursday 18 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

Resolved, That members of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee, Environmental Audit Committee, Science and Technology Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee, International Development Committee, Treasury Committee, Transport Committee and the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 29 April 2021 relating to COP26, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Welfare policy in Scotland

- Poppyscotland [WPS0025]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on Scotland and exiting the European Union.

3. Welfare policy in Scotland

Will Quince MP, Minister for Welfare Delivery, Justin Tomlinson MP, Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, Andrew Latto, Deputy Director, Devolution, Pensioner Benefits and Carer's Allowance, Policy Group, and Margarita Morrison, Area Director, Work and Health Services Scotland, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 25 March.]

Thursday 25 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Declaration of interests

Deidre Brock declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow as SNP shadow spokesperson for COP26.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Welfare policy in Scotland

- Letter, dated 5 March 2021, from Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, relating to publication of the first evaluation of the Universal Credit Scottish choices
- Letter, dated 17 March 2021, from Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, relating to publication of Scottish Government report on the links between Universal Credit and homelessness in Scotland

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Lord Dunlop on the Review of UK Government Union Capability.

4. COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow

Colin Edgar, Head of communication and strategic partnerships, Glasgow City Council, Bernard Higgins, Assistant Chief Constable, Police Scotland, and Leon Thompson, Government and Parliamentary Affairs Manager, VisitScotland, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 15 April.]

Thursday 15 April 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Declaration of interests

Deidre Brock declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow as SNP shadow spokesperson for COP26.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Hospitality and Scotland

- Letter, dated 28 January 2021, from Stephen Montgomery, Spokesperson, Scottish Hospitality Group, relating to the current situation, policy issues and proposals

Renewable energy in Scotland

- Letter, dated 5 March 2021, from Christoph Harwood, Director of Policy and Strategy, Simply Blue Group, relating to floating offshore wind off Peterhead
- Letter, dated 24 March 2021, from Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Secretary of State, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, relating to the North Sea Transition Deal
- Letter, dated 8 April 2021, from Christoph Harwood, Director of Policy and Strategy, Simply Blue Group, relating to progress of floating offshore wind project

Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

- Letter, dated 24 March 2021, from Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance, relating to the committee's inquiry into Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Welfare policy in Scotland

- Letter, dated 30 March 2021, to Justin Tomlinson MP, Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, and Will Quince MP, Minister for Welfare Delivery, Department for Work and Pensions, relating to the oral evidence session on 18 March 2021.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Hospitality and Scotland

Willie Macleod, Executive Director for Scotland, UKHospitality, Stephen Montgomery, Spokesperson, Scottish Hospitality Group, Paul Togneri, Senior Policy Manager, Scottish Beer & Pub Association, and Frank Whitaker, Chair, Aberdeen City and Shire Hotels Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 9.30am on 21 April.]

Wednesday 21 April 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Welfare policy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Fisheries and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 11.00am on 22 April.]

Thursday 22 April 2021

Virtual meeting

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black	Jon Cruddas
Andrew Bowie	Sally-Ann Hart
Deidre Brock	John Lamont
Wendy Chamberlain	Douglas Ross
Alberto Costa	

1. Declaration of interests

Deidre Brock declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Fisheries and Scotland as SNP shadow spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

2. COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow

Resolved, that the Committee considered a matter raised by Alberto Costa concerning a tweet made by Peter Wishart, the Chair of the Committee, dated 27 March 2021 and notes the Chair's explanation that it was not his intention to suggest that Alberto Costa had asked any questions of witnesses which were inappropriate or contrary to the good working of the Committee during the evidence session on 25 March 2021.

3. Dunlop Review

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Welsh Affairs Committees on 20 May 2021, for the purpose of examining and reporting on the Dunlop Review.

4. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Fisheries and Scotland

Donna Fordyce, Chief Executive, Seafood Scotland, Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation, and Hamish MacDonell, Director of Strategic Engagement, Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation, gave oral evidence.

David Duguid MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Nick Leake, Deputy Director and Head of Policy Division, Scotland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chair.]

Appendix to Formal Minutes

Declaration of interests

Black, Mhairi (Paisley and Renfrewshire South)

1. Employment and earnings

From 3 October 2015, newspaper column for The National, Newsquest Media (Herald & Times) Ltd, 200 Renfield St, Glasgow G2 3QB. From January 2019 until further notice, I receive £150 for each fortnightly column (previously £150 for each weekly column). Hours: approx. 3 hrs every second week. Payments are made direct to charity. First payment of £900 received on 1 December 2015. (Registered 18 December 2015; updated 05 January 2016 and 06 January 2020)

Bowie, Andrew (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine)

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

Name of donor: Angelica Salvensen

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,500 to my campaign fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 December 2019)

Name of donor: Gigi Salomon

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500 to my campaign fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 December 2019)

Name of donor: Lord Philip Harris

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to my campaign fund

Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 December 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: ITV plc

Address of donor: 2 Waterhouse Square, 140 Holborn, London EC1N 2AE

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket to the National Television Awards, including hospitality, total value £1,303

Date received: 22 January 2019

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Date accepted: 22 January 2019
Donor status: company, registration 4967001
(Registered 13 February 2019)

Name of donor: Premier League
Address of donor: 30 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8PL
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket to the BRIT Awards, plus food and drink, total value £1,128
Date received: 20 February 2019
Date accepted: 20 February 2019
Donor status: company, registration 02719699
(Registered 04 March 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

From 28 July 2019, Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party. This post carries a part time salary, first paid on 31 October 2019. (Registered 11 January 2020)

Brock, Deidre (Edinburgh North and Leith)

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

My partner and I have half share ownership (in total) of two flats in Edinburgh: (i).
(Registered 05 June 2015)

Chamberlain, Wendy (North East Fife)

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

Name of donor: Sir Bob Reid
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 11 January 2020)

Name of donor: Peak Scientific
Address of donor: Inchinnan Drive, Renfrew PA4 9RE
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000
Donor status: company, registration SC176368
(Registered 11 January 2020)

Costa, Alberto (South Leicestershire)

1. Employment and earnings

From 1 October 2015 until 18 July 2019, Consultant Solicitor with Nicholas Woolf and Co. Solicitors, 87 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1ET. I received £834 per month.

Hours: up to 4 hrs per week. (Registered 22 October 2015; updated 23 July 2019)

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

Name of donor: British Italian Conservatives

Address of donor: c/o Tratos UK Ltd, Baird House, 15-17 St Cross Street, London EC1N 8UW

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

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 31 October 2019)

Name of donor: Maurizio Bragagni

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 04 November 2019; updated 23 December 2019)

Name of donor: Mrs Heather Craven

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 December 2019)

Name of donor: Mr Robert Woods

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 December 2019)

Name of donor: Mr Robert Woods

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 December 2019)

Name of donor: Mr Constantine Logothetis

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500, received in seven instalments of £500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 December 2019)

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Name of donor: Craven Builders Limited
Address of donor: Misterton Hall, Misterton, Lutterworth LE17 4JP
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000
Donor status: company, registration 00327397
(Registered 23 December 2019)

Name of donor: Flowidea Limited
Address of donor: Arbuthnot House, 7 Wilson Street, London EC2M 2SN
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: company, registration 02463564
(Registered 23 December 2019)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: APPG on Italy
Address of donor: c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): for myself and a staff member, Eurostar ticket change and upgrade (£394); for the staff member, return Eurostar ticket (£292.70) and hotel costs (£166) ; total value £852.70
Destination of visit: Brussels
Dates of visit: 18-19 July 2019
Purpose of visit: To lead British Parliamentary Emergency Taskforce on Citizens' Rights at a meeting with Michel Barnier, the EU Chief Negotiator, at the European Union Commission in Brussels.
(Registered 23 July 2019)

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

Flats in Glasgow and London, the latter owned jointly with my wife: (i) and (from June 2016) (ii). (Registered 02 June 2015; updated 28 June 2016 and 11 October 2016)

8. Miscellaneous

From 18 July 2019, non-practising solicitor in England and Wales; member of the Law Society of England and Wales. (Registered 22 October 2015; updated 23 July 2019)

From 31 October 2016, non-practising solicitor and notary public in Scotland.
(Registered 22 October 2015; updated 9 November 2016)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my spouse, Dr Maria Costa, as part-time Office Manager. (Registered 20 April 2016)

Cruddas, Jon (Dagenham and Rainham)

1. Employment and earnings

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Payments from ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for opinion surveys. All fees donated to charity:

Received on 18 January 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 September 2019)

Received on 29 March 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 September 2019)

Received on 28 May 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 11 September 2019)

Received on 26 July 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 September 2019)

Received on 27 August 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 02 October 2019)

Received on 29 August 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 02 October 2019)

Received on 25 October 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

Payment from YouGov plc, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1V 8RT, for opinion surveys. All fees donated to charity:

Received on 15 January 2019, payment of £70. Hours 1 hr. (Registered 01 July 2019)

Received on 7 February 2019, payment of £30. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 01 July 2019)

Received on 6 March 2019, payment of £80. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 01 July 2019)

Received on 2 April 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 01 July 2019)

Received on 13 May 2019, payment of £60. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 01 July 2019)

Received on 24 June 2019, payment of £80. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 01 July 2019)

Received on 22 July 2019, payment £80. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 24 July 2019)

Received on 16 August 2019, payment of £40. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 11 September 2019)

Received on 23 October 2019, payment of £60. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

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From September 2017, Adjunct Associate Professor in British Government and Politics at Richmond University (the American International University in London), for one semester. Address: Queen's Road Richmond-upon-Thames TW10 6JP.

25 January 2019, received £333.28. Hours: 4 hrs. (Registered 28 January 2019)

25 February 2019, received £333.28. Hours: 4 hrs. (Registered 04 March 2019)

25 March 2019, received £333.68. Hours: 4 hrs. (Registered 11 April 2019)

12 August 2019, received £2,114. Hours: 20 hrs. (Registered 10 September 2019)

25 September 2019, received £204.32. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 02 October 2019)

25 October 2019, received £205. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 28 October 2019)

4 July 2019, payment of £370.02 from the Guardian/Observer, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU, for an article. Hours: 4 hrs. (Registered 24 July 2019)

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

Name of donor: Sir Trevor Chinn

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Martin Taylor

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

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

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Printing with a value of £1,839.30

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

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

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

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

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Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 09 January 2020)

Duguid, David (Banff and Buchan)

1. Employment and earnings

Director of D & R Duguid Ltd, 23 Meadowbank Road, Turriff AB53 4WB; management support services and consulting. Hours: 1-2 hrs per month. 24 August 2018 to 24 August 2019, received dental insurance cover to the value of £370.81. I received no other payments or benefits as Director. (Registered 06 July 2017; updated 07 November 2018 and 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: Stalbury Trustees
Address of donor: 31 Hill Street, London W1J 4LS
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: company, registration 01430799
(Registered 10 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 10 January 2020)

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

D & R Duguid Ltd; management support services and consulting. (Registered 06 July 2017)

Hart, Sally-Ann (Hastings and Rye)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments received as a member of Rother District Council, Town Hall, London Rd, Bexhill on Sea TN39 3JX:

27 December 2019, received allowances of £267. Hours: 8.5 hrs 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: Sir Christopher Wates

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Mrs Sarah Kowitz

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Mr Stephen Curran

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 09 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Until 17 December 2019, member of governing body of Ark primary schools in Hastings. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Until further notice, member of Rother District Council, Town Hall, London Rd, Bexhill on Sea, TN39 3JX. Expected commitment of 8 hrs a week. Since January 2020 I receive no allowances for this role. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Lamont, John (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk)

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

Name of donor: Merse & Company Ltd

Address of donor: Kames East Mains Estate Office, Leitholm, Coldstream TD12 4JW

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

Donor status: company, registration SC195982

(Registered 09 April 2019)

Name of donor: Miranda Jenkinson

Address of donor: private

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

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Donor status: individual
(Registered 09 April 2019)

Name of donor: Stephanie Newitt
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 29 October 2019)

Name of donor: Margaret McPherson
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 29 October 2019)

Name of donor: Malcolm McPherson
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 16 December 2019)

Name of donor: Jill F Bristow
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 18 December 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: ITV
Address of donor: 2 Waterhouse Square, 140 Holborn, London EC1N 2AE
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to attend England vs. Scotland rugby match, value £330
Date received: 16 March 2019
Date accepted: 16 March 2019
Donor status: company, registration 2937518
(Registered 08 April 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

Solicitor (non-practising). (Registered 26 June 2017)

I am a member of the Law Society of England and Wales. (Registered 26 June 2017)

I am a trustee of the St Abbs Lifeboat Trust. (Registered 26 June 2017)

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I am a member of the Rail Action Group East of Scotland (RAGES). (Registered 26 June 2017)

Ross, Douglas (Moray)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from The Scottish Football Association, Hampden Park, Glasgow G42 9AY, for serving as an assistant referee:

23 October 2019, received £445 for St Mirren v Hearts. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 31 December 2019)

23 October 2019, received £445 for Aberdeen v Hibernian. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 31 December 2019)

20 December 2019, received £445 for Rangers v Motherwell. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 31 December 2019)

20 December 2019, received £385 for Hibernian v Celtic. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 31 December 2019)

17 January 2020, received £137 for Ayr United v Alloa Athletic. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 20 January 2020)

17 January 2020, received £445 for Livingston v Ross County. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 20 January 2020)

17 January 2020, received £445 for St Mirren v Celtic. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 20 January 2020)

17 January 2020, received £445 for Motherwell v Hamilton Academical. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 20 January 2020)

17 January 2020, received £137 for Alloa Athletic v Partick Thistle. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 20 January 2020)

29 July 2020, received £222.50 from Aberdeen FC, Pittodrie Stadium, Pittodrie Street, Aberdeen AB24 5HQ, for serving as an assistant referee at Aberdeen v Hibernian. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 01 September 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: Mr John S Martin

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 11 January 2020)

Name of donor: Mr Alasdair N Laing

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 11 January 2020)

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Name of donor: Carlton CB Politic

Address of donor: The Carlton Club, 69 St James's Street, London SW1A 1PJ

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

Donor status: Unincorporated Association

(Registered 11 January 2020)

Name of donor: Stalbury Trustees

Address of donor: 31 Hill Street, London W1J 4LS

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

Donor status: company, registration 01430799

(Registered 11 January 2020)

Name of donor: Scottish Unionist Association Trust

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

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

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 11 January 2020)

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

Name of donor: Alasdair Locke

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000, received via John Lamont MP (Campaign Manager), for my campaign for the leadership of the Scottish

Conservative and Unionist Party

Date received: 31 July 2020

Date accepted: 31 July 2020

Donor status: individual

(Registered 21 August 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

My wife is a Police Sergeant with Police Scotland.

Twist, Liz (Blaydon)

1. Employment and earnings

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

16 May 2018, payment of £75. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to Blaydon CLP.
(Registered 12 July 2019)

22 June 2018, payment of £75. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to charity. (Registered 12 July 2019)

3 August 2018, payment of £75. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to charity. (Registered 12 July 2019)

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6 September 2018, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. Fee donated to charity.
(Registered 12 July 2019)

9 October 2018, payment of £75. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to charity.
(Registered 12 July 2019)

2 November 2018, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. Fee donated to charity.
(Registered 12 July 2019)

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

Name of donor: UNISON

Address of donor: UNISON Northern, 140-150 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 6TH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,810

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 11 January 2020)

Name of donor: Gainford Care Homes

Address of donor: Gainford House, Picktree Lane, Chester-Le-Street, County Durham, DH3 3SR

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

Donor status: company, registration 02935370

(Registered 11 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 Maine et Loire, France: (i). (Registered 07 July 2017)

25% share of a house in St. Helens, Merseyside: (i). (Registered 07 July 2017)

Wishart, Pete (Perth and North Perthshire)

1. Employment and earnings

I receive royalty payments from EMI and from Ridge Records for my recorded works with Runrig, with whom I serve as an unremunerated director. Addresses: EMI House, 43 Brook Green, London W6 7EF and Ridge Records Limited, 1 York Street, Aberdeen AB11 5DL.

14 December 2019, received £2,696.08 for my recorded works from Ridge Records.
Hours: no additional hours. (Registered 06 January 2020)

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I receive payments for my published works from the Performing Rights Society.

Fees received for appearing as part of Parliamentary rock band "MP4" on the Matt Forde Christmas show 2018, produced by Avalon Productions of 4A Exmoor St, London W10 6BD:

28 October 2019, received £878.82 for appearing in two live shows on 19 and 20 December 2018. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 06 January 2020)

Specialist Advisers' Interests

Dr Hayley Bennett

Member of the following:

- The Labour Party
- The Cooperative Party
- Universities and College Union
- Scottish Campaign on Right to Social Security
- Poverty Alliance