



House of Commons
Welsh Affairs Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2019-21

WEDNESDAY 04 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair¹

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Anna McMorris
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Declaration of interests

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

2. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses 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 Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the following matters be delegated to the Chair:

Agreeing the circulated agenda for Committee meetings (subject to the right of any Committee member to raise issues for the Committee to consider);

Engaging in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature;

Arranging informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit (for example, with visiting parliamentarians);

Authorising the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;

Subject to a degree of prior negotiation, proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall;

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

Taking decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent; and

Reporting evidence to the House for publication, including sent or received correspondence, where such evidence, in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it meets again, provided that the evidence or correspondence shall have been circulated to the Committee prior to it being reported.

Ordered, That, if present, Ben Lake take the Chair of the Committee in the absence of the Chair.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund*.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Brexit and Trade: The Implications for Wales*.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of S4C*.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Freeports and Wales*.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales and the UK Government Minister for Wales, on their responsibilities.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 9.30am.]

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Declaration of interests

Simon Baynes declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Armed Forces and Defence Industry in Wales

Draft Special Report (The Armed Forces and Defence Industry in Wales: 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 response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2019 was appended to the Report.

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

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

4. City Deals and Growth Deals in Wales

Draft Special Report (City Deals and Growth Deals in Wales: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2019), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2019 was appended to the Report.

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

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

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Andrew Carter, Centre for Cities, Professor Dylan Jones-Evans OBE, University of South Wales, Professor Steve Fothergill, Sheffield Hallam University, and Jan Zeber, Policy Exchange, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 9.30am.]

TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts

Dr Jamie
Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of S4C

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of S4C

Rhodri Williams, the Government's preferred candidate to be the Chair of S4C, gave oral evidence.

4. Chair of S4C

Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of S4C), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph. Paragraphs 1 to 16 agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Appendix agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned till 9 April 2020 at 10.00am.]

THURSDAY 09 APRIL 2020

Virtual meeting
Members present:
Rt Hon Stephen Crabb, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi	Anna McMorris
Simon Baynes	Robin Millar
Virginia Crosbie	Dr Jamie Wallis
Geraint Davies	Beth Winter
Ben Lake	

1. The Work Arrangements of the Committee during the Covid-19 Pandemic

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Covid-19 and the Committee's Work Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee temporarily pause the inquiry into Brexit and Trade: The Implications for Trade.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Stephen Kinnock MP (SPF0001)

Freeports and Wales

Professor L Alan Winters (FRE0001)
Associated British Ports (FRE0002)
Professor Andrew Potter (FRE0003)
British Ports Association (FRE0004)
Stena Line Ports Ltd (FRE0005)
Port of Milford Haven (FRE0006)
Centre for Cities (FRE0007)

Letter from the Secretary of State for Wales to the Chair of the Committee on Wales and Covid-19 testing, dated 7 April.

[Adjourned till Thursday 23 April at 10.00am.]

THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Ben Lake

Robin Millar Rob
Roberts
Beth Winter

1. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That terms of reference for an inquiry into coronavirus and the Welsh economy be agreed to by email correspondence.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Industrial Communities Alliance Wales (SPF0002)
WCVA (SPF0003)
The Learned Society of Wales (SPF0004)
Universities Wales (SPF0005)

Brexit and Trade: The Implications for Wales

Welsh NHS Confederation (BAT0001)
NFU Cymru (BAT0002)
Universities Wales (BAT0003)

3. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee hold a private virtual briefing on the Barnett Formula and UK Government financial support to the Welsh Government.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2020 (AM)

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake
Robin Millar

Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take the evidence to be given, at this afternoon's meeting, by the Secretary of State for Wales and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales in private.

Resolved, That a summary note of the Committee's meeting this afternoon be reported to the House for publication.

2. Freeports and Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

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

Colegau Cymru/Colleges Wales (SPF0006)
Public Health Wales (SPF0007)
Finance Committee, National Assembly for Wales (SPF0008)
Swansea Council (SPF0009)
Wales Cooperative Centre (SPF0010)

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 2.50pm.]

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2020 (PM)

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Geraint Davies
Virginia Crosbie
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Secretary of State for Wales, the Rt Hon Simon Hart MP, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, David TC Davies MP, gave oral evidence.

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[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 May at 10.00am.]

¹ Evidence taken in private, pursuant to the Order of the Committee of 28 April 2020

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair¹

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Freeports and Wales

Draft report (*Freeports and Wales*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 76 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Federation of Small Businesses Wales (SPF0011)
Jeremy Miles AM, Welsh Government (SPF0012)
Institute for Fiscal Studies (SPF0013)
Bevan Foundation (SPF0014)

Wales Office Main Estimates

Wales Office Main Estimate 2020-21

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 May at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 12 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair¹

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take the evidence to be given, at this morning's meeting, in private.

Ordered, That a summary note of the Committee's meeting be reported to the House for publication.

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Isle of Anglesey County Council (SPF0015)

The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

Tegid Roberts (COV0003)

National Centre for Learning Welsh (COV0006)

NFU Cymru (COV0007)

Letter from the Secretary of State for Wales to the Committee, dated 11 May 2020

5. Future meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

Ifan Glyn, Wales Director, Federation of Master Builders, John Whalley, CEO, Aerospace Wales, David Chapman, Executive Director in Wales, UK Hospitality, John Davies, President, National Farmers Union Cymru, and Dr Nick Fenwick, Head of Policy, Farmers Union of Wales, gave oral evidence.¹

[Adjourned till Thursday 21 May at 8.40am.]

¹ Evidence taken in private, pursuant to the Order of the Committee of 12 May 2020

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Beth Winter

1. The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take the evidence to be given, at this morning's meeting, in private.

Ordered, That a summary note of the Committee's meeting be reported to the House for publication.

2. The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

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

Betting and Gaming Council (COV0031)
RSPB (COV0032)
Cardiff Airport (COV0033)
Anglesey County Council (COV0034)
Swansea Council (COV0035)
Association of Convenience Stores (COV0036)
EYST Wales (COV0037)
Professor Gill Bristow, Dr Adrian Healy (COV0038)
Citizens Advice Cymru (COV0039)
South Wales Chamber of Commerce (COV0040)
Wales Environment Link (COV0041)
Ella Lewis-Jones (COV0042)
Social Firms Wales (COV0043)
National Theatre Wales (COV0044)
Anglesey Tourism Association (COV0045)
Farmers Union of Wales (COV0046)
Wales Co-operative Centre (COV0048)
Welsh Language Commissioner (COV0049)
Universities Wales (COV0050)
Cymorth Cymru (COV0051)
Katie Palmer (COV0052)
Development Trusts Association Wales (COV0053)
The Landworkers' Alliance (Cymru Branch) (COV0054)

FSB Wales (COV0055)
Secretary of State for Wales (COV0056)
Mudiad Meithrin (COV0058)
Welsh Government (COV0059)

3. Future meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

David Cooksey, Senior Energy Adviser, DTA Energy Action Group, Andrew Campbell, Chairman, Wales Tourism Alliance, Tim Thomas, Policy Officer for Wales, National Residential Landlords Association, and Sara Jones, Head of Policy, British Retail Consortium, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 28 May at 1.40pm.]

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi

Robin Millar

Simon Baynes

Beth Winter

Virginia Crosbie

Geraint Davies

1. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Welsh economy and Covid-19

Cardiff Capital Region (COV0060)

Community Housing Cymru (COV0061)

Growing Mid Wales (COV0063)

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Royal College of Nursing Wales (SPF0018)

Growing Mid Wales (SPF0019)

Professor Colin Riordan, Vice Chancellor of Cardiff University (SPF0020)

Natural Resources Wales (SPF0021)

Michelle Ballantyne MSP, Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee (SPF0022)

3. Online survey

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon Simon Hart MP, the Secretary of State for Wales, and, David TC Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 June at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Welsh economy and Covid-19

Wales Tourism Alliance (COV0064)
Arts Council of Wales (COV0065)
Renewable UK Cymru (COV0066)
Meat Promotion Wales (COV0067)
CPT Wales (COV0068)
S4C (COV0069)

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Planed (SPF0023)
Pembrokeshire County Council (SPF0024)
What Next? Cymru (SPF0025)
National Trust (SPF0027)
WLGA (SPF0028)

Letter from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury to the Chair, dated 29 May.

2. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 11 June at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

CynnalCymru – (COV0019)
Blaenau Gwent Enterprise Board– (COV0027)
Bevan Foundation – (COV0070)
Community Transport Association– (COV0071)

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

RSPB and RSPB Cymru (SPF0029)
Wales Environment Link (SPF0030)
Chwarae Teg (SPF0031)

Letter from Select Committee Chairs to Secretary of State: Shared Prosperity Fund, dated 5 June.

3. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

Lynn Pamment, Luned Whelan, Caroline Norbury, Tim Williams, Avril Lewis and Claudia Currie gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 June at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Declaration of Interests

Ruth Jones declared her interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Welsh Economy and Covid-19
FSB Wales (COV0072)
Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund
Swansea Bay City Deal (SPF0032)
Wales Environment Link (SPF0033)
Chwarae Teg (SPF0031)
North Wales Economic Ambition Board (SPF0032)

3. The Welsh Economy and Covid-19 – Taking stock discussion

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 June at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

Teledwyr Annibynnol Cymru (TAC) (COV0073)
New Quay Marine Tourism Boat Trip Grouping (COV0074)

Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Correspondence with the Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government relating to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund:

[Adjourned till Thursday 25 June at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions.

Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, and Ken Skates MS, Minister for Economy and Transport, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 June at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ruth Jones
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

Creative Industries Federation (COV0075)

Wales TUC (COV0076)

2. The Welsh Economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That, on the completion of the Welsh economy and Covid-19 inquiry, the Committee resume its inquiry into Brexit and Trade: The Implications for Wales.

4. Media update

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 July at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 07 JULY 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: The Implications for Wales

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

Office of the Secretary of State for Wales (BAT0005)

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 July at 10.00am.]

THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Letter from the Rt Hon Kwarsi Kwarteng MP to the Chair, dated 2 July

2. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That a draft interim report be circulated via email for consideration and, if approved, to be reported to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 September at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Beth Winter

1. Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 September at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

Sam Lowe, Senior Research Fellow – Centre for European Reform; Mujtaba Rahman, Managing Director, Europe – Eurasia Group; and Shanker Singham, CEO – Competere, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 September at 1.40pm.]

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Correspondence reported for publication

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

Letter from the Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP to the Chair of the Committee, dated 9 September 2020

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

Rt Hon Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and David TC Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 September at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

Dr Ludivine Petetin, Cardiff University; Professor Sangeeta Khorana, Bournemouth University; Professor Patrick Minford, Professor of Applied Economics; Professor Nicholas Perdakis, Aberystwyth University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 September at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie

Geraint Davies
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. The Welsh economy and Covid-19

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 September at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Implications of the Parliamentary Constituencies Bill for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Implications of the Parliamentary Constituencies Bill for Wales

Professor Robert McNabb, Commissioner, Boundary Commission for Wales;
Professor Charles Pattie, Professor of Politics, University of Sheffield; and Dr David
Rossiter, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 29 September at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Draft Report (*Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund: Priorities for the replacement of EU structural funding*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 88 read and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned till Thursday 1 October at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Geraint Davies

Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions.

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

Ian Davies, Head of UK Port Authorities, Stena Line; Spencer Birns, Interim CEO, Cardiff Airport; Andrew Harston, Director Wales and Short Sea Ports, Associated British Ports; and Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 8 October at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ruth Jones
Robin Millar
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions.

2. Reported for publication

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

Brexit and Trade

Volga Trader (BAT0006)

George Peretz QC (BAT0008)

Correspondence from Jim Harra to the Chair regarding customs procedures and readiness post-Brexit, dated 2 October

3. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

Professor Peter Wells, Director of the Centre for Automotive Industry Research, Cardiff University; Dr Kathryn Ringwald Wildman, Steel industry analyst; and Dr Richard Greville, Director ABPI Wales Cymru and Distribution Supply Chain, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 October at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That terms of reference be drafted by the Clerk for an inquiry into Railways in Wales.

Ordered, That terms of reference be drafted by the Clerk for an inquiry into Renewable Energy in Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a one-off evidence session on employment support for young people during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a one-off evidence session on Broadband and Mobile connectivity in Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a one-off evidence session on Wylfa Newydd.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a one-off evidence session on Veterans support in Wales.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 October at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Internal Market Bill

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Evidence reported to the House for publication

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

FSB Wales (BAT0009)
Milford Haven Port Authority (BAT0010)

3. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Internal Market Bill

Professor Jo Hunt, Professor of Law, Cardiff University; Professor Nicola McEwen, Co-Director, Centre on Constitutional Change, Professor of Territorial Politics, Edinburgh University, Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe; and Professor Aileen McHarg, Professor of Public Law and Human Rights, Durham University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 November at 8.40am]

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (BAT0011)
Aerospace Wales (BAT0012)
Teledwyr Annibynnod Cymru (BAT0013)
Associated British Ports (BAT0014)
British Standards Institution (BAT0015)
Welsh Government (BAT0016)

3. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

Rt Hon Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and Rt Hon Greg Hands MP, Minister of State for Trade Policy, Department of International Trade, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 November at 8.40am]

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ben Lake
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Logistics UK (BAT0017)

3. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Renewable energy in Wales*.

Resolved, That the Committee hold one-off evidence sessions on *Broadband and Mobile connectivity in Wales*, and *Covid-19 and youth employment and training support*.

4. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

Jeremy Miles MS, Counsel General and Minister for European Transition, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 December at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ruth Jones
Ben Lake
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Broadband and mobile connectivity in Wales: one-off session

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Rail infrastructure in Wales*.

3. Broadband and mobile connectivity in Wales: one-off session

Richard Wainer, Policy and Public Affairs Director, Networks, BT; Kim Mears, Director for Strategic Infrastructure, Openreach; Mike Dugine, Digital Business Officer, Wrexham and Flintshire County Borough Councils; Selina Chadha, Director, Network and Communications Group; and Elinor Williams, Regulatory Affairs Manager (Wales), Ofcom gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 December at 10.00am.]

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales

Draft Report (*Brexit and Trade: implications for Wales*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

In the absence of the Chair, Ben Lake was called to the chair.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 176.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 December at 8.40am]

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2020

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Youth employment and the Kickstart scheme in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions.

2. Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Draft Special Report (*Wales and the Shared Prosperity Fund: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2019-21*), proposed by the Chair, bought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House

3. Dunlop Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee agree to the proposal for a joint evidence session with the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs, Scottish Affairs, and Northern Ireland Affairs, Committees.

4. Youth employment and the Kickstart scheme in Wales

Ben Cottam, Head of External Affairs, Federation of Small Businesses; Richard Rigby, Head of Policy, The Prince's Trust; Philip Jones, Director, The Prince's Trust Cymru; Mims Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Employment); Katie Farrington, Director, Universal Credit and Employment Policy; John-Paul Marks, DWP Director General for Work and Health Services; and Sarah Pearson, Universal Credit Area Director, Work & Health Services Wales and National Employer and Partnership Team, Department for Work and Pensions, gave oral evidence.

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

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter
Dr Jamie Wallis

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Mark Barry (RIW0001)

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Rail infrastructure in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 January 2021 at 1.40pm]

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter
Dr Jamie Wallis

1. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Professor Stuart Cole CBE (RIW0002)

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and David TC Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 21 January 2021 at 1.40pm]

THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Beth Winter
Dr Jamie Wallis

1. Railway infrastructure in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Railway infrastructure in Wales

Professor Mark Barry, Professor of Practice in Connectivity, Cardiff University; Professor Stuart Cole CBE, Emeritus Professor of Transport, University of South Wales; and Julian Glover, former Special Adviser, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 28 January 2021 at 8.40am]

THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ruth Jones
Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Beth Winter

1. Renewable energy in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Renewable energy in Wales

Rhys Wyn Jones, Director, RenewablesUK Cymru; Hywel Lloyd, Chair of the Re-energising Wales project advisory board, Institute of Welsh Affairs; and Professor Nick Jenkins, Leader of the Centre for Integrated Energy Generation and Supply Research Group, Cardiff University, gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Ben Lake was called to the chair.

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 February 2021 at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Ben Lake
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. The UK-EU Trade Deal and Border Arrangements: one-month on

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution.

4. The UK-EU Trade Deal and Border Arrangements: one-month on

Chris Yarsley, Policy Manager, Logistics UK; Pete Robertson, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation Cymru; Ian Davies, Head of UK Port Authorities, Stena Line; and Ian Price, Wales Director, CBI, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 11 February 2021 at 8.40am.]

THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Railway Infrastructure in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Rail Infrastructure in Wales:

Railfuture Cymru/Wales (RIW0003)

Rail Freight Group (RIW0004)

Renewable Energy in Wales:

Powys Hydropower (REW0005)

4. Railway Infrastructure in Wales

James Price, CEO, Transport for Wales; Bill Kelly, Route Director Wales & Borders, Network Rail; Mark Hopwood, Managing Director, Great Western Railway; Richard Scott, Director of Partnerships and Strategy, West Coast Partnership; Sarah Kelley, Regional Director for West & Wales, CrossCountry, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 25 February 2021 at 8:40am.]

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Railway Infrastructure in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Wales Office 2020-21 Supplementary Estimate

Ordered, That the Memorandum and Annex received from the Wales Office relating to the 2020-21 Supplementary Estimate be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Rail Infrastructure in Wales:

Federation of Small Businesses Wales (RIW0006)
Professor Mark Barry (RIW0007) (supplementary evidence)
Industrial Communities Alliance Wales (RIW0008)

Renewable Energy in Wales:

Orbital Marine Power (REW0006)
Tidal Engineering and Environmental Services Ltd (REW0007)
North Wales Tidal Energy and Coastal Protection Ltd (REW0008)
Conwy County Borough Council (REW0009)
Natural Resources Wales (REW0010)
Milford Haven Energy Kingdom (REW00011)
Seawind Ocean Technology Ltd (REW0012)
Community Energy Wales (REW0013)
RSPB (REW0015)
British Hydropower Association (REW0017)
Tidal Range Alliance (REW0018)
Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult (REW0019)
Menter Mon – Morlais (REW0020)
Civil Engineering Contractors Association Wales (REW0021)
Christopher Jessop, Blaise Bullimore, Charles Mason (REW0022)

MCS Charitable Foundation (REW0023)
Active Building Centre (REW0024)
Institute for Welsh Affairs (REW0025)
Welsh Government (REW00043)

5. Railway Infrastructure in Wales

Sir Peter Hendy, Chair of Union Connectivity Review, Chair, Network Rail; Ken Skates MS, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales, Welsh Government; Simon Jones, Director Economic Infrastructure, Welsh Government; and James Hooker, Rail Programme Director, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 March 2021 at 8:40am.]

THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021

FIRST SITTING

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ruth Jones
Ben Lake
Beth Winter

1. Renewable Energy in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Renewable Energy in Wales

Energy Saving Trust (REW0026)
Celtic Sea Alliance (REW0027)
Vattenfall (REW0028)
Tidal Lagoon Power (REW0029)
Dr Carla De Laurentis and Prof Richard Cowell, Cardiff University (REW0030)
RenewableUK Cymru (REW0031)
Institution of Civil Engineers Wales Cymru (REW0032)
EDF (REW0033)
Marloes and St Brides Community Council (REW0034)
National Grid (REW0035)
Liquid Gas UK (REW0036)
Solar Energy UK (REW0037)
RWE (REW0038)
Marine Energy Wales (REW0039)
The Crown Estate (REW0041)
National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) (REW0042)
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales; Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (REW0044)

4. Renewable Energy in Wales

Jess Hooper, Programme Manager, Marine Energy Wales; Christoph Harwood, Director of Policy and Strategy, Simply Blue Energy; Paul Hewett, CEO, Belltown Power; and Tom Glover, UK Country Chair, RWE, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till this day at 1:40pm]

SECOND SITTING

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones
Ben Lake

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. One-off session with the First Minister of Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales, Welsh Government; Desmond Clifford, Director General, Office of the First Minister; and Andrew Jeffreys, Director of Treasury, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 11 March 2021 at 1:40pm]

THURSDAY 11 March 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Railway Infrastructure in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Railway infrastructure in Wales

Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Wales (RIW0009)
Wales and Mersey Dee Rail Task Force 'Growth 360' (GT360) (RIW0010)
Transport Focus (RIW0011)
Sustrans Cymru (RIW0012)
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) (RIW0013)
Professor Roderick A Smith (RIW0014)
Railway Industry Association (RIW0015)
Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Passengers Association (SARPA) (RIW0016)
TSSA (RIW0017)
Department for Transport (RIW0018)
Wales Governance Centre at Cardiff University (RIW0019)

Youth employment and the Kickstart scheme in Wales

Correspondence with the Minister for Employment, dated 5 March 2021

4. Railway Infrastructure in Wales

Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Minister of State, Department for Transport and David T.C. Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 18 March at 8:40am.]

THURSDAY 18 March 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ben Lake
Dr Jamie Wallis
Beth Winter

1. Renewable energy in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Renewable energy in Wales

Simply Blue Energy (REW0045)

4. Renewable energy in Wales

Huub den Rooijen, Director of Energy, Minerals and Infrastructure, The Crown Estate; Matthieu Hue, CEO, EDF Renewables UK; Frank Elsworth, Head of Onshore Business Development, Vattenfall; Robert Proctor, Business Development Manager, Community Energy Wales; Simon Hamlyn, CEO, British Hydropower Association; and Gary Newman, Chief Executive, Wood Knowledge Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 23 March at 10:00am.]

TUESDAY 23 March 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ben Lake
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Professor Mark Barry (RIW0020)

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold one-off evidence sessions on *The Levelling-up and Community Renewal funds*, *Freeports in Wales: a follow-up*, *Air Passenger Duty: a follow-up*, *The Turing Scheme and the Welsh Government's International Learning Exchange Scheme*, *UK – EU trade and border arrangements: follow-up*, *The future of Wylfa Newydd*, and *Veterans Support in Wales*.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 April at 8:40am.]

THURSDAY 15 April 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies
Ruth Jones

Robin Millar
Rob Roberts
Beth Winter

1. Renewable energy in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions.

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Renewable energy in Wales

Michelle Davies, International Head of Clean Energy and Sustainability, Eversheds Sutherland; Juliet Davenport, CEO, Good Energy; and Maf Smith, Director, Lumen Energy and Environment, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 29 April at 8:40am.]

THURSDAY 29 April 2021

Virtual Meeting

Members present:

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, in the Chair

Tonia Antoniazzi
Simon Baynes
Virginia Crosbie
Geraint Davies

Ruth Jones
Ben Lake
Robin Millar
Beth Winter

1. Renewable energy in Wales

The Committee considered the brief and allocated questions.

2. Forward Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Renewable energy in Wales

Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister of State for Business Energy and Clean Growth, and David TC Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 May at 1:20pm.]

APPENDIX: DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

4 March 2020

Antoniazzi, Tonia (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)

Baynes, Simon (Clwyd South)

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

Property in Wales consisting of main house, annex, ancillary building, cottage and farmland: (i). These generate an income which does not exceed £10,000 in a calendar year. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Land in Spain: (i). (Registered 09 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Until 18 December 2019, Trustee and Chairman of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Until 18 December 2019, Trustee and Chairman of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust Montgomeryshire Branch. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Until 8 January 2020, Trustee and Chairman of the Holroyd Community Theatre, Weston Rhyn, Shropshire. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Until 16 December 2019, Trustee of Mid-Wales Opera. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Until 15 December 2019, External Trustee of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Until 15 December 2019, Trustee of Friends of St Myllin's Church, Llanfyllin. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Director of the Cazenove Association (alumni organisation). (Registered 09 January 2020)

Trustee and unpaid administrator of the Concertina Charitable Trust. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Trustee and unpaid administrator of the Bodfach Trust. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Until 16 January 2020, Deputy Chairman of the Welsh Conservatives. (Registered 9 January 2020; updated 17 January 2020)

From 25 January 2020, Joint Chair of Women2Win Wales; an organisation which aims to ensure the fair representation of women at all levels of politics. (Registered 04 February 2020)

Crabb, Stephen (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

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

Name of donor: Rayware Ltd

Address of donor: c/o Grant Thornton, 1st Floor Liver Buildings, Liverpool L3 1PS

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

Donor status: company, registration 01237389

(Registered 19 December 2019)

Name of donor: Anthony Ford

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 19 December 2019)

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

Name of donor: Clerewell Ltd

Address of donor: 24 Bruton Place, London W1J 6NE

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

Date received: 4 October 2019

Date accepted: 4 October 2019

Donor status: company, registration 01798514

(Registered 30 October 2019)

Name of donor: Stephen Massey

Address of donor: private

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

Date received: 3 October 2019

Date accepted: 3 October 2019

Donor status: individual

(Registered 30 October 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Barratt Developments plc

Address of donor: Kent House, 14-17 Market Place, London W1W 8AJ

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Tickets and hospitality

at Twickenham, value £418.80
Date received: 11 August 2019
Date accepted: 11 August 2019
Donor status: company, registration 00604574
(Registered 16 August 2019)
Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel
Address of donor: PO Box 72288, London SW1P 9LB
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hotel accommodation during Conservative Party Conference, total value £1,200
Date received: 28 September - 2 October 2019
Date accepted: 28 September 2019
Donor status: company, registration 08114952
(Registered 24 October 2019)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel (CFI Ltd)
Address of donor: Blick Rothenberg, 7-10 Chandos Street, London W1G 9DG
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Air travel, accommodation and hospitality with a value of £2,500
Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank
Dates of visit: 28 July - 2 August 2019
Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation to Israel and the West Bank.
(Registered 13 August 2019)

Crosbie, Virginia (Ynys Môn)

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: New Penderel House, 283-287 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HF
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500
Donor status: members' association (unincorporated)
(Registered 09 January 2020; updated 13 February 2020)
Name of donor: Ian Goldbart
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 09 January 2020)

Davies, Geraint (Swansea West)

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

Residential property in London: (i) and (ii). (Updated 3 June 2015)

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

Pure Crete Ltd, tour operator to Crete.

Lake, Ben (Ceredigion)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: S4C
Address of donor: Canolfan S4C Yr Egin, Carmarthen SA31 3EQ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with

hospitality to watch the Wales v Italy, Six Nations Championship rugby match, total value £400

Date received: 1 February 2020

Date accepted: 1 February 2020

Donor status: company, registration 03418710

(Registered 11 February 2020)

McMorrin, Anna (Cardiff North)

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

Name of donor: Lord Matthew Oakeshott

Address of donor: private

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

Date received]: 15 September 2019

Date accepted: 15 September 2019

Donor status: individual

(Registered 14 October 2019)

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: 188 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M14 6LJ

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

Date received: 1 October 2019

Date accepted: 11 October 2019

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 29 October 2019)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: APPG on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (with sponsorship from Boston Consulting Group, Braintree, Deloitte, Lockheed Martin, Oracle, Visa, BP, TCS, RBS, Uber, Samsung, Vodafone, and HSBC)

Address of donor: c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Return flights; accommodation; meals and sundries; transportation; total value £4,941.43

Destination of visit: San Francisco

Dates of visit: 15-19 April 2019

Purpose of visit: Participation in cross-party trade and technology delegation.

(Registered 07 May 2019)

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

Llais Ltd (inactive); policy communications. (Registered 06 July 2017)

Millar, Robin (Aberconwy)

1. Employment and earnings

20 December 2019, received £2,182.71 from the British Veterinary Nursing Association, 79 Greenway Business Park, Harlow, Essex CM19 5QE, for work as a Strategic Director. I resigned from this post on 31 December 2019. Hours: approx. 20 hrs. (Registered 09 January 2020)

23 December 2019, received allowances of £402.40 from West Suffolk Council, Western Way, Bury Street, Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3YU, for services as a Councillor. I resigned from this post on 17 December 2019. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 09 January 2020)

31 December 2019, received allowances of £252.86 from Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 2BX, for services as

a Councillor. I resigned from this post on 17 December 2019. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 09 January 2020)

25 January 2020, received £1,312.40 from the Improvement & Development Agency for Local Government, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ, for training councillors. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 20 February 2020)

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

RJ Millar Consulting Ltd; management consultancy. (Registered 09 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Until 19 January 2020, Trustee of Conservative Christian Fellowship. (Registered 09 January 2020; updated 29 January 2020)

Director of the Newmarket Festival. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Director of R J Millar Consulting Ltd. (Registered 29 January 2020)

Roberts, Rob (Delyn)

1. Employment and earnings

23 December 2019, received £2,245.16 from the Chester Partnership Ltd, Oaklands Business Centre, Hooton Road, Hooton, Wirral CH66 7NZ, for financial planning.

Hours: none since my election. (Registered 10 January 2020)

20 December 2019, received £137.40 from Utility Warehouse, 508 Edgware Road, London NW9 5AB, as sales commissions. Hours: none since my election.

(Registered 10 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: The Tandridge Club

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,250

Donor status: members' association (unincorporated)

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: IPGL Ltd

Address of donor: 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 10 January 2020)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Sianel Pedwar Cymru (S4C)

Address of donor: Canolfan S4C Yr Egin, Carmarthen SA31 3EQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality to watch the Wales v Italy, Six Nations Championship rugby match, total value £400

Date received: 1 February 2020

Date accepted: 1 February 2020

Donor status: company, registration 03418710

(Registered 10 February 2020)

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

R J Roberts (UK) Ltd (dormant company). (Registered 10 January 2020)

Wallis, Dr Jamie (Bridgend)

1. Employment and earnings

30 December 2019, received £3,650 from Fields Associates Ltd, 18-21 Old Field Rd, Pencoed, CF35 5LJ, for services as company director. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 11 January 2020)

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

Name of donor: Fields Associates Ltd

Address of donor: 18-21 Old Field Rd, Pencoed, CF35 5LJ

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: interest free credit facility. I drew on this for £24,153.23. All monies were repaid on 20 December 2019.

Date received: 28 August to 2 December 2019

Data accepted: 28 August 2019

Donor status: company, registration 04441396

(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

Four commercial office units in Bridgend: (i) and (ii). (Registered 11 January 2020)

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

Clinica De Datos Ltd; dormant. (Registered 11 January 2020)

Clinique De Donnees Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Daten Phoenix Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Asset Management (commercial office space). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Associates (Digital Forensics, Recovery and Security). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Data Recovery Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Group Ltd (holding company). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Administration Ltd (management services). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Quickie Divorce (online legal services). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Rapid Data Recovery Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Salvataggio Dati Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Data Recovery LLC (US branch of Fields Associates Ltd). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Quickie Divorce LLC (dormant; US Branch of Quickie Divorce Ltd). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Endeavour Law Ltd (law firm). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Analytics Ltd (office support functions, based in Thailand). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Fields Holdings Ltd (holding company). (Registered 11 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Until 20 December 2019, company director of Clinica De Datos Ltd; dormant. (Registered 11 January 2020)

Until 20 December 2019, company director of Daten Phoenix Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Until 20 December 2019, company director of Fields Asset Management (commercial office space). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Until 20 December 2019, company director of Fields Data Recovery Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Until 20 December 2019, company director of Fields Group Ltd (holding company). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Until 20 December 2019, company director of Fields Administration Ltd (management services). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Until 20 December 2019, company director of Quickie Divorce (online legal services). (Registered 11 January 2020)
Until 20 December 2019, company director of Rapid Data Recovery Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)
Until 20 December 2019, company director of Salvataggio Dati Ltd (dormant). (Registered 11 January 2020)
Until 20 December 2019, company director of Endeavour Law Ltd (law firm). (Registered 11 January 2020)
Until 20 December 2019, company director of Fields Holdings Ltd (holding company). (Registered 11 January 2020)
Until 20 December 2019, company director of Clinique De Donnees Ltd. (Registered 11 January 2020)
Until 20 December 2019, unpaid director of Digzoo Ltd (online magazine). (Registered 11 January 2020)
Until 20 December 2019, unpaid director of Crossways Investments Ltd (property maintenance). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Winter, Beth (Cynon Valley)

1. Employment and earnings

21 December 2019, final payment of £3,792.50 from University and College Union, Carlow Street, London, NW1 7LH for services as a trade union official. Hours: 10 hrs since my election. (Registered 09 January 2020)

15 March 2020

Jones, Ruth (Newport West)

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: 22 Stephenson Way, Euston Street, London NW2 2HD

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, London EC1X 8TN

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

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Communications Workers Union

Address of donor: Moss Building, Mill Street, Newport NP20 5HA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £650

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Communications Workers Union

Address of donor: Moss Building, Mill Street, Newport NP20 5HA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: premises for use as a campaign HQ, value £3,500

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, London EC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for my campaign fund

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 10 January 2020)