

Formal Minutes of the Petitions Committee

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair¹

Elliot Colburn
Katherine Fletcher
Mike Hill
Kerry McCarthy

Martyn Day
Nick Fletcher
Tom Hunt
Theresa Villiers

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Confidentiality and privilege

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Procedural and administrative matters

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.

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

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to:

- a. Agree the circulated agenda for Committee meetings (subject to the right of any Committee member to raise issues for the Committee to consider);
- b. Engage in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature;

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

- c. Arrange informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit (for example, with visiting parliamentarians);
- d. Authorise the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;
- e. Take decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent.
- f. Take decisions on the publication of petitions referred by the Committee staff during periods when the House is adjourned for a period of more than 3 days.

5. Standards of service

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The petitions system

The Committee considered this matter.

7. 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 [255237](#) relating to the provision of free childcare" on Monday 9 March, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [242239](#) relating to the sentience and welfare of animals" on Monday 16 March, led by Kerry McCarthy MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petition [243448](#) relating to the caging of farm animals" on Monday 16 March, led by Kerry McCarthy MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion "That this House has considered e-petitions [250178](#) and [241848](#) relating to the 2016 referendum on the UK's membership of the EU" on Monday 23 March, led by Martyn Day MP.

Resolved, That there be debates on e-petitions [244530](#), [266770](#), [272087](#) and [259892](#), with dates and lead Members to be confirmed at a future meeting.

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petitions [248281](#), [254329](#), [253647](#), [244402](#) and [236874](#) 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 3 March 2020](#).

8. 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 March 2020](#).

9. Closed petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

10. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence of the previous Petitions Committee with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, in connection with online abuse, be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That the correspondence of the previous Petitions Committee with the Secretary of State for Justice, in connection with dangerous driving, be reported to the House for publication.

11. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 March at 2pm]

Tuesday 10 March 2020

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Chris Evans
Nick Fletcher
Tom Hunt
Theresa Villiers

Martyn Day
Katherine Fletcher
Mike Hill
Kerry McCarthy

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Committee work programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh and Cardiff to discuss working practices.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

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

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Government's response to Coronavirus, and consider e-petitions [300403](#) and [300336](#) as part of this inquiry.

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 10 March 2020](#).

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 March at 2pm]

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Nick Fletcher
Theresa Villiers

Chris Evans
Tom Hunt

1. Consideration of e-petitions

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

Resolved, That the Committee would consider e-petitions [300628](#), [301397](#) and [301186](#) as part of its inquiry into the Government's response to Coronavirus.

Resolved, That the Committee would consider scheduling debates on petitions relating to Coronavirus at a future date.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from representatives from the Department of Health and Social Care, the Department for Work and Pensions, and the Department for Education, on Wednesday 25 March, on the Government's response to Coronavirus.

Resolved, That members of the Health and Social Care Committee, Work and Pensions Committee, Science and Technology Committee, Education Committee and Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 25 March 2020 relating to the Government's response to Coronavirus pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

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 March 2020](#).

3. Committee working practices and business continuity

Resolved, That, where the Committee has received evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which, in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication.

Resolved, That, where an e-petition has passed the threshold to be considered for debate, the Chair shall have discretion to schedule it for a debate in Westminster Hall, provided that (i) the petition concerned shall have been circulated to the Committee

and (ii) all members shall have been given the opportunity to object to the debate before it takes place.

Resolved, That the Chair may take decisions on the publication of revised Government responses referred by the Committee staff during periods when the Committee has not met for a period of more than 7 days.

Resolved, That the Chair may take decisions on the publication of petitions referred by the Committee staff during periods when the Committee has not met for a period of more than 7 days.

4. Fireworks

Draft Special Report (*Fireworks: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2019*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 21 April at 2pm]

Thursday 19 March 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 19 March 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

Correspondence with the Speaker and the Leader of the House relating the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the Petitions Committee.

Monday 30 March 2020

Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions and evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 30 March 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 21 April]):

[Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 26 March 2020](#)

The Government's response to Coronavirus:

- Correspondence with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Department for Work and Pensions, Department of Health and Social Care, HM Treasury and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Department for Education, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Department for Transport.
- Uncorrected transcript: Coronavirus online session (GRC0001)

Monday 6 April 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 6 April 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 21 April]):

The Government's response to Coronavirus:

- Public engagement summary (GRC0002)

Thursday 9 April 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 9 April 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 21 April]):

1) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the Petitions Committee.*

2) *The Government's response to Coronavirus:*

Correspondence with the Leader of the House, HM Treasury, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Department for Education, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Department for Work and Pensions, Department for Transport, and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Wednesday 15 April 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 15 April 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 21 April]):

The Government's response to Coronavirus:

Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care.

Correspondence with Select Committee Chairs.

Tuesday 21 April 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Chris Evans
Nick Fletcher
Tom Hunt
Theresa Villiers

Martyn Day
Katherine Fletcher
Mike Hill
Kerry McCarthy

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 April 2020](#).

2. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [268766](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300122](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300528](#) be published.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 April at 2.00pm]

Thursday 23 April 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 23 March 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

The Government's response to Coronavirus:

Correspondence with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Tuesday 28 April 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Martyn Day
Chris Evans
Katherine Fletcher
Nick Fletcher

Mike Hill
Tom Hunt
Kerry McCarthy

1. The Government's response to coronavirus

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on the impact of Covid-19 on maternity and parental leave, and consider e-petition [306691](#) as part of this.

Resolved, That members of the Women and Equalities Committee be invited to attend meetings relating to the impact of Covid-19 on maternity and parental leave pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on the impact of Covid-19 on university students, and consider e-petition [302855](#) as part of this.

Resolved, That members of the Education Committee be invited to attend meetings relating to the impact of Covid-19 on university students pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on online abuse on 21 May.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 28 April 2020](#).

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 28 April 2020](#).

[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 May at 2pm]

Tuesday 5 May 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Martyn Day
Chris Evans

Katherine Fletcher
Mike Hill
Kerry McCarthy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Government's response to coronavirus

The Committee considered this matter.

3. 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 May 2020](#).

[Adjourned until Thursday 7 May at 2.30pm]

Thursday 7 May 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 7 May 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

1) The Government's response to Coronavirus:

- Summary of digital engagement on maternity leave (GRC0003)
- Summary of digital engagement on universities and students (GRC0004)

2) Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to e-petition 300239

Thursday 7 May 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Martyn Day
Chris Evans

Nick Fletcher
Mike Hill
Kerry McCarthy

1. The Government's response to Coronavirus

James Zammit-Garcia, Petition Creator; Jessie Zammit, Petition Creator; Bethany Power, Petition Signatory; Professor Elizabeth Meins, Department of Psychology, University of York; Emily Tredget, Co-Founder, Happity; and Dr Cheryll Adams CBE, FRSPH, D(Nurs), MSc, Executive Director, Institute of Health Visiting gave oral evidence.

Sophie Quinn, Petition Creator; Professor Julia Buckingham CBE, President, Universities UK, and Vice-Chancellor, Brunel University London; Zamzam Ibrahim, National President, National Union of Students; and Dr Jo Grady, General Secretary, University and College Union gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 12 May at 2pm]

Friday 15 May 2020

Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions and evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 15 May 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 18 May]):

[Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 12 May 2020](#)

The Government's response to Coronavirus:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to e-petition 301461

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Martyn Day
Chris Evans

Katherine Fletcher
Mike Hill
Theresa Villiers

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

Resolved, That the Committee refer e-petition [303081](#) to the Transport Committee.

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 May 2020](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300025](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300297](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [301696](#) be published.

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 19 May 2020](#).

5. Moderation of petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Thursday 21 May at 9.30am]

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 20 May 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

1) The Government's response to Coronavirus:

- Written evidence from Coram, First 1001 Days Movement, Fatherhood Institute, We Are Family, Early Years Alliance, Bliss, Al Coates, Birth Trauma Association, NSPCC, Bethany Power, Emily Tredget
- Summary of public engagement on childcare and returning to work after maternity leave

2) Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to e-petition 300239

Thursday 21 May 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 20 May 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 2 June]):

Correspondence with the Speaker and the Leader of the House relating the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the Petitions Committee

Thursday 21 May 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Martyn Day
Chris Evans
Katherine Fletcher

Nick Fletcher
Mike Hill
Kerry McCarthy

1. The Government's response to Coronavirus

Alain Gregoire, Chair, Maternal Mental Health Alliance, Dr Trudi Seneviratne OBE, Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Faculty of Perinatal Psychiatry, Josie Anderson, Campaigns and Policy Manager, Bliss, Sue Armstrong Brown, Chief Executive, Adoption UK, and Neil Leitch, Chief Executive, Early Years Alliance, gave oral evidence.

2. Tackling online abuse

Bobby Norris, petition creator, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 2 June at 2pm]

Thursday 27 May 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 17 May 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 2 June]):

The Government's response to Coronavirus:

- Written evidence from Adoption UK, National Day Nurseries Association

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 2 June 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to the impact of coronavirus outbreak on the Petitions Committee: Written evidence

Thursday 4 June 2020

Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions and evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 4 June 2020 (Order made under the Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

[Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 2 June 2020](#)

The Government's response to coronavirus

- Written evidence from Emily Tredget, and Pregnant Then Screwed

Tuesday 9 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Katherine Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	Tom Hunt
Chris Evans	

1. Declarations of interests

Tonia Antoniazzi declared her 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 the Committee hold an e-petition session on e-petition [300073](#), relating to recognition and reward of health and social care workers, on Thursday 2 July.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake public engagement on e-petition [300976](#).

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Government on e-petition [244530](#), following public engagement with petitioners led by Tom Hunt MP.

The Committee considered arrangements for moderating 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 June 2020](#).

3. The Government's response to coronavirus

Ordered, That the written evidence from Maternity Action be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Thursday 11 June 2020 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 11 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi
Elliot Colburn
Martyn Day

Katherine Fletcher
Nick Fletcher

1. The Government's response to coronavirus

Paul Scully MP, Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, gave oral evidence.

Michelle Donelan MP, Minister of State for Universities, Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 16 June 2020 at 2pm]

Tuesday 16 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Nick Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	Theresa Villiers
Chris Evans	

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 relating to the recognition and reward of health and social care workers.” on Thursday 25 June, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That the e-petition session the Committee had agreed would take place on e-petition [300073](#) on 2 July not go ahead.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions relating to support for UK industries in response to covid-19.” on Thursday 25 June, led by Theresa Villiers MP.

Resolved, That the Committee refer e-petition [320772](#) to the Education Committee.

Ordered, That correspondence with the Chair of the Education Committee, relating to e-petition [320772](#), be referred to the Education Committee.

Ordered, That correspondence with the Secretary of State for Justice, relating to e-petition [244530](#), be reported the House for publication.

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 June 2020](#).

2. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [304855](#) be published.

3. The Government’s response to coronavirus

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence from the Institute of Health Visiting be reported to the House for publication.

Resolved, That the Committee bid for an Estimate day debate on the spending of the Department for Work and Pensions and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on support for new parents during Covid-19.

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 16 June 2020](#).

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 June 2020 at 2.30pm]

Tuesday 23 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Elliot Colburn	Nick Fletcher
Martyn Day	Theresa Villiers
Chris Evans	

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 June 2020](#).

2. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300019](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [310515](#) be published.

3. Petition standards

Resolved, That the Committee not accept:

- a. petitions that are defamatory, libellous, or contain false or unproven statements;
- b. petitions that accuse an identifiable person or organisation of wrongdoing, such as committing a crime;
- c. petitions that request an action relating to a particular individual or organisation.

[Adjourned until Thursday 25 June 2020 at 10.30am]

Thursday 25 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Chris Evans Theresa Villiers
Nick Fletcher

1. The Government's response to Coronavirus

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public engagement on e-petitions

Ordered, That a transcript of the virtual discussion on grouse shooting be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Thursday 30 June 2020 at 2pm]

Tuesday 30 June 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Elliot Colburn	Katherine Fletcher
Martyn Day	Nick Fletcher
Chris Evans	Mike Hill
Nick Fletcher	Theresa Villiers

1. Consideration of e-petitions

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

Resolved, That the Committee schedule an e-petition session on e-petition [307146](#), relating to the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, on Wednesday 15 July 2020.

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Prime Minister regarding e-petition [300059](#).

The Committee noted e-petitions on coronavirus that had been fast-tracked.

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 June 2020](#).

2. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [318206](#) 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 30 June 2020](#).

4. The Government's response to Coronavirus

Ordered, That the written evidence from the Family Rights Group, The Smallest Things and Bethany Powers be reported to the House for publication.

Draft Report (*The impact of Covid-19 on maternity and parental leave*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 526.

5. Public engagement on e-petitions

Ordered, That a transcript of the virtual discussion on pet theft be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Thursday 3 July 2020 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 2 July 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Katherine Fletcher
Martyn Day	Nick Fletcher
Chris Evans	Theresa Villiers

1. Tackling online abuse

Katie Price, petition creator, and Amy Price gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 2.30pm]

Tuesday 7 July 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Elliot Colburn	Nick Fletcher
Martyn Day	Mike Hill
Chris Evans	Tom Hunt
Katherine Fletcher	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

Ordered, That correspondence with the Prime Minister, relating to e-petition [300059](#), be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That correspondence with the Chair of the Education Committee, relating to e-petition [320772](#), be reported to the House for publication.

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 July 2020](#).

3. The Government's response to Coronavirus

Ordered, That correspondence from Michelle Donelan MP, Minister of State for Universities, be reported to the House for publication.

Draft Report (*The impact of Covid-19 on university students*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 527.

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 7 July 2020](#).

[Adjourned until Tuesday 14 July 2020 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 9 July 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 9 July 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

(1) Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the Petitions Committee

(2) e-petition session: The easing of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions
Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office

Tuesday 14 July 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 9 July 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

e-petition session: The easing of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions
Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office

Tuesday 14 July 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Katherine Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Tom Hunt
Chris Evans	Theresa Villiers
Nick Fletcher	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 July 2020](#).

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on petitions relating to black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on petitions relating to cancer.

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300257](#) be published.

Resolved, That the Chair have discretion to agree to publish revised Government responses referred by the Committee staff during periods when the Committee has not met for a period of more than 7 days.

4. The Government's response to Coronavirus

Ordered, That correspondence with the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets Minister for London, be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That written evidence from Gingerbread be reported to the House for publication.

5. Correspondence

Ordered, That correspondence with HM Treasury, relating to e-petition [310515](#), be reported to the House for publication.

6. Consideration of public petitions

The Committee considered public petitions which received a response from the Government. The Committee's decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 14 July 2020](#).

[Adjourned until Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 2.30pm]

Wednesday 15 July 2020

Hybrid meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Katherine Fletcher
Chris Evans	Nick Fletcher

1. e-petition session: The easing of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions

Daisy Cooper MP, Lyn Brown MP, Huw Merriman MP, Neale Hanvey MP, Kate Griffiths MP, Lilian Greenwood MP, Tim Farron MP, Vicky Foxcroft MP, Marion Fellows MP, Ian Byrne MP, Ruth Jones MP, Wera Hobhouse MP, Dr Philippa Whitford MP, Helen Hayes MP, Chloe Smith MP, Minister of State, Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

Thursday 16 July 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 9 July 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the Petitions Committee

Monday 27 July 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 26 July 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 1 September]):

(1) *Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor relating to e-petition 244530*

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to e-petition 300976*

(3) *The Governments response to coronavirus:*
Correspondence with the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets regarding maternity leave

Monday 3 August 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 3 August 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 1 September]):

The Governments response to coronavirus:

Correspondence with the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets regarding maternity leave

Wednesday 19 August 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 2 June 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

The Governments response to coronavirus:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Education regarding student grading

Tuesday 1 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Elliot Colburn
Chris Evans

Katherine Fletcher
Nick Fletcher

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 September 2020](#).

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 1 September 2020](#).

4. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That members of the Education Committee be invited to attend meetings relating to Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e).

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Women and Equalities Committee for the purpose of inquiring into on Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum.

5. Parliament Week

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 2pm]

Thursday 3 September 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 2 June 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs regarding e-petitions 300010 and 300025

Tuesday 8 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Martyn Day
Chris Evans
Nick Fletcher

Mike Hill
Tom Hunt

1. The Government's response to Coronavirus

Draft Special Report (*The impact of COVID-19 on maternity and parental leave: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 September 2020](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [324879](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [320329](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [326261](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [276308](#) be published.

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 8 September 2020](#).

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 2pm]

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi
Elliot Colburn
Martyn Day

Nick Fletcher
Mike Hill

1. The Government's response to Coronavirus

Draft Special Report (*The impact of COVID-19 on university students: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 September 2020](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [307215](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [302576](#) be published.

4. Closed e-petitions

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 15 September 2020](#).

5. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office relating to e-petition [300059](#), be reported to the House for publication.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Thursday 17 September at 2.30pm]

Thursday 17 September 2020

Hybrid meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Martyn Day

Chris Evans

1. e-petition session: Support for individuals and households during COVID-19

Ronnie Cowan MP; Wera Hobhouse MP; Imran Hussain MP; Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP; Ms Lyn Brown MP; Beth Winter MP; Mrs Sharon Hodgson MP; Vicky Foxcroft MP; Marion Fellows MP; Naz Shah MP; Will Quince MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions; John Glen MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, HM Treasury; Luke Hall MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 September at 2pm]

Tuesday 22 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)
Tonia Antoniazzi Mike Hill
Elliot Colburn Katherine Fletcher
Martyn Day

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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 [306691](#) relating to the impact of Covid-19 on maternity and parental leave.” on Monday 5 October, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [241848](#), [250178](#), [300412](#) relating to the UK's departure from the EU.” on Monday 5 October, led by Mike Hill MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [306773](#) and [320772](#) relating to exams during Covid-19.” on Monday 12 October, led by Tonia Antoniazzi MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [300146](#) relating to China's policy on its Uighur population.” on Monday 12 October, led by Chris Evans MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [244530](#) and [300071](#) relating to pet theft.” on Monday 19 October, led by Tom Hunt MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [321862](#) relating to immigration.” on Monday 19 October, led by Tom Hunt MP.

Resolved, That e-petition [326932](#), “Broker a ceasefire for all sides in Yemen to carry out humanitarian aid”, not be debated, because a backbench debate on the situation in Yemen is being held on Thursday 24 September.

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 September 2020](#).

3. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to e-petition [300976](#), be reported to the House for publication.

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to e-petitions [300010](#) and [300025](#), be reported to the House for publication.

5. The Government's response to coronavirus

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Prime Minister and Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets, relating to the Committee's report on the impact of Covid-19 on maternity and parental leave, be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 29 September at 2pm]

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Katherine Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	Tom Hunt
Chris Evans	

1. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 September 2020](#).

2. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [318654](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [310695](#) be published.

3. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 October 2020 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 1 October 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 1 October 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

The Government's response to Coronavirus:

Written evidence from Bliss, Emily Tredget, The First 1001 Days Movement, We Are Family, Professor Elizabeth Meins, Early Years Alliance, The Smallest Things, Bethany Power, Adoption UK, and the Institute of Health Visiting.

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Elliot Colburn
Martyn Day
Jonathan Gullis

Katherine Fletcher
Nick Fletcher

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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 [276425](#), relating to the sale of fireworks.” on Monday 2 November, led by Tonia Antoniazzi MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [300399](#), relating to school attendance during Covid-19.” on Monday 2 November, led by Jonathan Gullis MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [552036](#), relating to spectator attendance at football matches during Covid-19.” on Monday 9 November, led by Jonathan Gullis MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [329339](#) and [332789](#), relating to support for live events and weddings during Covid-19.” on Monday 9 November, led by Elliot Colburn MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [307339](#), relating to trade deals and the NHS.” on Monday 16 November, led by Martyn Day MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [300528](#), [302855](#), [306494](#), and [324762](#), relating to university tuition fees.” on Monday 16 November, led by Chris Evans MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [255823](#), relating to deaths in Mental Health care.” on Monday 30 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 13 October 2020](#).

3. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Government's response to coronavirus

Ordered, That correspondence with the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets, relating to the Committee's report on the impact of Covid-19 on maternity and parental leave, be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 2.30pm]

Wednesday 14 October 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 14 October 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office regarding e-petition 328754

Friday 16 October 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 16 October 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

Public engagement on e-petitions:

Written evidence from Dr Daniel Allen

Tuesday 20 October 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Elliot Colburn 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-petitions [300528](#), [302855](#), [306494](#), [324762](#), and [552911](#), relating to university tuition fees.” on Monday 16 November, led by Chris Evans MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [333869](#), relating to Covid-19 restrictions on gyms.” on Monday 23 November, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on child food poverty.

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 October 2020](#).

2. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [301422](#) be published.

3. Petitions for Committee decision

Resolved, That the Committee reject e-petition 551160.

Resolved, That the Committee reject e-petition 551369.

4. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 2.30pm]

Tuesday 3 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Martyn Day
Chris Evans
Nick Fletcher

Jonathan Gullis
Mike Hill

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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-petitions [333869](#), [309851](#), relating to Covid-19 restrictions on gyms and sport.” on Monday 23 November, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [554150](#), relating to Nigeria and the sanctions regime.” on Monday 23 November, led by Theresa Villiers MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [331453](#), relating to funding for Transport for London.” on Monday 30 November, led by Elliot Colburn 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 November 2020](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [549607](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300535](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [333932](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [332280](#) be published.

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 3 November 2020](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to e-petition [328754](#), be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Thursday 5 November 2020 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 5 November 2020

Hybrid meeting

[The Committee met concurrently with the Women and Equalities Committee]

Tonia Antoniazzi	Katherine Fletcher
Elliot Coburn	Catherine McKinnell
Chris Evans	

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

Peter Gibson	Kate Osborne
Kim Johnson	Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Nokes	

Catherine McKinnell was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

Apsama Begum also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A.

1. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

Esmie Jikiemi-Pearson, petition creator; Nell Bevan, petition creator; Cynthia Muthoni, petition creator; and Yacoub Yasin, petition creator, gave oral evidence.

Eleshea Williams, Media and Communications Manager, The Black Curriculum; Rosamund McNeil, Assistant General Secretary, National Education Union; Dr Katharine Burn, Deputy President, Historical Association; and Professor Rhiannon Turner, Professor of Social Psychology, Queen's University Belfast, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 2pm]

Friday 6 November 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 6 November 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 9 November]):

Public engagement on e-petitions:

Summary of online engagement on spectator attendance at football matches during Covid-19

Tuesday 10 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Mike Hill
Katherine Fletcher	Tom Hunt
Nick Fletcher	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 November 2020](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [321970](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [302242](#) be published.

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 10 November 2020](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 2pm]

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Chris Evans
Martyn Day	Nick Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Tom Hunt
Nick Fletcher	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public engagement on e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 November 2020](#).

4. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [323286](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [330298](#) be published.

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 17 November 2020](#).

6. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 5 November 2020

Hybrid meeting

[The Committee met concurrently with the Women and Equalities Committee]

Elliot Coburn	Catherine McKinnell
Chris Evans	

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

Angela Crawley	Kate Osborne
Peter Gibson	Caroline Nokes
Kim Johnson	Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Catherine McKinnell was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

Apsama Begum also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A.

2. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

Dr Marlon Moncrieffe, Senior Lecturer, School of Education; Lucy Stokes, Principal Economist, National Institute of Economic and Social Research; Professor Claire Alexander, Professor of Sociology, University of Manchester, gave oral evidence.

Allana Gay, Co-founder, BAMEed Network; Caroline Wright, DirectorGeneral, British Educational Suppliers Association; Dr Christine Callender, Associate Professor, UCL Institute of Education; Emily Miller, Head of Learning, Migration Museum, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 2pm]

Thursday 19 November 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 19 November 2020 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

Correspondence with the Chair of the Procedure Committee relating the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on Westminster Hall participation

Tuesday 24 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Jonathan Gullis
Martyn Day	Mike Hill
Chris Evans	Tom Hunt
Katherine Fletcher	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public engagement on e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. 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 [300027](#), relating to research into childhood cancers.” on Monday 7 December, led by Tonia Antoniazzi MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [326066](#) and [550846](#), relating to the impact of Covid-19 on schools and exams.” on Monday 7 December, led by Jonathan Gullis MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 24 November 2020](#).

4. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [300705](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [332059](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [330333](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [553192](#) be published.

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 24 November 2020](#).

6. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Government consultation on ethnic disparities and inequality in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 2pm]

Tuesday 1 December 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Jonathan Gullis
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

The Committee considered this matter.

3. 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 [326066](#), [550846](#), [316404](#) and [549015](#), relating to the impact of Covid-19 on schools and exams.” on Monday 7 December, led by Jonathan Gullis MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [306845](#) and [328754](#), relating to financial rewards for government workers and keyworkers.” on Monday 14 December, led by Tonia Antoniazzi MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this has considered e-petition [323442](#), relating to vaccination for Covid-19.” on Monday 14 December, led by Elliot Colburn MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 1 December 2020](#).

4. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [329500](#) be published.

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 1 December 2020](#).

6. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Public engagement on e-petitions

Ordered, That the summary of public engagement on concessionary travel for young people, be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 2pm]

Tuesday 8 December 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Nick Fletcher
Chris Evans	Mike Hill

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Food poverty

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Government on e-petition [554276](#), asking for an update on the Government's work in this area.

3. 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 December 2020](#).

4. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

Ordered, That the written evidence from Cynthia Muthoni be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 2pm]

Tuesday 15 December 2020

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Jonathan Gullis
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public engagement on e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

3. 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 [552201](#) relating to Government support for the hospitality industry.” on Monday 11 January, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [300239](#) relating to grooming gangs.” on Monday 18 January, led by Tom Hunt MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [300139](#) relating to trespass.” on Monday 25 January, led by Katherine Fletcher MP.

Resolved, That the Committee not schedule e-petition [310515](#) 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 15 December 2020](#).

4. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [552054](#) be published.

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 15 December 2020](#).

6. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 2pm]

Friday 18 December 2020

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 18 December 2020 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 5 January 2021]):

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions relating to the Committee's inquiry into Child Food Poverty

Tuesday 5 January 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi Mike Hill
Katherine Fletcher Tom Hunt

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [552201](#) and [329985](#) relating to Government support for the hospitality industry.” on Monday 11 January, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [300239](#) and [327566](#) relating to grooming gangs.” on Monday 18 January, led by Tom Hunt MP.

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 [554316](#) relating to rollout of Covid-19 vaccinations.” on Monday 11 January, led by Tonia Antoniazzi MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [266770](#), relating to grouse shooting.” on Monday 25 January, led by Tom Hunt 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 January 2021](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [328408](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [326850](#) be published.

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 5 January 2021](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 2pm

Tuesday 12 January 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Elliot Colburn	Nick Fletcher
Chris Evans	Mike Hill
Katherine Fletcher	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 January 2021](#).

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 January 2021](#).

4. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 2pm]

Tuesday 19 January 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Nick Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	Tom Hunt

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an e-petition session on e-petition [550545](#), relating to Stamp Duty Land Tax relief during the Covid-19 outbreak, on Monday 1 February.

Resolved, That the Committee hold an e-petition session on e-petition [563294](#), relating to arrangements for touring professionals and artists in the EU, on Monday 8 February.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 January 2021](#).

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport regarding e-petition 563294.

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [554400](#) be published.

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 19 January 2021](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Correspondence

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to the hospitality sector, be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Thursday 21 January 2021 at 2.30pm]

Wednesday 20 January 2021

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 20 January 2021 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020):

1) *Child food poverty, written evidence*

Transcript of discussion with Marcus Rashford

2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to arrangements for UK Musicians in the EU*

Thursday 21 January 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Catherine McKinnell, in the Chair

Elliot Colburn
Nick Fletcher

Jonathan Gullis
Mike Hill

1. Child food poverty

Lindsay Boswell, Chief Executive, FareShare, Garry Lemon, Director of Policy, External Affairs and Research, The Trussell Trust, Anna Taylor, Executive Director, Food Foundation, and Azmina Siddique, Policy and Research Manager, The Children's Society, gave oral evidence.

Henry Dimbleby, Lead Non-Executive Board Member, Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Anne Longfield OBE, Children's Commissioner for England, Children's Commissioner's Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 26 January at 2pm]

Tuesday 26 January 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Nick Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Jonathan Gullis
Martyn Day	Mike Hill
Chris Evans	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence on arrangements for touring professionals and artists in the EU on Monday 8 February.

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-petitions [300239](#) and [327566](#) relating to grooming gangs.” on Monday 3 February, led by Tom Hunt 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 January 2021](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [561730](#) be published.

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 26 January 2021](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the summary of public engagement on Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum be reported to the House for publication.

7. Public engagement on e-petitions

Ordered, That the summary of public engagement on trespass be reported to the House for publication.

8. Government consultation on Cat and Dog Microchipping and Scanning in England

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Monday 1 February 2021 at 4.30pm]

Monday 1 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi Elliot Colburn

1. e-petition session: Stamp Duty Land Tax relief during the COVID-19 outbreak

Catherine West MP, Kevin Hollinrake MP, Ms Diane Abbott MP, Greg Smith MP, Janet Daby MP, Dr Matthew Offord MP, Barbara Keeley MP, Sarah Olney MP, Ben Everitt MP, Abena Opong-Asare MP, and Rt Hon Jesse Norman, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 2 February at 2pm]

Tuesday 2 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Nick Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Jonathan Gullis

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That members of the Digital, Culture Media and Sport Committee, and Scottish Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 8 February 2020 relating to the arrangements for touring professionals and artists in the EU pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

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 2 February 2021](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [331930](#) be published.

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 2 February 2021](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Thursday 4 February 2021 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 4 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi Nick Fletcher

Pete Wishart also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A

1. e-petition session: Arrangements for touring professionals and artists in the EU

Tim Brennan, Petition Creator and Video Technician, Stuart Murdoch, Singer, Musician and Songwriter, Belle and Sebastian, Anna Patalong, Operatic Soprano, Emma Pollock, Performer and Co-founder, Chemikal Underground, Rakhvinder Singh, Violinist and Co-founder, Manchester Collective, Ian Smith, Founder, UKEartswork, and Yousef, DJ and Producer, Circus Recordings, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 8 February at 4.30pm]

Monday 8 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi Nick Fletcher

1. e-petition session: Arrangements for touring professionals and artists in the EU

Giles Watling MP, Harriet Harman MP, Jamie Stone MP, Kerry McCarthy MP, Alison Thewliss MP, Sir Robert Neill MP, Alex Davies-Jones MP, David Warburton MP, Kevin Brennan MP, Patrick Grady MP, Damian Collins MP, Matt Western MP, Greg Clark MP, Christine Jardine MP, Nickie Aiken MP, Pete Wishart MP, Alison McGovern MP, and Caroline Dinenage MP, Minister for Digital and Culture, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 February at 2pm]

Tuesday 9 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi Martyn Day
Elliot Colburn

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee schedule an e-petition session on e-petition [573209](#), relating to the movement of goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on Monday 22 February 2021.

Resolved, That the Committee schedule an e-petition session on e-petition [300118](#), relating to TV licensing, on Monday 1 March 2021.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 February 2021](#).

3. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The 2021 Queen's Speech

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Monday 22 February 2021 at 4.30pm.]

Monday 22 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi Elliot Colburn

1. e-petition session: The movement of goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Stephanie Peacock MP, Simon Hoare MP, Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP, Mr Laurence Robertson MP, Colum Eastwood MP, Mr David Jones MP, Stephen Farry MP, Mr Mark Francois MP, Andrew Gwynne MP, Richard Drax MP, Jim Shannon MP, Virginia Crosbie MP, Sammy Wilson MP, Chris Loder MP, Alistair Carmichael MP, Carla Lockhart MP, Catherine West MP, Claire Hanna MP, Ian Paisley MP, Richard Thomson MP, Louise Haigh MP, and Robin Walker MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 February at 2pm]

Tuesday 23 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Nick Fletcher
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Martyn Day	Tom Hunt

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 February 2021](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [554316](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [553285](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [564155](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [561884](#) be published.

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 February 2021](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Research into rejected petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Thursday 25 February 2021 at 2.30pm]

Thursday 25 February 2020

Virtual meeting

[The Committee met concurrently with the Women and Equalities Committee]

Elliot Coburn
Chris Evans

Catherine McKinnell

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

Angela Crawley
Caroline Nokes

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Nicola Richards

Catherine McKinnell was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

Apsama Begum also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A.

1. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

Rt Hon. Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, Department for Education, and Andrew McCully, Director General for Early Years and Schools Group, Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 1 March 2021 at 4.30pm]

Monday 1 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi Jonathan Gullis

1. e-petition session: TV licensing

Rosie Cooper MP, Damian Collins MP, Gill Furniss MP, Gareth Bacon MP, Jamie Stone MP, Ben Bradley MP, Tahir Ali MP, Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, Allan Dorans MP, Virginia Crosbie MP, Mr Gregory Campbell MP, Simon Jupp MP, Jeff Smith MP, Huw Merriman MP, Chris Bryant MP, Mark Eastwood MP, Ian Paisley MP, John Nicolson MP, Chris Matheson MP, Rt Hon Mr John Whittingdale OBE MP, Minister for Media and Data, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 2pm]

Tuesday 2 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Mike Hill
Elliot Colburn	Tom Hunt
Nick Fletcher	Matt Vickers

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. 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 [563473](#) relating to press freedoms and safety of protestors in India” on Monday 8 March, led by Martyn Day MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [300976](#) relating to LGBT conversion therapy” on Monday 8 March, led by Elliot Colburn MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [569957](#), relating to vaccine passports” on Monday 15 March, led by Mike Hill MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [564696](#), [548778](#), [573621](#) and [564209](#), relating to the impact of Covid-19 on education” on Monday 15 March, led by Tom Hunt 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 March 2021](#).

4. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [550498](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [561831](#) be published.

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 2 March 2021](#).

6. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Your UK Parliament Awards

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 2.30pm]

Tuesday 9 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Jonathan Gullis
Elliot Colburn	Mike Hill
Chris Evans	Tom Hunt
Katherine Fletcher	Matt Vickers

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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 [570779](#), relating to consent for a referendum on Scottish independence” on Monday 22 March, led by Chris Evans MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petitions [313310](#), [557167](#), [563904](#), [566718](#) and [567492](#), relating to the Government's Spring 2021 Covid-19 roadmap” on Monday 22 March, led by Nick Fletcher 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 9 March 2021](#).

3. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

Ordered, That correspondence with Nick Gibbs MP be reported to the House for publication.

5. e-petition session: Arrangements for touring professionals and artists in the EU

Ordered, That correspondence with Caroline Dinenange MP be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 2pm]

Tuesday 16 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Martyn Day
Elliot Colburn	Katherine Fletcher
Chris Evans	Nick Fletcher

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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 [300139](#), relating to trespass” on Monday 19 April, led by Katherine Fletcher MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [301079](#), relating to Black maternal healthcare and mortality” on Monday 19 April, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

The Committee considered Government responses to petitions that had received 10,000 signatures. The Committee’s decisions can be found in the [Decisions of the Petitions Committee for Tuesday 16 March 2021](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [333864](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [567492](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [562729](#) be published.

4. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Messages to petitioners

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 2pm]

Tuesday 23 March 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi
Martyn Day

Katherine Fletcher
Matt Vickers

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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 [259892](#), relating to air ambulance funding” on Monday 26 April, led by Martyn Day MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [579012](#), relating to rights to protest” on Monday 26 April, led by Matt Vickers 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 March 2021](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [566217](#) be published.

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 March 2021](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Petitions for Committee decision

Resolved, That the Committee reject e-petition 572835.

6. Messages to petitioners

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 April 2021 at 2pm]

Thursday 1 April 2021

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 1 April 2021 (Order made under the provisions of Standing Order No. 137 and Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020 [and reported to the House on 5 January 2021]):

The Government's response to coronavirus

Correspondence with Vicky Ford MP regarding guidance for early years and childcare providers

Tuesday 20 April 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi	Katherine Fletcher
Martyn Day	Matt Vickers

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Consideration of e-petitions

The Committee considered e-petitions with over 100,000 signatures. 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 April 2021](#).

3. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [562838](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [561476](#) be published.

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 20 April 2021](#).

5. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Liaison Committee: Longer-Term Arrangements for Remote Committee Proceedings

The Committee considered this matter.

7. The Government's response to coronavirus

Ordered, That correspondence with Vicky Ford MP regarding guidance for early years and childcare providers be reported to the House for publication.

Resolved, That the Chair write to Vicky Ford requesting further clarifications regarding guidance for early years and childcare providers.

8. Child food poverty

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 2pm]

Wednesday 21 April 2021

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 21 April 2021 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

Public engagement on e-petitions

Summary of engagement on the potential impact of changes to powers to police protests

Tuesday 27 April 2021

Virtual meeting

Catherine McKinnell (in the Chair)

Tonia Antoniazzi
Martyn Day

Katherine Fletcher
Matt Vickers

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Braine tumour and childhood cancer research

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That written evidence from Lord Bethell, Brain Tumour Research, Cancer Research UK, Brain Tumour Charity, Prof Geoff Pilkington, Prof Garth Cruickshank, and Maria Lester be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Scrutiny work

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take further oral evidence on the impact of coronavirus on maternity and parental leave.

5. 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 [554276](#), relating to child food poverty” on Monday 24 May, led by Catherine McKinnell MP.

Resolved, That there be a debate on the motion “That this House has considered e-petition [565102](#), relating to international travel and covid-19” on Monday 24 May, led by Nick Fletcher 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 April 2021](#).

6. Consideration of revised responses

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [560065](#) be published.

Resolved, That the revised Government response to e-petition [567074](#) be published.

7. 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 April 2021](#).

8. Petitions for Committee decision

Resolved, That the Committee reject e-petition 581236.

9. Closed e-petitions

The Committee considered this matter.

10. Black history and cultural diversity of the curriculum

Ordered, That correspondence with Nick Gibbs MP be reported to the House for publication.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 2pm]

Tuesday 27 April 2021

Evidence reported to the House by the Chair for publication on 21 April 2021 (Order of the Committee, 17 March 2020)

The Government's response to coronavirus

Correspondence with Vicky Ford MP regarding guidance for early years and childcare providers

Appendix

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

3 March 2020

McKinnell, Catherine (Newcastle upon Tyne North) (Chair)

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

Name of donor: Charlie Parsons Creative Ltd

Address of donor: 10 Queen St Place, London EC4R 1AG

amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Date received: 10 October 2019

Date accepted: 7 November 2019

Donor status: company, registration 05943538

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Charlie Parsons Creative Ltd

Address of donor: 10 Queen St Place, London EC4R 1AG

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

Date received: 31 October 2019

Date accepted: 7 November 2019

Donor status: company, registration 05943538

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Unison Northern

Address of donor: 140 Pilgrim St, Newcastle NE1 6TH

amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Date received: 4 November 2019

Date accepted: 7 November 2019

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Unison Northern

Address of donor: 140 Pilgrim St, Newcastle NE1 6TH

amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: printing and envelopes with a value of £511.29

Date received: 27 November 2019

Date accepted: 27 November 2019

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)

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).

Colburn, Elliot (Carshalton and Wallington)

1. Employment and earnings

27 December 2019, received £704.47 from the London Borough of Sutton, Civic Offices, St Nicholas Way, Sutton SM1 1EA, for my role as a Councillor. Hours: 25 hrs.

(Registered 09 January 2020)

31 December 2019, received £1,032.54 from IPSA, 2nd Floor, 85 Strand, London WC2R 0DW, for my role as Parliamentary Assistant to Alister Jack MP and Colin Clark MP.

Hours: none since my election. (Registered 09 January 2020)

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

Name of donor: Red House

Address of donor: 31 Commercial Road, Poole BH14 0HU

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

Donor status: company, registration 03187173

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: IPGL

Address of donor: 3rd Floor, 39 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9LP

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

Donor status: company, registration 02011009

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club

Address of donor: Abbatt Group, New Penderel House, 283-287 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HF

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club

Address of donor: Abbatt Group, New Penderel House, 283-287 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HF

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

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: D Contracts Ltd

Address of donor: Charter Buildings, 9 Ashton Lane, Sale M33 6WT

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

Donor status: company, registration 07371646

(Registered 09 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Councillor, London Borough of Sutton. From 28 December 2019, I receive no allowances for this role. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Former employee of NHS South West London Health and Care Partnership.

Partner is Sutton Councillor and editor of Fancy Fowl Magazine.

Day, Martyn (Linlithgow and East Falkirk)

Nil

Fletcher, Katherine (South Ribble)

8. Miscellaneous

I currently hold office as a Knutsford Town Councillor. (Registered 08 January 2020)

From 27 January 2020, member of the Leyland Town Deal Advisory Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 21 January 2020)

Fletcher, Nick (Don Valley)

1. Employment and earnings

Until August 2024, I receive a company car, phone, and health insurance, total value £800 a month, from Analogue Electrics Ltd (electrical contracting) of Unit

1A Lordswood Road, Harworth, DN11 8BZ, for services as a director.

19 December 2019, received £196.16. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 09 January 2020)

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

Name of donor: Analogue Electrics Ltd

Address of donor: Unit A1, Lordswood Rd, Harworth DN11 8BZ

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

Donor status: company, registration 04525997

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Lawrence Tomlinson

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 09 January 2020)

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

Four houses and two flats in South Yorkshire, held by the partnership G & N Properties, jointly with my spouse: (i) and (ii). (Registered 09 January 2020)

Two houses and two flats in South Yorkshire, held by J & L Properties (Doncaster) Ltd: (i) and (ii). (Registered 09 January 2020)

One commercial property in South Yorkshire, held as part of a self invested personal pension: (i) and (ii). (Registered 09 January 2020)

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

Analogue Electrics Ltd (electrical contracting). (Registered 09 January 2020)

J & L Properties (Doncaster) Ltd. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Hill, Mike (Hartlepool)

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

Name of donor: GMB

Address of donor: Mary Turner House, 22 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Unison

Address of donor: 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Hunt, Tom (Ipswich)

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

Name of donor: United and Cecil Club

Address of donor: Abbatt Group, New Penderel House, 283-287 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HF

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

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Stalbury Trustees

Address of donor: 31 Hill Street, London W1J 5LS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000
 Donor status: company, registration 1430799
 (Registered 10 January 2020)
 Name of donor: IPGL Limited
 Address of donor: 39 Sloane Square, London SW1X 9LP
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
 Donor status: company, registration 2011009
 (Registered 10 January 2020)
 Name of donor: Tony Endfield
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 10 January 2020)
 Name of donor: Paul J Whight
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 10 January 2020)
 Name of donor: Ipswich and Suffolk Business Club
 Address of donor: 19 Queen Street, Ipswich IP1 1SW
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,000
 Donor status: unincorporated association
 (Registered 10 January 2020)
 Name of donor: Ipswich and Suffolk Business Club
 Address of donor: 19 Queen Street, Ipswich IP1 1SW
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
 Donor status: unincorporated association
 (Registered 10 January 2020)
 Name of donor: Ipswich and Suffolk Business Club
 Address of donor: 19 Queen Street, Ipswich IP1 1SW
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
 Donor status: unincorporated association
 (Registered 10 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel (CFI Ltd)
 Address of donor: Blick Rothenburg, 7-10 Chandos Street, London W1G 9DG
 Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel, accommodation and hospitality, total value £2,000
 Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank
 Dates of visit: 7-12 July 2019
 Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation.
 (Registered 10 January 2020)

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

Flat in East Cambridgeshire: (i). (Registered 10 January 2020)

McCarthy, Kerry (Bristol East)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for opinion research:
 24 January 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 20 November 2018.
 Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 30 May 2019)
 27 March 2019, payment of £100 for a survey completed on 7 December 2018.
 Hours: 10 mins. (Registered 30 May 2019)
 10 April 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 15 January 2019. Hours:
 25 mins. (Registered 30 May 2019)

21 May 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 4 February 2019. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 30 May 2019)

10 September 2019, payment of £75 for a survey completed on 30 May 2019. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 16 September 2019)

10 September 2019, payment of £75 for a survey on completed 26 June 2019. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 16 September 2019)

Payment of £75 expected for a survey completed on 11 September 2019. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 16 September 2019)

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

14 May 2018, payment of £80 for a survey completed on 30 April 2018. Hours: 30 mins. Fee donated to charity. (Registered 15 August 2018; updated 18 March 2019)

31 July 2018, payment of £70 for a survey completed on 20 June 2018. Hours: 25 mins. Fee paid direct to charity. (Registered 16 August 2018; updated 18 March 2019)

25 January 2019, payment of £70 for a survey completed on 11 December 2018. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 05 November 2019)

11 February 2019, payment of £30 for a survey completed on 21 January 2019. Hours: 10 mins. (Registered 05 November 2019)

Payment of £80 expected for a survey completed on 25 February 2019. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 05 November 2019)

25 July 2019, payment of £50 for a survey completed on 26 June 2019. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 05 November 2019)

29 October 2019, payment of £60 for a survey completed on 11 September 2019. Hours: 12 mins. (Registered 05 November 2019)

Payment of £100 expected for a survey completed on 5 November 2019. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 05 November 2019)

25 January 2019, payment of £70 for a survey completed on 11 December 2018. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 19 December 2019)

11 February 2019, payment of £30 for a survey completed on 21 January 2019. Hours: 10 mins. (Registered 19 December 2019)

Payment of £80 expected for survey completed on 25 February 2019. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 19 December 2019)

25 July 2019, payment of £50 for a survey completed 26 June 2019. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 19 December 2019)

29 October 2019, payment of £60 for a survey completed on 11 September 2019. Hours: 12 mins. (Registered 19 December 2019)

18 December 2019, payment of £60 for a survey completed on 5 November 2019. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 19 December 2019)

Payment of £200 expected from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey completed on 11 July 2019. Hours: 1 hr. This fee will be paid direct to charity. (Registered 15 July 2019)

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

Name of donor: Musicians Union

Address of donor: 60-62 Clapham Road, London SW9 0JJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 for election campaigning funding

Date received: 12 November 2019

Date accepted: 12 November 2019

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Villiers, Theresa (Chipping Barnet)

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

Name of donor: Hilton Nathanson
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 11 February 2019)
 Name of donor: Antonios Prodromou Yerole mou
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 01 November 2019)
 Name of donor: Lazari Investments Ltd
 Address of donor: Accurist House 44, Baker Street, London W1U 7BR
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
 Donor status: company, registration 10949589
 (Registered 01 November 2019)
 Name of donor: Luba Chernukhin
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 01 November 2019)
 Name of donor: The Red House (Ashstead) Ltd
 Address of donor: 31/33 Commercial Road, Poole BH14 0HU
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
 Donor status: company, registration 03187173
 (Registered 01 November 2019)
 Name of donor: Monte Properties Ltd
 Address of donor: 10b Aldermans Hill, Palmers Green, London N13 4PJ
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
 Donor status: company, registration 5057049
 (Registered 01 November 2019)
 Name of donor: Harsha Jani
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,001
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 11 January 2020)
 Name of donor: Hilton Nathanson
 Address of donor: private
 Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
 Donor status: individual
 (Registered 11 January 2020)

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

Flat in London: (i) and (ii).

10 March 2020

Evans, Chris (Islwyn)

1. Employment and earnings

Royalty payments from Pitch Publishing Ltd, A2 Yeoman Gate, Yeoman Way, Worthing BN13 3QZ, for a book:

29 March 2019, received £360.01. Hours: no additional hours. (Registered 03 April 2019)

18 April 2019, received £4,400 as an advance for a book from Bloomsbury Publishing, 50 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP, via David Luxton Associates, 23 Hillcourt Ave, London N12 8EY. Hours: 100 hrs to date. (Registered 13 June 2019)

2 August 2019, payment of £200 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for completing a survey. Hours: approx. 1 hr. Fee paid to direct to community organisations in my constituency. (Registered 07 August 2019)

Payments from Populus, 10 Northburgh Street, London EC1V 0AT, for surveys. All fees donated to charity:

20 March 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 07 February 2020)

16 May 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 07 February 2020)

22 May 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 07 February 2020)

25 July 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 07 February 2020)

13 September 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 07 February 2020)

20 September 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 07 February 2020)

20 November 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 07 February 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

From 11 April 2018, Administrative Steward and Director (unpaid) of the British Boxing Board of Control. From time to time I attend contests where I undertake my voluntary duties as Steward. (Registered 24 April 2018; updated 10 October 2018)

9 June 2020

Tonia Antoniazzi (Gower)

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

Name of donor: GMB Wales & Southwest

Address of donor: Williamson House, 17 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0TB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Gower CLP for my election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 20 December 2019)

Name of donor: Lord Mathew Oakeshott

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Gower CLP for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 20 December 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Premiership Rugby Ltd

Address of donor: 7th Floor, Regal House, 70 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3QS

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to watch England v Wales Rugby Union, with associated hospitality, total value £717.60

Date received: 11 August 2019

Date accepted: 11 August 2019

Donor status: company, registration 04173533

(Registered 26 September 2019)

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

From June 2018 until 14 June 2019, house in Carmarthenshire: (i) and (ii). (Registered 11 October 2018; updated 18 June 2019)

2 March 2021

Matt Vickers (Stockton South)

1 Employment and earnings

From 30 April 2020 until further notice, I receive allowances of £465 per month from Stockton Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Church Rd, Stockton TS18 1LD, for duties as a councillor. Hours: 20 hrs a week.
(Registered 11 January 2020; updated 22 June 2020)

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

Name of donor: Stalbury Trustees
Address of donor: 31 Hill Street, London W1J 4LS
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Date received: 8 June 2020
Date accepted: 8 June 2020
Donor status: company, registration 01430799
(Registered 22 June 2020)

27 April 2021

Taiwo Owatemi (Coventry North West)

1. Employment and earnings

24 April 2020, received £200 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey completed on 26 February 2020. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 30 November 2020)

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

Afrika Connekt Ltd; a clothing company. (Registered 07 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid director of Afrika Connekt Ltd; a clothing company. (Registered 07 January 2020)