

Formal Minutes of the Petitions Committee

Tuesday 24 May 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Ian Blackford
Oliver Dowden
David Mackintosh
Paul Scully

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into high heels and workplace dress codes.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 129698 relating to school penalty fines and authorised absence from school” on Monday 11 July, led by Steve Double MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 24 May 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 24 May 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 7 June at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 7 June 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Oliver Dowden
Ben Howlett
Catherine McKinnell

Paul Flynn
David Mackintosh
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

Ordered, That e-petition 119876 be tagged as relevant to the debate previously scheduled by the Committee on Monday 4 July.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 7 June 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 7 June 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. High heels and workplace dress codes

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in connection with an e-petition on the use of microbeads in cosmetics, be reported to the House for publication.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 14 June at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Ian Blackford
Oliver Dowden
David Mackintosh
Paul Scully

Steve Double
Ben Howlett
Catherine Mckinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 14 June 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 14 June 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That e-petition number 131875 be rejected.

Resolved, That e-petition number 127868 be rejected.

Resolved, That e-petition number 132025 remain open.

6. Funding for research into brain tumours

Draft Special Report (*Funding for research into brain tumours: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2015-16*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the First Report from the Committee Session 2015-16 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.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 June at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 28 June 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Ian Blackford
Oliver Dowden
Ben Howlett
Catherine McKinnell

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
David Mackintosh
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 131167 relating to changes to the student loans agreement” on Monday 18 July, led by Helen Jones MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 28 June 2016](#).

2. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Leader of the House, in connection with an overdue e-petition response, be reported to the House for publication.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. High heels and workplace dress codes

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: College of Podiatry (WDC0001)

Nicola Thorp, petition creator; Emma Birkett, web thread commenter; Ruth Campion, web thread commenter; Scarlet Harris, Women's Equality Officer, TUC; Azmat Mohammed, Director General, Institute of Recruiters; and Simon Pratt, Managing Director, Portico, gave oral evidence (joint session with the Women and Equalities Committee).

[Adjourned until Tuesday 12 July at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 12 July 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Ian Blackford
Oliver Dowden
Catherine McKinnell

Steve Double
Ben Howlett

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 131215 relating to EU referendum rules” on Monday 5 September, led by Ian Blackford MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 120702 relating to South Korea and the dog meat trade” on Monday 12 September, led by Oliver Dowden MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 12 July 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 12 July 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That e-petition number 133274 be edited with the petitioner’s permission.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

7. High heels and workplace dress codes

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: Minister for Women and Equalities (WDC0002), Helen Sewell (WDC0003), Angela Jackman (WDC0004), TUC (WDC0005), Portico (WDC0006).

John Bowers QC, Principal, Brasenose College and Member, Littleton Chambers and Harini Iyengar, Barrister, gave oral evidence (joint session with the Women and Equalities Committee).

[Adjourned until Tuesday 6 September at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 6 September 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Steve Double
Catherine McKinnell

Oliver Dowden
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 133618, 125333, 123324, 154593, 133767 and 133540 relating to the UK’s exit from the European Union” on Monday 17 October, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 120753 for debate.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the grouse shooting before scheduling a debate.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 6 September 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 6 September 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Minister for Life Sciences, in connection with funding for research into brain tumours, be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That the correspondence with Andrew J Pollard, Chair of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, in connection with meningitis B vaccines, be reported to the House for publication.

5. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

6. E-petitions started by Members of both Houses

The Committee considered this matter.

7. High heels and workplace dress codes

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: Fawcett Society (WDC0007), Acas (WDC0008), Stonewall (WDC0009).

8. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That the rejection of e-petition number 164484 be upheld.

Resolved, That e-petition 164482 be removed.

Resolved, That e-petition 160146 remain open.

Resolved, That e-petition 164851 not be edited.

9. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 September at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 13 September 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Ian Blackford
David Mackintosh
Paul Scully

Oliver Dowden
Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 125475 relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme” on Monday 24 October, led by Ian Blackford MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 125003 and 164851 relating to driven grouse shooting” on Monday 31 October, led by Steve Double MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 13 September 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 13 September 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 11 October at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 11 October 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Ian Blackford
Oliver Dowden
David Mackintosh

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 11 October 2016](#).

2. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Innovation, in connection with the meningitis B vaccine, be reported to the House for publication.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 167578 be removed.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 18 October at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 18 October 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Ian Blackford
Oliver Dowden
Catherine McKinnell

Steve Double
David Mackintosh
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 18 October 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 18 October 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 168678 continue without editing the petitioner's name.

Resolved, That e-petition 168882 be removed.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Grouse shooting

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: Dr Mark Avery (GR00248), The RSPB (GR00304), The Moorland Association (GR00308), The Countryside Alliance (GR00288).

Dr Mark Avery, petition creator; Jeff Knott, Head of Nature Policy, RSPB; Amanda Anderson, Director, The Moorland Association; and Liam Stokes, Head of Shooting, The Countryside Alliance, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 25 October at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 25 October 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Steve Double
Paul Scully

David Mackintosh

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 25 October 2016](#).

2. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Correspondence

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee in connection with e-petition 132140 on childcare.

4. Grouse shooting

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: Campaign for National Parks (GR00531), Dr Mark Avery (GR00530), Richard Seaton (GR00525), RSPB (GR00532).

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 1 November at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 1 November 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
David Mackintosh

Oliver Dowden

1. Declaration of interests

Martyn Day declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.ⁱ

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 168678 relating to the status of police dogs and horses” on Monday 14 November, led by David Mackintosh MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 1 November 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, in connection with an e-petition response on stem cell transplantation, be reported to the House for publication.

5. Grouse shooting

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: Dr Stephen Shillitoe (GR00533), British Trust for Ornithology (GR00534), Virginia Bell (GR00535), Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (additional) (GR00536).

6. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 169723 be rejected.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 15 November at 2.00pm

Tuesday 15 November 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Steve Double
Ben Howlett
Paul Scully

Oliver Dowden
Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 168663 for debate.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 132140 relating to free childcare” on Monday 21 November, led by Helen Jones MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 162934 relating to child cancer” on Monday 28 November, led by Ben Howlett MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 15 November 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 15 November 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 170850 be published.

Resolved, That e-petitions relating to active court cases be rejected.

5. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 November at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 22 November 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Paul Flynn
David Mackintosh

Oliver Dowden
Ben Howlett
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 168524 relating to the closure of retail stores on Boxing Day” on Monday 12 December, led by Helen Jones MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 22 November 2016](#).

2. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 29 November at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 29 November 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
Ben Howlett
Catherine McKinnell

Oliver Dowden
Luke Hall
David Mackintosh

1. Declaration of interests

Luke Hall declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 29 November 2016](#).

Ordered, That a request be made to tag e-petition 165905 as relevant to the backbench business debate on Thursday 8 December on the UK ivory trade.

3. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 29 November 2016](#).

4. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 168675 be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 168678 be published.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 6 December at 2.00pm]

Wednesday 30 November – Friday 1 December

The Chair, Mr Day, Mr Double, Mr Dowden, Ms McKinnell and Mr Scully visited Berlin as part of the Committee's inquiry into its own working methods, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 September 2015.

Tuesday 6 December 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Luke Hall

Steve Double
Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 173199 for debate.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the cost of car insurance for young people (166847).

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 6 December 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 6 December 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence from the Association of Convenience Stores (ACS), in connection with boxing day shopping, be reported to the House for publication.

5. Complaints

Resolved, That the Committee would not uphold the complaints.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 December at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 13 December 2016

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Oliver Dowden
Ben Howlett
Paul Scully

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
David Mackintosh

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 13 December 2016](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 13 December 2016](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Request for anonymity

Resolved, That the Committee would not grant this request.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 10 January 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Oliver Dowden
David Mackintosh

Steve Double
Ben Howlett
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 173574 for debate.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 10 January 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 10 January 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health and Innovation, in connection with the meningitis B vaccine, be reported to the House for publication.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee met concurrently with the Women and Equalities Committee

The following members of the Women and Equalities Committee were also present
(Standing Order No. 137A).

Mrs Flick Drummond
Ben Howlett

Jess Phillips

5. High heels and workplace dress codes

Draft Report (*High heels and workplace dress codes*), 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 630.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 January at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 17 January 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Oliver Dowden
Luke Hall
Paul Scully

Paul Flynn
David Mackintosh

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 167596 relating to the banning of non-recyclable and non-compostable packaging” on Monday 23 January, led by David Mackintosh MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 168127 relating to pay restraint for Agenda for Change NHS staff” on Monday 30 January, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 165905 relating to the domestic ivory market in the UK” on Monday 6 February, led by Luke Hall MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 129823 relating to high heels and workplace dress codes” on Monday 6 March, led by Helen Jones MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 17 January 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 17 January 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 January at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Luke Hall
David Mackintosh

Oliver Dowden
Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 176138 relating to attacks on NHS medical staff” on Monday 27 February, led by Oliver Dowden MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 24 January 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 24 January 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, in connection with an e-petition about the National Stroke Strategy, be reported to the House for publication.

5. Petitions for decision by Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 177374 be removed from the website.

6. Statistics for government responses

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House about departmental performance.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 31 January at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 31 January 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Luke Hall
Catherine McKinnell

Paul Flynn
Ben Howlett
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 171928 and 178844 relating to a state visit by President Donald Trump” on Monday 20 February, led by Paul Flynn MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 31 January 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 31 January 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State for Justice, in connection with the response to e-petition 164488.

5. Request for amendment to government response

Resolved, That the published response to e-petition 172441 be amended as requested.

6. The cost of car insurance for young people

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 7 February at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 7 February 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Oliver Dowden
Luke Hall
Paul Scully

Paul Flynn
Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 166711 relating to sentencing for child abuse offence” on Monday 13 March, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 7 February 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 7 February 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Complaint

Resolved, That the Committee would not uphold the complaint.

7. Edinburgh

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh, to learn about the Scottish Parliament’s Petitions Committee.

8. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 21 February at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 21 February 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Paul Flynn
Paul Scully

Oliver Dowden
Ben Howlett

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 166847 relating to the cost of car insurance for young people” on Monday 20 March, led by Steve Double MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 165672 relating to badger culling” on Monday 27 March, led by Paul Flynn MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 21 February 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 21 February 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Consideration of petitions waiting for a response for more than 28 days

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House in connection with this.

5. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, in connection with the CEMIPP report, be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, in connection with the response to e-petition 164488, be reported to the House for publication.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 February at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 28 February 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Oliver Dowden

Steve Double

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 28 February 2017](#).

2. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The cost of car insurance for young people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: ABI (CAR0001), Aviva (CAR0002), RAC Foundation (CAR0003), Marmalade (CAR0004), Wheels 2 Work Association (CAR0005), PACTS (CAR0006), BIBA (CAR0007).

Elizabeth Box, Head of Research, RAC Foundation; Nigel Dotchin, Chairman, Wheels 2 Work Association; Crispin Moger, Chief Executive Officer, Marmalade; Graeme Trudgill, Executive Director, British Insurance Brokers' Association; James Dalton, Director of General Insurance Policies, Association of British Insurers; and Simon Warsop, Global Chief Underwriting Officer (Personal Lines), Aviva⁷, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 7 March at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 7 March 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Oliver Dowden
Luke Hall
David Mackintosh

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
Ben Howlett

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 172405 relating to GCSE English Literature exams” on Monday 24 April, led by Helen Jones MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 170931 relating to the TV Licence fee” on Monday 8 May, led by David Mackintosh MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 7 March 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 7 March 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 14 March at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 14 March 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
Ben Howlett
Paul Scully

Oliver Dowden
Luke Hall
David Mackintosh

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 186565 relating to eligibility for mortgages” on Monday 15 May, led by Paul Scully MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 14 March 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 14 March 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The cost of car insurance for young people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: Nick Moger, Marmalade (CAR0008).

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 21 March at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 21 March 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day

Paul Flynn

David Mackintosh

Oliver Dowden

Ben Howlett

Catherine McKinnell

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 168657 relating to proportional representation” on a date to be confirmed.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 21 March 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 21 March 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 March at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 28 March 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Oliver Dowden
Ben Howlett
Catherine McKinnell

Steve Double
Paul Flynn
David Mackintosh
Paul Scully

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 28 March 2017](#).

2. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 28 March 2017](#).

3. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, in connection with the response to an e-petition on gay conversion therapy, be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Office, in connection with the response to an e-petition on hate crime legislation, be reported to the House for publication.

5. Complaint

Resolved, That the Committee would not uphold the complaint.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[The Committee adjourned

Appendix

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Jones, Helen (Warrington North)

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

Name of donor: Warrington North Parliamentary Association

Address of donor: 28 Lyndale Avenue, Orford, Warrington WA2 8EP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,342.76

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 02 June 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my husband, Mike Vobe, as Senior Parliamentary Assistant.

Blackford, Ian (Ross, Skye and Lochaber)

1. Employment and earnings

Independent Trustee of Golden Charter Trust Ltd, Canniesburn Gate, 10 Canniesburn Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 1BF. Paid £4,146.92 quarterly, until further notice. Hours: 8 hrs per quarter. In addition, I will be paid £1,429.82 per day for any additional work (additional payments will be listed below). (Registered 03 June 2015)

Chairman of Commsworld Plc, Commsworld House, Peffer Place, Edinburgh EH16 4BB. Paid £2,500 quarterly, until further notice. Hours: 8 hrs per quarter. (Registered 03 June 2015)

Director of First Seer Ltd, 12A Chester Street, Edinburgh EH3 7RA. First Seer owns our croft business and ancillary activities, for which my wife receives a monthly salary of £1,000. Hours: none. (Registered 03 June 2015)

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

Name of donor: David Craigen

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 03 June 2015)

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

Croft including two holiday rental properties, Isle of Skye: (i) and (ii) paid to First Seer (Registered 03 June 2015)

House in Lanark: (i) (Registered 03 June 2015)

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

Commsworld; telecoms company. (Registered 03 June 2015)

Corbion NV; food ingredients. (Registered 03 June 2015)

8. Miscellaneous

Investment portfolio managed on a discretionary basis by Brooks MacDonald Plc. (Registered 03 June 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my step-son, John O'Leary, as Caseworker. (Registered 03 June 2015)

Day, Martyn (Linlithgow and East Falkirk)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Fateh Movement UK branch

Address of donor: 5 Galena Rd, London W6 0LT

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): air ticket £350, hotel and food £300, total £650

Destination of visit: Jerusalem and the West Bank

Date of visit: 14-18 February 2016

Purpose of visit: fact finding political delegation to Israel and the West Bank.

(Registered 11 March 2016)

Name of donor: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives

Address of donor: Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Malé 20077, Republic of Maldives

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights and accommodation with a value of £4,634.66

Destination of visit: Republic of Maldives

Date of visit: 23-29 July 2016

Purpose of visit: Delegation of members of APPG for the Maldives. The group met with opposition and government MPs of all parties, political prisoners and members of the judiciary.

(Registered 22 August 2016)

Dowd, Jim (Lewisham West and Penge)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my nephew, Fred Sollitt Dowd, as a Parliamentary Assistant. (Updated 5 June 2015)

10. Family members engaged in lobbying the public sector on behalf of a third party or client

My partner, Janet Anderson, is employed by Pearson Anderson Communications Ltd as a Consultant. (Registered 05 June 2015)

Dowden, Oliver (Hertsmere)

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

Name of donor: International Group Ltd

Address of donor: Stoke Park, Park Road, Stoke Poges, Bucks, SL2 4PG

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

Donor status: company, registration 01330368

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Daniel Green

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Henry Davis

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Sun Mark Ltd

Address of donor: Sun House, 128 Long Drive, Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 8UH

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

Donor status: company, registration 03010238

(Registered 05 June 2015)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Mr David Brownlow

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: tickets to Conservative Summer Party for my wife and me; value £500.

Date received: 30 June 2015

Date accepted: 30 June 2015

Donor status: individual

(Registered 13 July 2015)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel Ltd

Address of donor: 45b Westbourne Terrace, London, W2 3UR

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): Flights and accommodation of estimated value £1,500

Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank

Date of visit: 23-27 November 2014

Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation to Israel and the West Bank.

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Double, Steve (St Austell and Newquay)

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

Name of donor: The Tandridge Club

Address of donor: Thatchers, Pastens Road, Limpsfield, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0RE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,187.50

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 29 May 2015)

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club

Address of donor: 18 Thorney Lane North, Iver, Buckinghamshire SL0 9JY

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

Donor status: members' association

(Registered 29 May 2015)

Name of donor: Stalbury Trustees

Address of donor: 61 Hill Street, London W1J 5LS

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

Donor status: company, registration 01430799

(Registered 29 May 2015)

Name of donor: Fowey Conservative Club

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: members' association

(Registered 29 May 2015)

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

Bay Direct Media; a direct marketing company (see category 8 below). (Registered 29 May 2015)

Bay Mailing Services Ltd; a mailing house (see category 8 below). (Registered 29 May 2015)

Phoenix Corporate Gifts Ltd; a company selling branded merchandise (see category 8 below). (Registered 29 May 2015)

8. Miscellaneous

I am an unremunerated director of Bay Direct Media, Bay Mailing Services Ltd and Phoenix Corporate Gifts. (Registered 06 June 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Anne Double, as full time Senior Caseworker and Diary Secretary. (Registered 29 May 2015)

Flynn, Paul (Newport West)**1. Employment and earnings**

Royalty payments from Biteback Publishing, 3 Albert Embankment London SE1 7SP. No additional hours.

9 December 2013, I received two payments of £319.03 and £25.68; total £344.71, in respect of two books. (Registered 02 July 2014)

I received payment of £174, in respect of two books. (Registered 08 June 2015)

Payment of £485 received from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JA, for completing opinion surveys. Hours: 5 hrs. (Registered 08 June 2015)

Payment of £425 from Populus, Northburgh House, 10, Northburgh Street, London, EC1V 0AT, for completing opinion surveys. Hours: 4 hrs. (Registered 08 June 2015)

Payment of £400 from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY for completing opinion surveys. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 08 June 2015)

Payment of £300 from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT for completing opinion surveys. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 08 June 2015)

Payment of £100 from Tinopolis TV, Park Street, Llanelli SA15 3YE, for appearance on a documentary. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 08 June 2015)

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

Name of donor: RMT

Address of donor: Unity House, 39 Chalton Street, London NW1 1JD

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 08 June 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Lynne Samantha Flynn, as Senior Secretary.

Hall, Luke (Thornbury and Yate)

Nil

Howlett, Ben (Bath)**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 04130799
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Michael Phelp
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: 26 January 2015 £3,000
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Michael Phelp
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: 19 March 2015 £1,000
 (registered together with donation of 26 January 2015)
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Andrew Brownsword
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Anthony Clarke
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,500
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Anthony Clarke
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Anthony Clarke
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,500
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Anthony Clarke
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,810
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Anthony Clarke
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,500
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Carlton Club
 Address of donor: 69 St James's Street, London SW1A 1PJ
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: company, registration 00573221
(Registered 05 June 2015)

Hurd, Nick (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Latin America Impact Investment Forum – New Ventures Mexico
Address of donor: Corina 59, Del Carmen, Coyoacán, 04100 Ciudad de México, D.F, Mexico

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): Flights and accommodation valued at £4,200

Destination of visit: Merida, Mexico

Date of visit: 24 February 2015 to 26 February 2015

Purpose of visit: to speak at the FLII conference (Latin America Impact Investment Forum)

(Registered 08 June 2015)

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

2 bedroom flat in Ruislip Middlesex: (i) and (ii)

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Mackintosh, David (Northampton South)

1. Employment and earnings

Councillor, Northamptonshire County Council, County Hall, Northampton NN1 1ED. Paid £9,000 per annum, until May 2017. Hours: approx. 25 hrs per month. (Registered 04 June 2015)

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

Name of donor: Dunkleys

Address of donor: 39-44 Davy Close, Park Farm Industrial Estate, Wellingborough NN8 6XX

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

Donor status: company, registration 02803797

(Registered 04 June 2015)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel

Address of donor: 45B Westbourne Terrace, London W2 3UR

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights and accommodation, £1,600

Destination of visit: Israel and Palestine

Date of visit: 29 June - 4 July 2014

Purpose of visit: fact finding visit

(Registered 04 June 2015)

McKinnell, Catherine (Newcastle upon Tyne North)

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

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union (CWU)

Address of donor: North East Branch, CWU Office, Hadrian TSC, 2 Melbourne

Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 2JQ

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 27 May 2015)

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

Joint owner of residential rented property in Northumberland: (i)

8. Miscellaneous

Solicitor (currently non-practising).

Scully, Paul (Sutton and Cheam)

1. Employment and earnings

Director of Nudge Factory Ltd, 42 Salisbury Road, Carshalton SM5 3HD, a corporate affairs consultancy:

Payment of £160 received on 22 May 2015. Hours: 7 hrs. (Registered 05 June 2015)

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: £2,180

Donor status: company, registration 01430799

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Sutton and South London Business Club

Address of donor: 43 Clifton Road, Wallington SM6 8AL

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £14,000

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Martin Skinner

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Andrew Godson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 05 June 2015)

Name of donor: Martin Armstrong

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £6,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 05 June 2015)

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

Nudge Factory Ltd, a corporate affairs consultancy. (Registered 05 June 2015)

8. Miscellaneous

Non-executive partner of Nudge Factory Ltd, which is an unpaid and informal role.

(Registered 05 June 2015)

10. Family members engaged in lobbying the public sector on behalf of a third party or client

My wife, Emma Scully, is employed by Nudge Factory Ltd as an Office Manager. (Registered 05 June 2015).