



Formal Minutes of the Liaison Committee in Session 2026–27

The Formal Minutes of a select committee record its formal proceedings and decisions.

They include:

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

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

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

Tuesday 19 May 2026

Dame Meg Hillier, in the Chair

Debbie Abrahams

Tonia Antoniazzi

Steve Barclay

Bob Blackman

Dame Karen Bradley

Liam Byrne

Ruth Cadbury

Alistair Carmichael

Sarah Champion

Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi

Florence Eshalomi

Helen Hayes

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Ruth Jones

Layla Moran

Dame Chi Onwurah

Toby Perkins

Andy Slaughter

Cat Smith

Jamie Stone

1. Representation of the Joint Committee on Human Rights at Liaison Committee meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Limited waiver of legal professional privilege

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Behaviour Code

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Core Tasks of Select Committees

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into core tasks of Select Committees.

5. Overseas Travel

The Committee considered this matter.

6. National Policy Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 June at 2.05 p.m.

Annex:

The following overseas visits were approved:

Business and Trade Committee, to Dublin, in May, at a cost not exceeding £6,389.

Business and Trade Committee, to Ottawa and Montreal, Canada, in June, at a cost not exceeding £83,723.

Defence Committee, to Norway, in June, at a cost not exceeding £42,377.

Defence Committee, to Denmark and Greenland, in September, at a cost not exceeding £55,197.

International Development Committee, to Indonesia, in June, at a cost not exceeding £52,227.

International Development Committee, to Jordan and Palestine, in June, at a cost not exceeding £23,569. *[Visit subsequently postponed]*

International Development Committee, to the Democratic Republic of Congo, in July, at a cost not exceeding £51,260. *[Visit subsequently cancelled]*

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, to Spain, in June, at a cost not exceeding £20,469.

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, to Singapore, in September, at a cost not exceeding £81,878.

Tuesday 16 June 2026

Ruth Cadbury

Simon Hoare

Sir Bernard Jenkin

In the absence of the Chair, Simon Hoare was called to the chair.

The Committee considered a report from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145(10).

The Chair reported from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee the following resolutions:

That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee be designated to consider the draft National Policy Statement for Fusion Energy Generation, laid before the House on 8 June.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees with the recommendations of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee reported to it this day.

Ordered, That the Chair make the following report to the House:

That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 152H, the Committee has designated the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee to consider the draft National Policy Statement for Fusion Energy Generation, laid before the House on 8 June.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 23 June at 5.35 p.m.

Tuesday 23 June 2026

Debbie Abrahams

Steve Barclay

Bob Blackman

Liam Byrne

Ruth Cadbury

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Alberto Costa

Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi

Dame Caroline Dinenage

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Ruth Jones

Dame Chi Onwurah

Sarah Owen

Andy Slaughter

Cat Smith

In the absence of the Chair, Liam Byrne was called to the chair.

National Policy Statements

The Committee considered a report from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145(10).

The Chair reported from the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee the following resolutions:

That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Transport Committee be designated to consider the draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement, which was laid before Parliament on 18 June.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees with the recommendations of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee reported to it this day.

Ordered, That the Chair make the following report to the House:

That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 152H, the Committee has designated the Transport Committee to consider the draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement, laid before the House on 18 June.

Temporary Select Committee Chairs

Ordered, That the Chair writes to the Leader of the House with draft guidance on the appointment of temporary select committee Chairs.

Sub-Committee on Core Tasks of Select Committees

Ordered, That Dame Meg Hillier, Dame Karen Bradley, Liam Byrne, Ruth Cadbury, Florence Eshalomi, Patricia Ferguson, Sir Bernard Jenkin, and Andy Slaughter be members of the Sub-Committee.

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

Artificial Intelligence

The Committee considered this matter.

Witness Diversity statistics 2024-26

The Committee considered this matter.

Social Media Pilot: midpoint update

The Committee considered this matter.

Second Session Draft Bills

Ordered, That the Chair writes to the Leaders of both Houses in relation to the Government's plans for draft bills in this parliamentary session.

Ministerial attendance in front of select committees

The Committee considered this matter.

Evidence reported for publication

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

Witness Diversity Statistics

Witness diversity survey statistics for the 2024-26 session (LC03-04a)

Second Session Draft Bills

Letter from the Leaders of both Houses setting out the Government's plans for draft bills in this parliamentary session, dated 16 June 2026

The Chair's reply to the Leaders

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 5.30 p.m.

Annex:

The following overseas visits were approved:

Foreign Affairs Committee, to Lebanon, in June, at a cost not exceeding £8,102.

Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, to Brussels and the Netherlands, in June, at a cost not exceeding £9,315. *[Visit subsequently cancelled]*

Home Affairs Committee, to Copenhagen and Malmo, in September, at a cost not exceeding £20,127.

The following overseas visits in a representative capacity were approved:

Foreign Affairs Committee, to attend the Meeting of the Chairs of European Foreign Affairs Committees, Paris, in May, at a cost not exceeding £2,388.

Monday 20 July 2026

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 10 December 2024:

Ministerial availability for select committee sessions

Letter from the Chair to the Leader of the House in relation to Ministerial availability for select committee sessions, dated 2 July 2026.

A response from the Leader, dated 15 July 2026.

Proceedings of the National Policy Statements Sub-Committee

Tuesday 16 June 2026

Members present:

Simon Hoare, in the Chair

Ruth Cadbury

Sir Bernard Jenkin

1. National Policy Statements

The Sub-Committee considered the draft National Policy Statement for Fusion Energy Generation, laid before the House on 8 June.

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee be designated to consider the draft NPS for Fusion Energy Generation, which was laid before the House on 8 June.

Ordered, That the Chair report this resolution to the main Committee forthwith.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 23 June at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday 23 June 2026

Members present:

Liam Byrne

Ruth Cadbury

Ruth Jones

In the absence of the Chair, Liam Byrne was called to the chair.

1. National Policy Statements

The Sub-Committee considered the draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement, laid before the House on 18 June.

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee recommends that, pursuant to Standing Order No.152H, the Transport Committee be designated to consider the draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement, which was laid before the House on 18 June.

Ordered, That the Chair report this resolution to the main Committee forthwith.

Adjournment

Adjourned till a time and date to be set by the Chair.

Proceedings of the Sub-Committee on Core Tasks of Select Committees

Thursday 10 September 2026

Members present:

Liam Byrne

Ruth Cadbury

Patricia Ferguson

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dame Meg Hillier

Liam Byrne was called to the Chair.

1. Core Tasks of Select Committees

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 5 November at 9.30 a.m.