

Formal Minutes of the Petitions Committee

TUESDAY 12 September 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Rehman Chishti	Mike Hill
Steve Double	Catherine McKinnell
Michelle Donelan	Paul Scully
Susan Elan Jones	Liz Twist

1) Declaration of interests.

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

2) Confidentiality and privilege

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Procedural and administrative matters

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Leader of the House and the Petitions Committee

Resolved, That the Committee agree to the changes to the Draft Memorandum of Understanding.

5) Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Review of the petitions system

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Parliament Week

The Committee considered this matter.

8) Petitions scheduled for debate during the previous Parliament

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-

petitions 170931 and 200239 relating to the TV Licence fee" on Monday 16 October, led by Helen Jones MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition 186565 relating to eligibility for mortgages" on Monday 23 October, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition 168657 relating to proportional representation" on Monday 30 October, led by Steve Double MP.

9) Petitions which had reached 100,000 signatures during the previous Parliament

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 169835 for debate.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition 176555 relating to mental health education in schools" on Monday 6 November, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

10) Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered petitions with over 100,000 signatures during this Parliament:

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 170686 for debate.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition 182953 relating to university tuition fees." on Monday 27 November, led by Mike Hill MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions 180642 and 168781 relating to a referendum on Scottish independence." on Monday 13 November, led by Martyn Day 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 September 2017](#).

11) Inquiries remaining from the previous Parliament

Resolved, that the Committee write to the Government in relation to the following inquiries:

1. Working Group on funding for brain tumour research
2. High heels and workplace dress codes
3. Meningitis B vaccination

12) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 October at 2.00pm.]

TUESDAY 10 October 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Susan Elan Jones
Michelle Donelan	Liz Twist
Mike Hill	

1) Declaration of interests

Martyn Day declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see appendix).

2) Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures during the previous Parliament.

Resolved, That the Committee change the date of the debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 170931 and 200239 relating to the TV Licence fee” to Monday 20 November.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 182953 relating to university tuition fees” on Monday 27 November, led by Liz Twist MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 176555 relating to mental health education in schools” on Monday 6 November, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 180642 and 168781 relating to a referendum on Scottish independence” on Monday 13 November, led by Martyn Day MP.

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

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 200004, 187570, 193282 and 200311 relating to a referendum on the deal for the UK’s exit from the European Union” on Monday 11 December, led by Susan Elan Jones MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 200032 relating to public sector pay” on Monday 4 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 10 October 2017](#).

3) Consideration of public petitions with Government observations

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 October 2017](#).

4) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition number 200283 be rejected.

Resolved, That e-petition number 200329 be rejected.

5) Request for removal

Resolved, That e-petition 200662 not be removed from the e-petitions website.

6) Correspondence

Ordered, That the Committee write to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport about the Tailored Review of UK Anti-Doping.

7) Committee working practices

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee write to the Leader of the House and to the Lord High Chancellor regarding Government responses to e-petitions.
2. *Resolved*, That there be new rules relating petitions calling for votes of no confidence in Ministers and the Government as a whole.
3. *Resolved*, That there be an amendment to the rules relating to offensive or extreme petitions.

8) Petitions which closed at the end of the last Parliament

The Committee considered this matter.

9) Public engagement outside Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

10) Committee visit to Edinburgh

The Committee considered this matter.

11) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 October at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 17 October 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Susan Elan Jones
Michelle Donelan	Catherine McKinnell
Steve Double	Damien Moore
Mike Hill	Liz Twist

1) Declaration of interests

Damien Moore declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see appendix).

2) Consideration of 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 182953 relating to university tuition fees” on Monday 27 November, led by Mike Hill 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 October 2017](#).

3) Consideration of public petitions with Government observations

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 October 2017](#).

4) Online abuse: e-petition 190627

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into online abuse and the experience of disabled people.

5) Complaint for consideration by the Committee

Resolved, That the complaint relating to the rejection of e-petition 174621 not be upheld.

6) Guidelines for Government departments responding to petitions

Resolved, That the Committee give guidelines to Government departments responding to petitions.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 October at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 24 October 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Catherine McKinnell
Steve Double	Damien Moore
Mike Hill	Paul Scully
Susan Elan Jones	Liz Twist

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 24 October 2017](#).

2) Consideration of public petitions with Government observations

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 October 2017](#).

3) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition number 202626 should be rejected.

Resolved, That e-petition number 202570 should be accepted for publication on the e-petitions website.

Resolved, That e-petition number 202065 should be rejected

4) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 31 October at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 31 October 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Susan Elan Jones
Steve Double	Catherine McKinnell
Mike Hill	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 31 October 2017](#).

2) Consideration of public petitions with Government observations

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 October 2017](#).

3) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 195077 be published.

4) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people.

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 14 November at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 14 November 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Catherine McKinnell
Mike Hill	Damien Moore
Susan Elan Jones	Paul Scully

1) Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered petitions with over 100,000 signatures.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion 'That this House has considered e-petition 200585 relating to childcare vouchers' on Monday 15 January 2018, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion 'That this House has considered e-petition 201947 relating to fireworks' on Monday 29 January 2018, led by Susan Elan 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 14 November 2017](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 200000 be published.

3) Public petitions with Government observations

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 November 2017](#).

4) Petition for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 203723 be rejected.

5) Petitions website security

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Inquiry into online abuse and the experience of disabled people

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 21 November at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 21 November 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Susan Elan Jones
Michelle Donelan	Catherine McKinnell
Steve Double	Paul Scully
Mike Hill	Liz Twist

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 21 November 2017](#).

2) Update on e-petition 110776

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Update on e-petition 108072

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Public Health and Primary Care, relating to e-petition 108072, be reported to the House for publication.

4) Regional media briefing

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 November at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 28 November 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Susan Elan Jones
Steve Double	Damien Moore
Mike Hill	

1) Consideration of e-petitions

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

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 110776 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 28 November 2017](#).

2) Consideration of public petitions with Government observations

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 November 2017](#).

3) Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Minister of State for Immigration, relating to an e-petition on citizenship for commonwealth citizens, be reported to the House for publication.

4) Request for removal

Resolved, That e-petition 205029 not be removed from the e-petitions website.

5) Inquiry into online abuse and the experience of disabled people

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 December at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 5 December 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day	Susan Elan Jones
Steve Double	Catherine McKinnell
Mike Hill	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 205476 relating to the enslavement of black Africans in Libya' on Monday 18 December, 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 5 December 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 5 December 2017](#).

3) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 12 December at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 12 December 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Damien Moore	Catherine McKinnell
Mike Hill	Paul Scully
Susan Elan Jones	Liz Twist
Martyn Day	

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 12 December 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 12 December 2017](#).

3) Public engagement for e-petition 190627

The Committee considered this matter.

4) BBC proposal for an article about the Committee's work

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Petitions which name Members

Ordered, That petitions which name Members of the House of Commons or House of Lords should be rejected.

6) Motions for e-petitions debates

Ordered, That the Chair of the Committee should write to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union regarding decisions on debating petitions.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 January at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 9 January 2017

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell	Damien Moore
Steve Double	Paul Scully
Mike Hill	Liz Twist
Susan Elan Jones	Martyn Day

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 200165 relating to leaving the European Union' on Monday 22 January, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 205476 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 9 January 2018](#).

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 9 January 2018](#).

3) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 201183 and 200088 be published.

4) Format for revised Government responses

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Briefing on the MOOC

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Evidence session and media for e-petition 190627

Resolved, That an evidence session should take place on Tuesday 6 February.

8) Request for removal

Resolved, That e-petition 203011 should be removed from the e-petitions website.

9) Brain tumour research

The Committee considered this matter.

10) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 16 January at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 16 January 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell	Susan Elan Jones
Martyn Day	Paul Scully
Steve Double	Liz Twist
Mike Hill	

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 200205 relating to ending the export of live farm animals after the UK leaves the European Union” on Monday 26 February, led by Steve Double MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 200000 relating to British Sign Language being part of the national curriculum” on Monday 5 March, led by Liz Twist MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 207616 relating to changes to car insurance” on Monday 5 March 2018, led by Susan Elan 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 16 January 2018](#).

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 16 January 2018](#).

3) Consideration for debates

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 January at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell	Paul Scully
Martyn Day	Liz Twist
Damien Moore	

1) Consideration of e-petitions

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 200634 for debate.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 200224 and 200371, and public petitions P002061, P002064, P002078 and P002104, relating to Myanmar’s Rohingya minority”.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 200299 relating to GCSE English literature exams”.

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 23 January 2018](#).

2) Update on e-petition 108072

Resolved, That the Committee ask the Secretary of State for Health to give oral evidence.

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Primary Care.

3) Revised Government response

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House and to the Chair of the Women and Equalities Committee regarding correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care and Mental Health.

4) 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 23 January 2018](#).

5) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Resolved, That ITV be permitted to film part of the Committee’s informal private meeting.

Resolved, That there be online engagement with the public through established forums such as Scope and the Disability Hate Crime Network.

Resolved, That there be a workshop in Parliament for people with disabilities to express their views and a visit to Mencap's offices.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Any other business

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Home Secretary, in her capacity as Minister for Women and Equalities, regarding the previous Committee's report on "High heels and workplace dress codes".

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House regarding arrangements for petitions debates.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House, and all MPs, about arrangements for messaging people who have signed e-petitions.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 30 January at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell

Liz Twist

Steve Double

Susan Elan Jones

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 200299 relating to GCSE English literature exams” on Monday 26 March, led by Helen Jones MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 209455 relating to access to the drug Orkambi for people with Cystic Fibrosis” on Monday 19 March, 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 30 January 2018](#).

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 30 January 2018](#).

3) Note for Committee on proposal that petitioners’ data be shared with MPs

Resolved, That the Committee not to proceed with the proposed change.

Ordered, That the Committee review the website once a year and consider altering the wording of text on the website.

4) Questions for oral evidence on Tuesday 6 February

Ordered, That questions be shared with a witness in advance of the evidence session as a reasonable adjustment.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 6 February at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 6 February 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell	Liz Twist
Steve Double	Martyn Day
Mike Hill	Damien Moore
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 6 February 2018](#).

2) Public engagement for upcoming debates

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 201003 and 206722 be published.

4) Update on follow-up work: inquiries into brain tumour research funding and meningitis B vaccine

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Online abuse of disabled people

Katie Price, petition creator; Amy Price, petitioners' mother; Anna Novis MBE, Disability Campaigner, Inclusion London; Andie Gbedemah, Public Affairs Officer, Dimensions; Amy Clarke, Digital Assistant, and Rob Holland, Parliamentary Manager, Mencap, gave oral evidence.

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of the following written evidence:

ONL0001 Dimensions, ONL0002 Chara Bakalis, ONL0003 Dr Zhraa A. Alhaboby

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 February at 4.00pm.]

Tuesday 20 February 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day Paul Scully

Liz Twist

1) Consideration of e-petitions

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

Resolved, That there be a debate on e-petition 206851, 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 20 February 2018](#).

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 20 February 2018](#).

3) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 169306 be published.

4) Online abuse of disabled people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following written evidence: ONL0004 Anti-Bullying Alliance.

5) Future programme

This Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 27 February at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 27 February 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Liz Twist
Martyn Day
Steve Double

Mike Hill
Damien Moore

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 an e-petition relating to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry” on Monday 14 May, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 205106 relating to the privatisation of NHS services” on Monday 23 April, led by Mike Hill 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 27 February 2018](#).

2) Dates for debates already scheduled

The Committee agreed dates for the following debates:

1. We want a Public Inquiry into the James Bulger murder case, to be debated on Monday 12 March
2. Group of petitions on the Rohingya crisis in Burma with the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions 200224 and 200371, and public petitions P002061, P002064, P002078 and P002104, relating to Myanmar’s Rohingya minority”, to be debated on Monday 16 April.

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 27 February 2018](#).

4) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 212308 be accepted, in an amended form.

5) Online abuse of disabled people

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

6) Correspondence

This Committee considered this matter

7) Future programme

This Committee considered this matter.

8) Meningitis B vaccine

Steve Brine MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Primary Care; Chris Mullin, Chief Economist of the Department of Health and Social Care; and Dr Mary Ramsay, Consultant Epidemiologist and Head of Immunisation with Public Health England, gave oral evidence.

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet written evidence from the Meningitis Research Foundation (MBV0001).

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 March at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 13 March 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Liz Twist	Damien Moore
Luke Hall	Paul Scully
Mike Hill	

1) Declaration of interests

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

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 205169 relating to Parliament’s vote on the deal for the UK’s exit from the EU” on Monday 11 June, led by Liz Twist MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered an e-petition relating to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry” on Monday 14 May, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 216539 relating to people who entered the UK as minors between 1948 and 1971” on Monday 30 April, led by Mike Hill 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 March 2018](#).

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 13 March 2018](#).

4) Revised Government response to e-petition 200000

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet correspondence from Minister of State for Education.

5) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet written evidence from Inclusion London.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 March at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell	Martyn Day
Damien Moore	Steve Double
Paul Scully	Mike Hill

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 200888 relating to the sale of animal fur in the UK” on Monday 4 June, led by Daniel Zeichner.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 213451 relating to the sale of puppies by pet shops and commercial third-party dealers” on Monday 21 May, led by Martyn Day 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 20 March 2018](#).

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 20 March 2018](#).

3) Revised Government response to e-petition 203202

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet the following correspondence:

1. Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Health and Social Care
2. Correspondence from the Leader of the House

4) Members’ attendance at Committee meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 March at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 27 March 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner

Damien Moore

Martyn Day

Mike Hill

1) Declaration of interests

Daniel Zeichner declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see appendix).

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 27 March 2018](#).

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 27 March 2018](#).

4) Consideration of closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 214834 be accepted for publication on the e-petitions website.
Resolved, That e-petition 215396 be rejected.

6) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 211232 be published.

7) Scheduling e-petition debates in the Commons Chamber

The Committee considered this matter.

8) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 April at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 17 April 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Liz Twist	Steve Double
Daniel Zeichner	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	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 216539 relating to people who entered the UK as minors between 1948 and 1971” on Monday 30 April, 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 17 April 2018](#).

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 April 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That petitions relating to curfews on young people be rejected and not published on the e-petitions website.

5) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 201563 be published.

6) Inquiry into online abuse of disabled people

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of written evidence from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 April at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 24 April 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Martyn Day

Paul Scully

Mike Hill

Daniel Zeichner

Damien Moore

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 24 April 2018](#).

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 April 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of written evidence from Dr Loretta Trickett and Nottingham Civic Exchange.

Paul Giannasi OBE, Cross-Government Hate Crime Programme Manager; DI John Donovan, Online Hate Crime Hub of Metropolitan Police; and Supt Edward De La Rue, Brighton and Hove Division of Sussex Police, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 1 May at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 8 May 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell

Daniel Zeichner

Paul Scully

Martyn Day

Mike Hill

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 8 May 2018](#).

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 8 May 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Petitions for decision by the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 15 May at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 15 May 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Liz Twist	Steve Double
Daniel Zeichner	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	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 15 May 2018](#).

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 May 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Proposals for public engagement for debates

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 May at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 22 May 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Liz Twist

Mike Hill

Martyn Day

Damien Moore

Luke Hall

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 22 May 2018](#).

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 22 May 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 215000 be published.

5) High heels and workplace dress codes

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet a letter from the Government Equalities Office.

Resolved, That Committee would consider proposals for working with the petition creator to promote the guidance.

6) Inquiry into the Meningitis B vaccine

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet a letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Primary Care.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 June at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 5 June 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Mike Hill 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 212174 relating to pet theft.” on Monday 2 July, led by Mike Hill 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 5 June 2018](#).

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 5 June 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Timeliness of Government responses

Ordered, That the Chair would write to all Secretaries of State about their department’s performance responding to petitions.

5) Inquiry into high heels and workplace dress codes

Resolved, That the Committee would support a regional press briefing to promote the new guidance on workplace dress guides.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 12 June at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 12 June 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell
Mike Hill
Damien Moore

Steve Double
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 212174 relating to pet theft” on Monday 2 July, led by Mike Hill 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 June 2018](#).

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 June 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 220197 be accepted for publication on the e-petitions website.

5) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 214030 be published.

6) Academic research in the Parliamentary petitions system

Resolved, That the Committee would support academic research into the Parliamentary petitions system.

7) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

8) Committee visit to Dublin

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin in connection with its research into other petitions systems.

9) Meningitis B vaccine

The Committee considered this matter.

10) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 19 June at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 19 June 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell

Martyn Day

Luke Hall

Mike Hill

Paul Scully

Daniel Zeichner

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 206568, 210497 and 201416 relating to family visitor visas” on Monday 9 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 19 June 2018](#).

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 19 June 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 209433 be published.

5) Date of debate on e-petition 207040

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Memorandum of Understanding with the Leader of the House

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

8) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Katie O’Donovan, Public Policy Manager, Google UK; Karim Palant, UK Public

Policy Manager, Facebook; and Nick Pickles, Senior Strategist of Public Policy for Twitter UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 26 June at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 26 June 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell

Liz Twist

Martyn Day

Mike Hill

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 26 June 2018](#).

2) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Resolved, That there be public consultation on draft recommendations.

4) Evidence to the Procedure Committee

Resolved, That the Committee submit a memorandum to the Procedure Committee for its inquiry into setting up select committees at the start of a Parliament.

5) Memorandum of Understanding with the Leader of the House

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Leader of the House.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 3 July at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 3 July 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell	Steve Double
Liz Twist	Mike Hill
Daniel Zeichner	

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 222419 relating to including Staffordshire Bull Terriers in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991” on Monday 16 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 3 July 2018](#).

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 3 July 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition number 222713 be accepted for publication on the e-petitions website.

Resolved, That e-petition number 222941 be rejected.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 July at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 17 July 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Daniel Zeichner

Luke Hall

Steve Double

Liz Twist

Martyn Day

Mike Hill

1) Consideration of e-petitions

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

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 223013 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 17 July 2018](#).

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 July 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Draft Special Report (*Online abuse and the experience of disabled people: Government response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Special Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report will be published with the Second Special Report of the Committee, HC 2122.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 4 September at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 4 September 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner

Mike Hill

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 223729 relating to rescinding Article 50 if the Vote Leave campaign broke electoral laws” on Monday 10 September, led by Daniel Zeichner MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e- petition 211950 relating to setting up a new independent body for the protection of racehorses” on Monday 15 October, led by Mike Hill 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 4 September 2018](#).

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 4 September 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 221220 be published

5) Petitions for decision by the Committee

Resolved, That e-petition 214072 remain on the e-petitions website.

Resolved, That e-petition 226647 be accepted for publication on the e-petitions website, subject to changes made.

6) Inquiry into online abuse of disabled people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet written evidence from Nick Pickles, Senior Strategist for Public Policy for Twitter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 11 September at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones, in the Chair

Catherine McKinnell	Martyn Day
Liz Twist	Luke Hall
Steve Double	Daniel Zeichner
Damian Moore	

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 September 2018](#).

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 11 September 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Online abuse of disabled people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet a letter from Sense.

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet a letter from Match Group.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 October at 4.00pm.]

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell	Daniel Zeichner
Damien Moore	Paul Scully
Martyn Day	

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 9 October 2018](#).

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 9 October 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 220162 be published.

5) Complaint regarding petition 227678

Resolved, That the Committee not uphold the complaint.

6) Identity of petitioner

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Written evidence for the House of Lords Liaison Committee

Resolved, That the Committee submit written evidence to the House of Lords Liaison Committee in relation to their work on public engagement.

8) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 16 October at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 16 October 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell	Mike Hill
Daniel Zeichner	Martyn Day
Damien Moore	Paul Scully
Liz Twist	

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 16 October 2018](#).

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 16 October 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Brain tumour inquiry

Resolved, That the Committee invite the Secretary of Health to give evidence.

5) Public engagement for debates on petitions 220501 and 221860, and petition 221033

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Complaint regarding a petition

Resolved, That the Committee not uphold the complaint.

7) Public engagement for Parliament Week

The Committee considered this matter.

8) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 October at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 23 October 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell	Martyn Day
Mike Hill	Daniel Zeichner
Paul Scully	Steve Double
Liz Twist	Damian Moore

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 23 October 2018](#).

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 222715 relating to plastic-free packaging for fruit and vegetables" on Monday 12 November, led by Steve Double MP.

2) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 30 October at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 30 October 2018

Members present:
Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Martyn Day Liz Twist
Mike Hill Steve Double

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 the e-petition relating to leaving the European Union” on Monday 19 November, led by Liz Twist MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 226071 relating to not holding a second referendum on EU membership” on Monday 3 December, 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 30 October 2018](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 225899 be published.

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 6 November at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell	Damien Moore
Paul Scully	Liz Twist
Daniel Zeichner	Martyn Day
Steve Double	Mike Hill

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 226071 relating to not holding a second referendum on EU membership” on 3 December, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 231147 relating to the sale of fireworks to the public” on 26 November, 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 13 November 2018](#).

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 November 2018](#).

3) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 213702 be published.

Resolved, That the Chair request a revised response to petition 223729 from the Government.

5) Online abuse of disabled people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet written evidence from Dimensions

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 13 November at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 20 November 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Damien Moore Mike Hill
Martyn Day

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 20 November 2018](#).

2) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Memorandum of Understanding between the Petitions Committee and the Leader of the House

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Complaint regarding petitions 220073 and 219512

Resolved, That the Committee not uphold the complaints.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 November at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 27 November 2018

Members present:
Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Damien Moore	Paul Scully
Mike Hill	Martyn Day
Liz Twist	Steve Double
Luke Hall	

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 27 November 2018](#).

2) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 208008 be published.

4) Online abuse of disabled people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet written evidence from the Crown Prosecution Service.

5) Inquiry into funding for brain tumour research

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet written evidence from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

Resolved, That the Committee request that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care give oral evidence.

6) Education and engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 4 December at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 4 December 2018

Members present:
Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Martyn Day Liz Twist
Steve Double Daniel Zeichner
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 228572 relating to an independent commission on televised election debates” on 7 January, 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 4 December 2018](#).

2) Consideration of e-petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Fireworks

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into fireworks.

4) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 11 December at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 11 December 2018

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell	Damian Moore
Paul Scully	Liz Twist
Martyn Day	

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 229963, 221747 and 235185 relating to leaving the EU without a withdrawal agreement, 232984 and 231461 relating to holding a further referendum on leaving the EU, and 226509 and 236261 relating to not leaving the EU.” on Monday 14 January, 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 11 December 2018](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 223729 be published.

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Timeliness of Government responses

The Committee considered this matter.

5) 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 11 December 2018](#).

6) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 8 January at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 8 January 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell	Daniel Zeichner
Steve Double	Paul Scully
Liz Twist	Martyn Day
Mike Hill	

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 the House has considered e-petitions 229963, 221747 and 235185, relating to leaving the EU without a withdrawal agreement, 232984 and 231461 relating to holding a further referendum on leaving the EU, and 226509 and 236261 relating to not leaving the EU” on 14 January, 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 8 January 2019](#).

2) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

3) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Draft Report (Online abuse and the experience of disabled people), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report will be published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 759.

4) Committee visits

Resolved, That the Committee visit Finland in connection with its work on learning from other petitions systems, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for funding in respect of the visit.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 15 January at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 15 January 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell	Liz Twist
Daniel Zeichner	Paul Scully
Martyn Day	Mike Hill

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 229744 relating to college funding” on 21 January, led by Daniel Zeichner 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 January 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 240178 and 228954 be published.

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) 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 January 2019](#).

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Funding for research into brain tumours

Rt Hon. Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care; Mike Batley, Deputy Director of Research Programmes; and Helen Campbell, Portfolio Manager for DHSC Research Network, Clinical Research Facilities, and Cancer Research for the Department for Health and Social Care, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until 22 January at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 22 January 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell
Paul Scully
Mike Hill

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day

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 22 January 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 228631, 221747 and 225395 be published.

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 22 January 2019](#).

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 29 January at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 29 January 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Damien Moore
Paul Scully
Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day

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 224908 relating to leaving the European Union.” on Monday 4 February, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 229178 relating to secondary school opening hours.” on Monday 11 February, led by Daniel Zeichner MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 235053 relating to relationship and sex education.” on Monday 25 February, 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 29 January 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 229573 be published.

3) Your UK Parliament awards

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet written

evidence from the FA, Premier League and EFL.

[Adjourned until 5 February at 2.00pm

Tuesday 5 February 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Steve Double
Paul Scully
Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day
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 5 February 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 224537, 232220 and 232984 be published.

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 5 February 2019](#).

4) Petitions for Committee decision

Resolved, That e-petition 240471 be removed from the website.

5) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 12 February at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 12 February 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Steve Double
Paul Scully
Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day
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 232220 relating to school funding.” on Monday 4 March, led by Liz Twist 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 February 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 229744 and 228814 be published.

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 12 February 2019](#).

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 26 February at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 26 February 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Paul Scully
Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day

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 239706 relating to leaving the European Union.” on Monday 11 March, led by Daniel Zeichner MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered E-petition 231521 relating to ISIS members returning to the UK.” on Monday 18 March, led by Luke Hall 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 26 February 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 221220 and 229004 be published.

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 26 February 2019](#).

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 5 March at 2.00pm

Tuesday 5 March 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Catherine McKinnell
Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day

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 5 March 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 225310 be published.

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 5 March 2019](#).

4) Petitions for Committee decision

Resolved, That e-petitions 236595 and 241872 be rejected.

Resolved, That e-petition 241028 be published, with an edit for clarity.

5) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Select Committee Effectiveness

Resolved, That the Committee submit evidence to the Liaison Committee inquiry into Select Committee Effectiveness.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 12 March at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 12 March 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Liz Twist

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day

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 233926 relating to knife crime.” on Monday 25 March, led by Mike Hill MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 190627 relating to online abuse.” on Monday 1 April, 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 12 March 2019](#).

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 March 2019](#).

3) Petitions for Committee decision

Resolved, That petitions calling for citizenship to be stripped from a named individual be rejected.

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Fireworks

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of the following written evidence:

FWS0001-0005, FWS0007, FWS009-0026, FWS0029, FWS0031-47, FWS0049-54, FWS0056-0061, FWS0063

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 19 March at 2.00pm

Tuesday 19 March 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Catherine McKinnell
Paul Scully

Daniel Zeichner
Martyn Day

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 19 March 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 231146 be published.

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 19 March 2019](#).

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Fireworks

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of the following written evidence:

FWS0065-0072, FWS0074, FWS0076, FWS0078, FWS0080-0098, FWS0100-FSW0103

6) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 26 March at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 26 March 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill

Liz Twist

Catherine McKinnell

Paul Scully

Daniel Zeichner

Martyn Day

Damien Moore

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 241584, 235138 and 243319 relating to leaving the European Union.” on Monday 1 April, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 190627 relating to online abuse.” on Monday 26 April, led by Helen Jones MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 243947 relating to immunity for soldiers.” on Monday 20 May, led by Damien Moore 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 26 March 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition 235425 be published.

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 26 March 2019](#).

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Fireworks

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of the following written evidence:

FWS0104-0109, FWS0111- 0113, FWS0115-0121, FWS0123-0130,

6) Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the FA, relating to online abuse, be reported to the House for publication.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 2 April at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 2 April 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill

Steve Double

Catherine McKinnell

Daniel Zeichner

Martyn Day

Damien Moore

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 244233 relating to protecting nesting sites for birds.” on Monday 13 May, led by Mike Hill MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 229004 relating to the identification of pets.” on Monday 17 June, led by Martyn Day MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 232684 relating to unsustainable packaging.” on Monday 24 June, led by Daniel Zeichner MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 236952 relating to dangerous driving.” on Monday 8 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 2 April 2019](#).

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 2 April 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Fireworks

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of the following written evidence:

FWS0131-0137, FWS0139- 0150, FWS0152, FWS0357

5) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 23 April at 4.30pm

Tuesday 23 April 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Steve Double

Paul Scully
Martyn Day

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 231602 relating to access to Orkambi and other drugs for people with cystic fibrosis.” on Monday 10 June, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 239444 relating to online homophobia.” on Monday 1 July, led by Daniel Zeichner 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 23 April 2019](#).

2) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 229178 and 239444 be published.

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 23 April 2019](#).

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Online abuse and the experience of disabled people

Draft Special Report (*Online abuse and the experience of disabled people: Government response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Special Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report will be published with the Second Special Report of the Committee, HC 2122.

6) Fireworks

Ordered, That the Committee report to the House for publication on the internet of the

following written evidence:

FWS0153-0179, FWS0182-0245, FWS0247-0248, FWS0250-0258, FWS0260-0262,
FWS0265-0274, FWS0276-0311, FWS0313-0333, FWS0335-340, FWS0342-0343,
FWS0346-0352, FWS0354-0346

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 30 April at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill

Steve Double

Catherine McKinnell

Paul Scully

Martyn Day

Daniel Zeichner

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 30 April 2019](#).

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 30 April 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Fireworks

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 7 May at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 7 May 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Paul Scully

Martyn Day

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 234627, 234797 and 235653 relating to the BBC.” on Monday 15 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 7 May 2019](#).

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 May 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Request for anonymity

Resolved, That petitions without a name not be accepted.

5) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 21 May at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 21 May 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Daniel Zeichner
Catherine McKinnell

Martyn Day

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 21 May 2019](#).

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 May 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Petitions started by British Nationals (Overseas)

Resolved, That the requirement for British Citizenship to start petitions from outside of the UK remain in place.

5) Correspondence

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 4 June at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 4 June 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Daniel Zeichner
Catherine McKinnell
Paul Scully

Martyn Day
Damien Moore
Mike Hill

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 4 June 2019](#).

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 4 June 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 11 June at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 11 June 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Daniel Zeichner
Mike Hill

Martyn Day
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 11 June 2019](#).

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 11 June 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) UK Parliament week

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Fireworks

Sue Kerr, Petitioner, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until 18 June at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 18 June 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Daniel Zeichner
Mike Hill

Martyn Day
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 June 2019](#).

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 June 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) UK Parliament week

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 25 June at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 25 June 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Paul Scully
Mike Hill

Martyn Day

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 June 2019](#).

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 25 June 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Fireworks

Steve Raper, Vice Chairman, British Firework Association and Fraser Stevenson, Director, Absolute Fireworks, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until 2 July at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 2 July 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell
Damien Moore
Daniel Zeichner

Martyn Day
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 2 July 2019](#).

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 2 July 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Fireworks

Dr Paul Logan, Director, Chemicals, Explosives and Biological Hazards Division, Health and Safety Executive, Rachel Hallam, Chair of Fireworks Enforcement Liaison Group and Petroleum & Safety Officer, Trading Standards Service, Worcestershire County Council, Edward Woodall, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Association of Convenience Stores, Liz Vann, Chartered Environmental Health Officer, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until 9 July at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 9 July 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Daniel Zeichner

Martyn Day
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 9 July 2019](#).

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 9 July 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Petition for Committee decision

Resolved, That e-petition 266255 be accepted.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Fireworks

Claire McParland, Government Relations Manager, RSPCA, Assistant Chief Constable Andy Prophet, lead for Anti-Social Behaviour, National Police Chiefs Council, Chris Kemp, lead for Petroleum, Explosives and Fireworks, National Fire Chiefs Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until 16 July at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 16 July 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Paul Scully

Martyn Day

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 16 July 2019](#).

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 16 July 2019](#).

3) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 221050 and 244530 be published.

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Safeguarding

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

7) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 3 September at 4.30pm]

Tuesday 3 September 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Paul Scully

Martyn Day

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 269157 and 237487 relating to the prorogation of Parliament.” on Monday 9 September, led by Paul Scully MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition 266638 relating to deforestation in the Amazon.” on Monday 7 October, led by Daniel Zeichner 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 3 September 2019](#).

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 3 September 2019](#).

3) Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government responses to e-petitions 248269, 239638, 241560 and 258370 be published.

4) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Public engagement

The Committee considered this matter.

6) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until 1 October at 2.00pm]

Tuesday 1 October 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Mike Hill
Daniel Zeichner

Martyn Day

1) Consideration of e-petitions

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition 244402 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 1 October 2019](#).

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 1 October 2019](#).

3) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

4) Fireworks

The Committee considered this matter.

5) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[The Committee adjourned]

Tuesday 15 October 2019

Members present:

Paul Scully (in the Chair)

Catherine McKinnell Mike Hill

Martyn Day Daniel Zeichner

Steve Double

In the absence of the Chair, Paul Scully was called to the chair.

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 15 October 2019](#).

2) Consideration of petitions which have closed

The Committee considered this matter.

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 15 October 2019](#).

4) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 October at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 22 October 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Martyn Day 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 22 October 2019](#)

2) Consideration of petitions which have closed The

Committee considered this matter.

3) Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 29 October at 2.00pm.]

Tuesday 29 October 2019

Members present:

Helen Jones (in the Chair)

Martyn Day Mike Hill

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 29 October 2019](#).

2) Consideration of petitions which have closed The

Committee considered this matter.

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 October 2019](#).

4) Consideration of Report

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

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 81 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Annexes agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 134.

[The Committee adjourned]

ⁱ Appendix

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Jones, Helen (Warrington North)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

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

Chishti, Rehman (Gillingham and Rainham)

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

Name of donor: Paul Jackson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: delivery of Parliamentary Westminster Report, value £3,411.48

Donor status: individual

(Registered 09 September 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Hampshire Cricket Ltd

Address of donor: The Ageas Bowl Cricket Ground, Botley Road, West End, Southampton SO30 3XH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to watch England v Pakistan one day international cricket match, total value £837.60

Date received: 11 May 2019

Date accepted: 11 May 2019

Donor status: company, registration 04343355

(Registered 03 June 2019)

Name of donor: Bestway Wholesale Ltd

Address of donor: 2 Abbey Road, Park Royal, London NW10 7BW

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for Bestway Annual Charity Race Day at Royal Ascot, total value £732.86

Date received: 21 June 2019

Date accepted: 21 June 2019

Donor status: company, registration 1207120

(Registered 18 July 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

Councillor, Rainham Central Medway Council. Since my election to Parliament I draw no allowances.

Non-practising barrister.

From 8 January 2018 until 15 November 2018, Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party (Communities). This post carried a part time salary. (Registered 01 February 2018; updated 18 December 2018)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my sister, Nusrat Ahmed, as Office Manager.

Day, Martyn (Linlithgow and East Falkirk)

Nil

Donelan, Michelle (Chippenham)

1. Employment and earnings

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

1 February 2019, received £200. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 19 February 2019)

26 August 2019, received £200. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 09 September 2019)

Payments from ComRes, Coveham House, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham KT11 3EP, for completing opinion surveys:

2 November 2018, received £75. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 19 February 2019)

20 May 2019, received £150 for surveys in March and April 2019. Hours: 30 mins (15 min per survey). (Registered 25 June 2019)

10 August 2019, received £75 for survey in April 2019. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 09 September 2019)

27 August 2019, received £150 for two surveys in May and June 2019. Hours: 30 mins in total. (Registered 09 September 2019)

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

1 October 2018, received £60. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 09 October 2018)

26 October 2018, received £70. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 07 February 2019)

30 November 2018, received £100. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 07 February 2019)

14 December 2018, received £100. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 07 February 2019)

25 January 2019, received £70. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 09 September 2019)

8 February 2019, received £30. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 09 September 2019)

6 March 2019, received £80. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 09 September 2019)

4 April 2019, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2019)

20 May 2019, received £60. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2019)

13 August 2019, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 09 September 2019)

Double, Steve (St Austell and Newquay)

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

Name of donor: Good Faith Partnership LLP

Address of donor: 77 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2EZ

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Policy Adviser for three days per week from 5 February 2018 to 31 December 2018; approx. value £18,990

Date received: 5 February 2018 - 31 December 2018

Date accepted: 5 February 2018

Donor status: company, registration OC412989

(Registered 01 March 2018)

Name of donor: Good Faith Partnership LLP

Address of donor: 77 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2EZ

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Policy Adviser for 3 days per week from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019; approx. value £10,350

Date received: 1 January 2019 - 30 June 2019

Date accepted: 1 January 2019

Donor status: company, registration OC412989

(Registered 22 January 2019)

Name of donor: Good Faith Partnership LLP

Address of donor: 77 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2EZ

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Policy Adviser for 2.5 days per week from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019; approx. value £9,375

Date received: 1 July - 31 December 2019

Date accepted: 1 July 2019

Donor status: company, registration OC412989

(Registered 17 July 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Britten-Norman Ltd

Address of donor: Bembridge Airport, Isle of Wight PO35 5PR

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket and hospitality to attend the British Grand Prix, total value £1,575

Date received: 14 July 2019

Date accepted: 14 July 2019

Donor status: company, registration 06929455

(Registered 25 July 2019)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: The Good Faith Partnership

Address of donor: 77 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2EZ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel and accommodation, with a

value of £500

Destination of visit: Brussels

Dates of visit: 22-24 November 2018

Purpose of visit: Various meetings with EU officials, MEPs and NGOs to discuss UK immigration policy post Brexit.

(Registered 20 December 2018)

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

From 10 May 2018, a flat in St Austell, co-owned with my wife and inhabited by a family member: (i). (Registered 17 May 2018)

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

Until the company was dissolved in August 2018, Bay Direct Media; a direct marketing company (Registered 29 May 2015; updated 02 January 2019)

Until the company was dissolved in August 2018, Bay Mailing Services Ltd; a mailing house. (Registered 29 May 2015; updated 02 January 2019)

Phoenix Corporate Gifts Ltd; a company selling branded merchandise. (Registered 29 May 2015; updated 03 January 2019)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Anne Double, as Principal Secretary. (Registered 29 May 2015; updated 01 May 2018)

Hall, Luke (Thornbury and Yate)

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

Name of donor: Andrew Godson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Fundraising dinner with a value of £3,461

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 February 2019)

Name of donor: John Appleby

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 July 2019)

Name of donor: Andrew Godson

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 12 September 2019)

Hill, Mike (Hartlepool)

Nil

Jones, Susan Elan (Clwyd South)

Nil

McKinnell, Catherine (Newcastle upon Tyne North)

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

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

8. Miscellaneous

Solicitor (currently non-practising).

Moore, Damien (Southport)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Prosperous Armenia Party

Address of donor: 47 Hanrapetutyan street, 0010 Yerevan

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, travel, food and drink, with a value of £2,148

Destination of visit: Yerevan, Armenia

Dates of visit: 25 - 28 October 2018

Purpose of visit: To attend the Investment and Trade Round table in Yerevan.
(Registered 22 November 2018)

Name of donor: Tunisian National Tourism Office UK and Ireland

Address of donor: Third Floor, 111 Baker Street, London W1U 6SG

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, travel, food and drink, for myself and my Chief of Staff, with a value of £4,624.82

Destination of visit: Tunis, Tunisia

Dates of visit: 6 - 9 November 2018

Purpose of visit: To strengthen bilateral relations between UK and Tunisian Parliamentarians and respective democratic institutions.

(Registered 03 December 2018)

Name of donor: Big Innovation Centre (Middle East)

Address of donor: 707 Churchill Tower, Al Amal Street, Business Bay, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and internal travel, and accommodation, food and drink for two nights, with a total value of £6,500

Destination of visit: Dubai, UAE

Dates of visit: 29 April 2019 to 2 May 2019

Purpose of visit: Attendance at the AI Everything Conference, and chairing a session arranged by the Big Innovation Centre (London) as Chairman of the APPG on Blockchain.

(Registered 11 June 2019)

Scully, Paul (Sutton and Cheam)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments received from News UK & Ireland Ltd, PO Box 151, Peterborough PE7 8YT, for appearing on the Julia Hartley Brewer Talk Radio Live:

23 November 2018, received £200. Hours: 5 hrs. (Registered 26 November 2018)

12 December 2018, received £75. Hours: 2.5 hrs (Registered 02 January 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: Barry Russell

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 02 November 2018)

Name of donor: Barry Russell

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £842

Donor status: individual

(Registered 02 January 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Arora Group

Address of donor: World Business Centre 3, Newall Road, London Heathrow Airport, TW6 2TA

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket and hospitality for England vs Czech Republic football match, value £520.83

Date received: 22 March 2019

Date accepted: 22 March 2019

Donor status: company, registration 5636920

(Registered 03 April 2019)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: House of Representatives, Republic of Cyprus

Address of donor: 1402 Nicosia, Cyprus

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Transport, accommodation and meals, with a value of £474

Destination of visit: Republic of Cyprus

Dates of visit: 16-19 September 2018

Purpose of visit: UK Conservative Friends of Cyprus parliamentary delegation to examine the Cyprus Problem.

(Registered 11 October 2018)

8. Miscellaneous

From 8 January 2018, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party. This post carries a part time salary. (Registered 29 January 2018)

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

My wife, Emma Scully, is Company Secretary of Nudge Factory Ltd. (Registered 05 June 2015; updated 27 October 2017)

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)

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)

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)

Zeichner, Daniel (Cambridge)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for completing online surveys:

28 August 2018, received £60 for August 2018 Online Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 09 October 2018)

20 September 2018, received £60 for September 2018 online survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 19 October 2018)

Payments from ComRes, 4 Millbank, Westminster, London SW1P 3JA, for completing parliamentary panel surveys:

3 August 2018, received £75 for June 2018 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 09 October 2018)

6 September 2018, received £75 for July 2018 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 09 October 2018)

31 October 2018, received £125 for a survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 13 November 2018)

16 November 2018, received £75 for August 2018 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 10 December 2018)

17 December 2018, payment of £75 for October 2018 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 07 January 2019)

18 January 2019, received £75 for November 2018 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 25 September 2019)

16 May 2019, received £75 for March 2019 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 25 September 2019)

26 July 2019, received £75 for April 2019 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 25 September 2019)

30 August 2019, received £150 for May & June 2019 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 25 September 2019)

10 July 2019, received £150 from Leftfield, 181 Union Street, London SE1 0LN, for completing a survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 18 July 2019)

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

12 August 2019, received £200 for summer 2019 survey. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 05 September 2019)

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

Pettitts Ltd; management for the shared freehold flats of which I am a resident. (Registered 04 June 2015)