



Formal Minutes of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee in Session 2021–22

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

They include:

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

When the Committee publishes a Report, the Formal Minutes relating to consideration of the draft Report are published with the Report itself, and are not included in this document. You can find these reports on the Committee's webpages.

For more information about Formal Minutes, see [Erskine May paragraph 38.26](#).

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

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

Tuesday 11 May 2021

Virtual meeting¹

Members present²

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Dave Doogan

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Labour and the food supply chain

Draft Special Report (*The UK's new immigration policy and the food supply chain: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2019-21*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee of Session 2019-21 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.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Moving animal across borders:

International Mounted Games Association [MAAB0029]

The Kennel Club [MAAB0030]

Cats Protection [MAAB0031]

¹ 'Virtual meeting' indicates a meeting held pursuant to the Order of the House of 24 March 2020 (as amended) relating to Select Committees (Participation and Reporting). At such meetings, some or all Members participated remotely through approved electronic means.

² The list of members present at each meeting of the Committee indicates those committee members who were present for all or part of the meeting.

Four Paws UK [MAAB0032]
Canine & Feline Sector Group [MAAB0036]
Buglife [MAAB0038]
Blue Cross [MAAB0039]
Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association [MAAB0042]
British Horse Council [MAAB0044]
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home [MAAB0045]
Dogs Trust [MAAB0048]
British Horseracing Authority [MAAB0056]

4. Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition, namely: as a partner in R T Parish & Son, a farming business.

Robbie Moore declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition, namely: his family's farm and his role in a farm consultancy business.

Tom Bradshaw, Vice President, National Farmers' Union; Mark Bridgeman, President, Country Land and Business Association; and George Dunn, Chief Executive, Tenant Farmers Association, gave oral evidence.

Julia Aglionby, Executive Director, Foundation for Common Land; Neil Shand, Chief Executive, National Beef Association; and Phil Stocker, Chief Executive, National Sheep Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 18 May 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

DEFRA and Ofwat Main Estimates 2021/22

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Main Estimate
Memorandum 2021/22

Water Services Regulation Authority (OFWAT) Main Estimate Memorandum
2021/22

3. Moving animals across borders

Dr Neil Hudson declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into moving animals across borders, namely: as a veterinary surgeon.

Dr Neil Hudson declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into moving animals across borders, namely: as a member of the British Equine Veterinary Association; member of the British Horseracing Authority Whip Review Steering Group (2021/22); and member of the Dogs' Trust puppy smuggling parliamentary taskforce.

Mrs Sheryll Murray declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into moving animals across borders, namely: as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on cats.

Ross Hamilton, Head of Public Affairs, British Horseracing Authority; Roly Owers, Chief Executive, World Horse Welfare; and Jan Rogers, Director of Research and Policy, The Horse Trust, gave oral evidence.

David Bowles, Head of Public Affairs and Campaigns, RSPCA, Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust; and Maggie Roberts, Director of Veterinary Services, Cats Protection, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25 May 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Dave Doogan

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Central Association of Agricultural Valuers [ELM0050]

Moving animals across borders

Cogent Breeding Ltd [MAAM0052]

3. Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Robbie Moore declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental land management and the agricultural transition, namely: a shareholding over 15% of issued share capital in Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; and an unpaid director of Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd.

Ian Davis, Spokesperson, Farming Forum Grassroots Group; Vicki Hird, Head of Sustainable Farming, Sustain; and Martin Lines, UK Chair, Nature Friendly Farming Network, gave oral evidence.

Caroline Drummond, Chief Executive, Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF); Jeremy Moody, Secretary and Adviser, Central Association for Agricultural Valuers; and Jenny Phelps, Senior Farm Conservation Adviser and Team Lead, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 1.45 p.m.

Wednesday 26 May 2021

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Trade with Australia

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade dated 29 April and 26 May 2021

DEFRA Common Frameworks

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 13 July 2022

Fertiliser inflation and food security

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 12 July 2022

Tuesday 8 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Plastic waste.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Animals Abroad Bill.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Central Association of Agricultural Valuers [ELM0051]

3. Moving animals across borders

Professor Christine Middlemiss, Chief Veterinary Officer, Defra; Ian Hewett, Service Delivery Director, Animal and Plant Health Agency; and Steve Dann, Director, National Operational Headquarters, Border Force, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 15 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Dave Doogan

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. COVID-19 and food supply: follow up

Draft Special Report (*COVID-19 and the issues of security in food supply: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2019–21*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2019–21 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.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Ian Davis [ELM0052]

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) [ELM0053]

Moving animals across borders

Rachel Hulcoop [MAAB0012]

Katie Rhodes-Mayfield [MAAB0013]

Valerie Aitkin [MAAB0014]

Margaret Russell [MAAB0015]

Susan Loxton [MAAB0016]

Mike Loxton [MAAB0017]

Reg Unsworth [MAAB0018]

Kay Maher [MAAB0019]

Sarah Lewis; Laura Jackson; Amanda Carpenter; Zoe Potter; Georgina Armstrong; Helen Pawsey; Tess Carmichael; Mr Alex Bishop; Michael Potter; Ana Haurie [MAAB0022]

Sarah Lewis; Mr Adrian Speight; Sally Long; Stephen Hendry; Tracey Forrest; Lyndsay Harrison; Claire Lockheas [MAAB0024]

Dr Lesley Penny [MAAB0025]

Fiona Walsh [MAAB0037]

Samantha Loxton [MAAB0041]

Cats Protection [MAAB0059]

The Poultry Club of Great Britain [MAAB0060]

Dogs Trust [MAAB0061]

The Abattoir Sector Group [MAAB0062]

Trade negotiations with Australia

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 10 and 15 June 2021

Tree planting and woodlands

Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) [TPW0019]

Trees for Cities [TPW0062]

The Tree Council [TPW0068]

BSW Timber Group [TPW0078]

4. Tree planting and woodlands

Caroline Ayres, England National Manager, Confor; Brian Fraser, Board Member and Member of Tree & Hedging Group, Horticultural Trades Association; and Hamish Macleod, Public Affairs Advisor, BSW Timber Group, gave oral evidence.

Shireen Chambers, Executive & Technical Director, Institute of Chartered Foresters; David Sutherland, Environment Board Member, Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport; and Jen Turner, Development Manager, Royal Forestry Society, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 22 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Countryside and Community Research Institute [ELM0054]

Tree planting and woodlands

Mr Tim Ferry [ELM0005]

Naiad Environmental Consultancy [ELM0012]

Mr John Harding [ELM0026]

3. Moving animals across borders

Professor Janet Dwyer, Director, Countryside and Community Research Institute; and Ruth Little, Lecturer of Human Geography, University of Sheffield, gave oral evidence.

James Adler, Land Management Advisor, The Wildlife Trusts; Alice Groom, Senior Policy Officer, RSPB; and Professor Rosie Hails MBE, Director of Nature and Science, National Trust, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 29 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public Sector Procurement of Food

Draft Special Report (*Public Sector Procurement of Food: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2019–21*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Sixth Report from the Committee of Session 2019-21 was appended to the Report.

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

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Land based education

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Education, dated 17 June and 29 June

Moving animals across borders

British Veterinary Association [MAAB0063]

Animal and Plant Health Agency [MAAB0064]

Tree planting and woodlands

The Horticultural Trades Association [TPW0086]

4. Moving animals across borders

The Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Gareth Baynham Hughes, Director of Animal and Plant Health, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 6 July 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Barry Gardiner

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Seafood and meat exports to the EU

Draft Special Report (*Seafood and Meat Exports to the EU: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2019–21*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eighth Report from the Committee of Session 2019-21 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. Evidence reported for publication

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

Air quality: follow-up

Professor Alastair Lewis [AIRQ0001]

Centre for Cities [AIRQ0002]

Bristol City Council [AIRQ0003]

The Royal College of Physicians [AIRQ0004]

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health [AIRQ0005]

Bath and North East Somerset Council [AIRQ0006]

Impact on Urban Health [AIRQ0007]

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Limited [AIRQ0008]

Mums for Lungs [AIRQ0009]

The work of the interim Office for Environmental Protection

Correspondence with the Chair-designate of the Office for Environmental Protection, dated 25 June 2021

Trade negotiations with Australia

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 2 July 2021

4. Air quality: follow-up

Rebecca Pow MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Defra; and Bill Parish, Head of Air Quality and Industrial Emissions, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 11.15 a.m.

Wednesday 7 July 2021

Virtual meeting

The Committee met concurrently with the Environmental Audit Committee

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Julian Sturdy

Environmental Audit Committee members present

The following members of the Education Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A):

Rt Hon Philip Dunne, in the Chair
Duncan Baker
Dan Carden
Rt Hon Robert Goodwill
Helen Hayes
Ian Levy
Caroline Lucas
Cherilyn Mackrory
Jerome Mayhew
Dr Matthew Offord

Rt Hon Philip Dunne was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. The work of the interim Office for Environmental Protection

Dame Glenys Stacey, Chair-designate, Office for Environmental Protection; and Natalie Prosser, Interim Chief Executive Officer-designate, Office for Environmental Protection, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 13 July 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

Humane Society International UK [AWB0002]

Emeritus Professor Ian Swingland [AWB0003]

Viva! [AWB0004]

Countryside Alliance [AWB0005]

RSPCA [AWB0007]

FOUR PAWS UK [AWB0008]

Wildlife & Countryside Link [AWB0010]

Compassion in World Farming [AWB0011]

Pupils 2 Parliament [AWB0012]

Dr. Steve Cooke [AWB0013]

British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) [AWB0015]

Rethink Priorities [AWB0016]

The Self Help Group for Farmers, Pet Owners and others experiencing difficulties with the RSPCA (The SHG) [AWB0017]

The Shellfish Network [AWB0018]
Crustacean Compassion [AWB0019]
Battersea Dogs & Cats Home [AWB0020]
Sentient Animal Law Foundation [AWB0021]
UK Centre for Animal Law [AWB0022]
Dogs Trust [AWB0023]
British Association for Shooting and Conservation [AWB0025]
Dr Jonathan Birch; Professor Nicola Clayton; Dr Alexandra Schnell; Dr Heather Browning; Dr Andrew Crump [AWB0026]
World Horse Welfare [AWB0027]
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals [AWB0028]
British Horseracing Authority [AWB0029]
National Office of Animal Health (NOAH) [AWB0030]
Understanding Animal Research [AWB0031]
Dr. Benjamin Sachs [AWB0032]
Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation [AWB0033]
Dr Jonathan Pugh; Dr Benjamin Davies; Dr Stephen Rainey; Dr Katrien Devolder; Dr Lisa Forsberg; Dr Binesh Hass; Professor Thomas Douglas; Prof Roger Crisp; Prof Julian Savulescu [AWB0034]
Noël Sweeney [AWB0035]
British Veterinary Association [AWB0036]
UFAW – Science in the Service of Animal Welfare [AWB0037]
University of Aberdeen [AWB0039]
The Kennel Club [AWB0040]
Steven P McCulloch [AWB0041]
Royal Society of Biology [AWB0042]

Moving animals across borders

Michael Kerner [MAAB0065]
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs [MAAB0066]
British Horseracing Authority [MAAB0067]
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs [MAAB0068]
The Kennel Club [MAAB0069]

Agriculture and food export promotion

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, and Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 13 July 2021

4. Tree planting and woodlands

Robbie Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the tree planting and woodland concerning the planting of 5 acres of trees on his home farm through the Woodland Trust.

Ordered, That the correspondence with the Minister for Pacific and Environment, dated 13 July be reported to the House for publication.

Jill Butler, Director and Chair, Forest of Selwood Community Interest Company; Robin Gray, Development & Funding Officer, Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) on behalf of the National Association of AONBs; and Dr Darren Moorcroft, CEO, The Woodland Trust, gave oral evidence.

Melanie Baines, on behalf of the UK Environmental Law Association; Jenna Hegarty, Deputy-Director for Policy and Advocacy, RSPB; and Emi Murphy, Nature Campaign Lead, Friends of the Earth (England, Wales and Northern Ireland), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 July 2021 at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 19 July 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

N Macdonald [AWB0001]

Dr Charlotte Burn; Prof Christine Nicol; Dr Maria Díez-León; and Dr Siobhan Abeyesinghe [AWB0024]

Mike Radford and Molly O'Donoghue [AWB0043]

3. Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

Dr Jonathan Birch, Associate Professor, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, London School of Economics; Tim Bonner, Chief Executive, Countryside Alliance; and Dr Penny Hawkins, Head, Animals in Science Department, Advocacy and Policy Directorate, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), gave oral evidence.

Dr Steven McCulloch, Senior Lecturer in Human-Animal Studies, University of Winchester; Dr Nick Palmer, Head, Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) UK; and Dr Mike Radford OBE, Reader in Animal Welfare Law and UK Constitutional Law, University of Aberdeen, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 20 July 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Tree planting and woodlands

Nottingham City Council [TPW0002]

Friends of the Dales [TPW0008]

A1 [TPW0070]

Trade negotiations with Australia

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 9 July 2021

3. Environmental land management and the agricultural transition

Robbie Moore declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental land management and the agricultural transition, namely: a shareholding over 15% of issued share capital in Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; and an unpaid director of Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd.

Paul Caldwell, Chief Executive, Rural Payments Agency; Dr Tony Juniper CBE, Chair, and Rob Cooke, Director, Greener Farming and Fisheries, Natural England, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Janet Hughes, Future Farming and Countryside Programme Director, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 5 August 2020

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Land based education:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Education dated 25 July 2021

Seafood and meat exports to the EU:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 27 July 2021

Tree planting and woodland:

Correspondence with the Minister for Pacific and the Environment dated 27 July 2021

Tuesday 7 September 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

Compassion in World Farming [AWB0044]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [AWB0045]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [AWB0046]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [AWB0047]
Speaker's Counsel [AWB0048]

Appointment of new Chair of OFWAT

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 30 July 2021

Plastic waste

Mr Peter Calliafas [PW0001]
United Kingdom Without Incineration Network (UKWIN) [PW0012]
Association of Accounting Technicians [PW0013]
Surfers Against Sewage [PW0015]
British Glass [PW0016]

Trade and Agriculture Commission

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 30 July 2021

3. Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Marc Casale, Head of Animal Welfare, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 14 September 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Labour shortages in the food and farming sector.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Correspondence with the Home Office, dated 14 September 2021

Trade and Agriculture Commission

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade, dated 14 September 2021

Tree planting and woodlands

Richard Claxon [TPW0014]

Northumberland County Council [TPW0034]

3. Tree planting and woodlands

Tom Bradshaw, Vice-President, National Farmers' Union; George Dunn, Chief Executive Officer, Tenant Farmers Association; and Judicaelle Hammond, Director of Policy and Advice, Country Land and Business Association (CLA), gave oral evidence

Sir William Worsley, Chair, and Steph Rhodes, Delivery Director, England Tree Planting Programme, Forestry Commission; and Tony Juniper, Chair, and Alan Law, Chief Officer Strategy and Deputy Chief Executive, Natural England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 21 September 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Moving Animals Across Borders

World Horse Welfare [MAAB0070]

Abattoirs Sector Group [MAAB0071]

3. Biodigesters

Ordered, That the correspondence relating to biodigesters from the Secretary of State, dated September 2021, be reported to the House for publication.

4. National Food Strategy

Henry Dimbleby MBE, Chair at National Food Strategy, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 23 September 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 23 September 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. COP26 Conference

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Glasgow in a representative capacity for the purposes of attending the COP26 conference.

2. Moving animals across borders

Draft Report (Moving animals across borders), 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 79.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 19 October 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore
Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animals Abroad Bill

Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa, Resource Africa United Kingdom, Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organisation [AAB0010]
Wild Welfare [AAB0013]
The National Gamekeepers' Organisation [AAB0017]
Nordic Safari Club [AAB0020]
Fieldsports Channel [AAB0021]
Dr Joshua Jowitt [AAB0022]
Mabalengwe Safaris & Tours (PVT) Ltd [AAB0023]
International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) [AAB0024]
Marine Connection [AAB0025]
Dolphinaria-Free Europe [AAB0026]
Namibia Nature Foundation [AAB0027]
Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting [AAB0030]
Hart [AAB0032]International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group (SULi) [AAB0035]
Save The Asian Elephants CIC [AAB0038]
Whale and Dolphin Conservation [AAB0042]
TUI Group [AAB0043]
UK Centre for Animal Law [AAB0044]
British Association for Shooting and Conservation [AAB0045]

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

T. Soanes and Son (Poultry) Ltd [LS0001]
Martin Oei [LS0002]
Masstock Arable (UK) Ltd t/a Agrii [LS0003]
Kernock Park Plants [LS0004]
West Sussex Growers' Association [LS0005]
Cucumber Growers Association [LS0006]
Wayland Farms Ltd [LS0007]
Agricultural Industries Confederation [LS0008]

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons [LS0009]
Scottish Land and Estates [LS0010] British Growers Association [LS0011]
Riviera Produce Ltd [LS0012]
Staples Vegetables [LS0013]
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council [LS0014]
The Association of Independent Meat Suppliers [LS0015]
British Retail Consortium [LS0016]
British Summer Fruits Limited [LS0017]
Cornwall Council [LS0018]
Scotland Food & Drink [LS0019]

Tree planting and woodlands

Forestry Commission [TPW0087]
Natural England [TPW0088]
Confor [TPW0089]
Confor [TPW0090]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 21 October 2021 at 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 21 October 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Draft Report (*Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition*), 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 78.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 26 October 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Lea Valley Growers' Association [LS0020]
Ornamental Horticulture Roundtable Group [LS0021]
Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers [LS0022]
British Meat Processors Association [LS0023]
Boxford Suffolk Farms Ltd [LS0024]
Horticultural Trades Association [LS0025]
Quality Meat Scotland [LS0026]
Mr Philippe Mandangi [LS0027]
National Farmers Union Scotland [LS0028]
Centre for Rural Policy Research (CRPR), University of Exeter [LS0029]
Nationa Sheep Association [LS0030]
Arla Foods UK [LS0031]
CLA [LS0032]
Provision Trade Federation [LS0033]
Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership [LS0034]
Dr Roxana Barbulescu; Dr Carlos Vargas-Silva; Dr Bethany Robertson [LS0035]
New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership [LS0036]
Cold Chain Federation [LS0037]
Fresh Produce Consortium [LS0038]
Dairy UK [LS0039]
British Poultry Council [LS0040]
Seafood Scotland [LS0041]
The Food and Drink Federation [LS0043]

Western Fish Producers' Organisation Ltd, Falfish Ltd, More Seafood Ltd,
Whitelink Seafood Ltd, Seafood and Eat it Ltd, Brixham Trawler Agents [LS0044]
National Farmers Union (England & Wales) [LS0045]
British Veterinary Association [LS0046]
Nestlé UK & Ireland [LS0047]
British Egg Industry Council [LS0048]
Logistics UK [LS0049]
G's Fresh Ltd [LS0050]
Lincolnshire County Council [LS0051]
British Egg Industry Council [LS0052]
Association of Labour Providers [LS0053]
National Pig Association [LS0054]

Plastic waste

SUEZ UK [PW0017]
Bright Blue [PW0018]
CTPA [PW0019]
Alupro [PW0020]
Frugalpac Ltd [PW0021]
Environmental Industries Commission (EIC) [PW0022]
McDonald's UK [PW0023]
Greenpeace UK [PW0024]
Policy Connect [PW0025]
Nappy Alliance [PW0026]
Professor Richard Thompson OBE FRS [PW0027]
Mineral Products Association [PW0028]
Dr Rhiannon Hunt [PW0029]
Law Society of Scotland [PW0030]
Tetra Pak [PW0031]
Kimberly-Clark [PW0032]
Green Alliance [PW0033]
Peel L&P [PW0034]
TIPA [PW0035]
UCL Plastic Waste Innovation Hub [PW0036]
Food and Drink Federation [PW0037]
ReNew ELP [PW0038]
RECOUP [PW0039]
The Urology Trade Association [PW0040]
Paper Cup Alliance (PCA) [PW0041]
British Plastics Federation [PW0042]
British Retail Consortium [PW0043]
Wildlife and Countryside Link [PW0044]
Veolia [PW0045]
The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) [PW0046]

Dr Eleni Iacovidou; Dr Olwenn Martin; Dr Lesley Henderson; Dr Norman Ebner;
Mr John Barwise; Dr Spyridoula Gerasimidou [PW0047]
Viridor [PW0049]
Environmental Services Association [PW0050]
The Grantham Centre for Sustainable Futures, University of Sheffield [PW0051]
Somerset Waste Partnership [PW0053]
Devon County Council [PW0054]
Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) [PW0056]
Leicestershire County Council [PW0057]
A Plastic Planet [PW0058]
National Association of Waste Disposal Officers [PW0059]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [PW0061]

Seafood and meat exports to the EU

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [SME0042]

3. Farming Rules for Water

Ordered, That the correspondence relating to the Farming Rules for Water with the Secretary of State, dated 20 October 2021, be reported to the House for publication.

4. Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Tom Bradshaw, Vice President, National Farmers' Union; Graeme Dear, Chair, British Poultry Council; Derek Jarman, Chair-designate, British Protected Ornamentals Association; and Charlie Dewhirst, Policy Adviser, National Pig Association, gave oral evidence.

Nick Allen, Chief Executive, British Meat Processors Association; James Russell, Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association; and Ian Wright CBE, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation, gave oral evidence

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 28 October 2021

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 11 March 2020:

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Correspondence with the Prime Minister, dated 28 October 2021.

Tuesday 2 November 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Dave Doogan
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Ordered, That Dr Emily Ludgate and Mr Alex Carson-Taylor be re-appointed as Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters relating to trade deals.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animals Abroad Bill

World Dog Alliance [AAB0002]
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals [AAB0012]
Mr James Legge (Director of Public Affairs at Countryside Alliance) [AAB0014]
Four Paws UK [AAB0018]
Pupils 2 Parliament [AAB0019]
Mabalengwe Safaris & Tours LTD [AAB0023]
International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation [AAB0024]
Mr Tom Radandt [AAB0028]
Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation [AAB0033]
Lion Landscapes [AAB0039]
Conservation Force [AAB0040]
Born Free Foundation [AAB0041]
The Donkey Sanctuary [AAB0046]
Dr Paul Johnson [AAB0047]
European Federation for Hunting and Conservation [AAB0048]
Safari Club International, SCI United Kingdom Chapter [AAB0049]
All Party Parliamentary Group on Banning Trophy Hunting [AAB0050]
Animal Defenders International [AAB0051]
Jamma International [AAB0052]
Humane Society International UK [AAB0053]
World Animal Protection [AAB0054]
Vernon Booth [AAB0056]
IUCN Species Survival Commission African Rhino Specialist Group [AAB0058]

ABTA - The Travel Association [AAB0059]

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs [AAB0061]

3. Farming Rules for Water

Ordered, That the correspondence relating to the Farming Rules for Water from the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, dated 29 October 2021, be reported to the House for publication.

4. Animals Abroad Bill

Dr Audrey Delsink, Wildlife Director, Humane Society International; Eduardo Goncalves, Founder, Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting; and Dr Mark Jones, Head of Policy, Born Free Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 9 November 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Dr Neil Hudson

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Mental health services in rural communities.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

UKHospitality [LS0057]

Defra [LS0058]

3. Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Kate Nicholls OBE, Chief Executive, UKHospitality; Andrew Opie, Director, British Retail Consortium; and Tom Southall, Policy Director, Cold Chain Federation, gave oral evidence.

Dr Ben Broadbent, Deputy Governor, Bank of England; Madeleine Sumption MBE, Director, Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford; and Professor Jo Swaffield, Head of Economics and Related Studies, University of York, gave oral evidence.

The Chair's attention having been called to the fact that three Members were not present, adjourned the Committee till Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 16 November 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Barry Gardiner
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animals Abroad Bill

Mr John Shields [ABB0003]

Mr Michael Idziaszczyk [ABB0004]

Voice4Lions [ABB0005]

Mr Jonathon Crisp [Managing Director at Henson Crisp] [ABB0006]

Mr Adrian Burdett [ABB0007]

Mr Mulholland [ABB0008]
Dr Peter Apps [ABB0009]
Mark Stevenson [ABB0011]
The Self Help Group for Farmers, Pet Owners and Others experiencing difficulties with the RSPCA [ABB0034]
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies [ABB0055]
Ms Helen Muller [PhD Student at University College London Anthropology Department and Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London] [ABB0057]
ABTA - The Travel Association [ABB0060]

Animal Welfare [Sentience] Bill

Robert Elwood [AWB0006]

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Federation of Wholesale Distributors [LS0055]
Eville and Jones [LS0056]
British Apples & Pears Ltd [LS0059]
National Pig Association [LS0060]

3. Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and David Kennedy, Director-General for Food, Farming and Biosecurity, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 23 November 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner
Robbie Moore
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Farming Rules for Water.

2. Tree planting and woodlands

Lord Goldsmith, Minister for the Pacific and the International Environment at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and Defra; and Edward Barker, Director, Natural Environment, Trees and Landscapes, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 30 November 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Dave Doogan
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

National Farmers' Union (LFS0061)

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 30 November 2021.

3. Plastic waste

Robbie Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into plastic waste, namely: his family owns a recycling business.

Paula Chin, Sustainable Materials Specialist, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) UK; Susan Evans, Senior Policy Advisor, Green Alliance; and Adrian Whyte, Resource Efficiency Senior Manager, Plastics Europe, gave oral evidence.

Richard Hudson, Technical Manager Chartered Institute of Waste Management; Dr Adam Read, External Affairs Director, SUEZ UK; and Barry Turner, Director of Plastics and Flexible Packing Group, British Plastics Federation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 7 December 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Dave Doogan
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Anonymous (LFS0062)

Plastic waste

A Plastic Planet (PW0062)

Tree planting and woodlands

The Horticultural Trades Association (TPW0091)

3. Plastic waste

Robbie Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into plastic waste, namely: his family owns a recycling business.

Jude Allan, Chair, IOM3 Packaging Society; Siân Sutherland, Co-founder, A Plastic Planet; and Kevin Vyse, Head of Technical, ProAmpac RAP, gave oral evidence.

Stephen Butts, Head of Corporate Responsibility, Morrison Supermarkets; Andrew Opie, Sustainability and Food Director, British Retail Consortium; and Hellen Stirling-Baker, Sustainability Lead, British Independent Retailers Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 14 December 2021

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Dave Doogan
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Moving animals across borders

Draft Special Report (Moving animals across borders: 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 Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Defra (LS0063)

Cold Chain Federation (LS0064)

Northern Ireland Port and Bacon Forum (LS0065)

British Poultry Council (LS0066)

G's Fresh Ltd (LS0067)

British Retail Consortium (LS0068)

The British Meat Processors Association (LS0069)

Anonymous (LS0070)

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 13 December 2021

Moving animals across borders

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 16 December 2021.

Tree planting and woodlands

Julian Ohlsen (TPW0092)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (TPW0093)

4. Specialist advisers

Alex Carson-Taylor and Emily Lydgate, Specialist Advisers, made further declarations of interests (see Appendix).

5. Labour in the food and farming sector

Kevin Foster MP, Minister for Safe and Legal Migration, and Philippa Rouse, Migration & Citizenship Director, Migration & Borders Group, Home Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 11 January 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Declaration of Interests

Kirsty Blackman declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Farming Rules for Water

R.H-J Farms Ltd [FR0001]
Fish Legal [FR0002]
Bridge House Farm Ltd [FR0003]
Salmon and Trout Conservation [FR0004]
Velcourt Ltd [FR0006]
British Egg Industry Council [FR0007]
J Goodley & Sons Ltd [FR0008]
James Taylor [FR0009]
Woodsford Farms - Velcourt Ltd [FR0011]
L.S.Karpinski Partnership [FR0012]
J. O'Gram Farms [FR0013]
Dyson Farming Ltd [FR0014]
Partner at SP & AP Dickins [FR0016]
Elsham Linc Limited [FR0017]
Mr Mark Jelley [FR0018]
Velcourt Ltd [FR0019]

W J Dickinson & Sons (Farmers) Limited [FR0021]
Mr Thomas Kempthorne [FR0022]
Clinton Devon Farms Partnership [FR0023]
Environment Agency [FR0024]
Ness Hall Ltd [FR0025]
M J Legge Farming [FR0026]
Nostell Estate [FR0027]
The University of Bristol and Velcourt [FR0029]
Yorkwold Pigpro Limited [FR0030]
Kingston Maurward College [FR0031]
Velcourt [FR0032]
Perdiswell Ltd [FR0033]
R D E Spencer [FR0034]
D Dalton & Sons [FR0035]
W.F.Heady and Sons [FR0037]
R&S Shires (Farmers) Ltd [FR0038]
Cowdray Home Farms [FR0039]
PM & A Adorian [FR0040]
Burdett Farming Ltd [FR0041]
EH Holdstock & Son [FR0042]
Raymond Farming [FR0043]
Hinton St Mary Farms) [FR0044]
Kingston Hill Farm Ltd [FR0045]
Lodge Farm [FR0046]
Wildlife & Countryside Link [FR0047]
Angling Trust [FR0048]
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds [FR0050]
Philp Farming Ltd [FR0051]
C J Wilson [FR0052]
Crop Management Partners LLP [FR0053]
WWF-UK [FR0054]
Napper Farm Services [FR0055]
AR&NJ Branton [FR0056]
Assured Biosolids Limited [FR0057]
National Pig Association (NPA) [FR0058]
J Taylor and Son [FR0059]
Tenant Farmers Association [FR0060]
Dairy UK [FR0061]
National Farmers Union [FR0062]
Ford Partners [FR0063]
Rothamsted Research [FR0064]
Burgate Farms Ltd [FR0065]
CLA [FR0066]
Cranswick Plc [FR0068]

Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [FR0069]
Helmingham Estate Farms [FR0070]
David Black & Son Ltd [FR0071]
Anglian Water Services [FR0072]
Mr Andrew Watts [FR0073]
Nature Friendly Farming Network [FR0074]
The Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology [FR0075]
Cam & Ely Ouse Water Stewardship Business Board, Anglian Water [FR0076]
Mr Robert Avery [FR0077]
AWT Farm Services [FR0078]
F E Doble & Son [FR0079]
South West Water [FR0080]
M.Gibbons and Sons [FR0081]
Wessex Agronomy Services Ltd [FR0082]
G.E.Ward & Son [FR0083]
H L Hutchinson Ltd [FR0084]
Geo E Gittus and Sons Ltd, Symonds Farm Power Limited [FR0085]
CCm Technologies/Sea horse environmental [FR0087]
Agricultural Industries Confederation [FR0090]
Water UK [FR0091]
DEFRA [FR0092]

Fisheries

Correspondence with the Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food, dated 24 December 2021.

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Correspondence with the Minister for Safe and Legal Migration dated 17 and 29 December 2021 and 11 January 2022.

Moving animals across borders

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 16 December 2021.

4. Farming Rules for Water

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Farming Rules for Water, namely: as a partner in R T Parish & Son, a farming business.

Robbie Moore declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Farming Rules for Water, namely: his family's farm and his role in a farm consultancy business.

Julian Sturdy declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Farming Rules for Water, namely: as a partner in G E Sturdy and Son, a farming partnership.

Stuart Coville, Director of Policy, Water UK; George Dunn, Chief Executive, Tenant Farmers Association; and Professor Andrew Neal, Soil Microbiologist, Rothamsted Research, gave oral evidence.

John Leyland, Executive Director, and Kevin Austin, Deputy Director for Agriculture, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 18 January 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Import check readiness.

Resolved, That a member of the International Trade Committee be invited to attend the meetings relating to the UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Draft Special Report (Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition: 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 Sixth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

3. Plastic waste

Professor Andrew Dove, Professor of Chemistry, School of Chemistry, University of Birmingham; Professor Mark Miodownik, Professor of Materials & Society and Head of Plastic Waste Innovation Hub, University College London; Kathy Page, Programme Manager for the Environment, Science Policy Unit, Royal Society of Chemistry; and Professor Rachael Rothman, Professor of Sustainable Chemical Engineering and Co-Director, Grantham Centre for Sustainable Futures, University of Sheffield, gave oral evidence.

Richard Daley, Chief Executive Officer, ReNew ELP; Professor Steven Fletcher, Professor of Ocean Policy and Economy and Director of the Sustainability and the Environment, University of Portsmouth; Jenny Grant, Head of Organics and Natural Capital, Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology (REA); and Professor Michael Shaver, Director of the Sustainable Materials Innovation Hub and Professor of Polymer Science, University of Manchester, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25 January 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee hold a pre-appointment hearing with the proposed Chair of Ofwat.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Edward Hornby [AFTA0002]

British Veterinary Association [AFTA0003]

National Beef Association [AFTA0004]

RSPCA [AFTA0005]

Farming Rules for Water

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Farming, Fisheries and Food dated 24 January 2021

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Lea Valley Growers Association [LS0073]

Fresh Produce Consortium [LS0074]

Focus on Labour Exploitation (FLEX) [LS0075]

British Summer Fruits Limited [LS0076]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman

Ian Byrne

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Julian Sturdy

Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit Birmingham to attend the NFU Annual Conference in a representative capacity.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

Anonymous [AWB0009]

Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Compassion in World Farming [AFTA0006]

Hybu Cig Cymru - Meat Promotion Wales [AFTA0007]

The Humane League UK [AFTA0008]

National Sheep Association [AFTA0009]

Meat & Livestock Australia [AFTA0010]

International Meat Trade Association [AFTA0011]

Farmers' Union of Wales [AFTA0012]

Sustain [AFTA0013]

Dairy UK [AFTA0014]

UK Centre for Animal Law [AFTA0015]

Trade & Animal Welfare Coalition [AFTA0016]

National Farmers' Union [AFTA0017]

WWF-UK [AFTA0018]

Four Paws UK [AFTA0019]

Greener UK [AFTA0020]

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Association of Independent Meat Suppliers [LS0077]

National Pig Association (NPA) [LS0078]

Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers [LS0079]

Dr Roxana Barbulescu, Prof. Carlos Vargas Silva and Dr Bethany Robertson [LS0080]

Horticultural Trades Association [LS0081]

NFU Scotland [LS0082]

Greater Lincolnshire LEP [LS0083]

Provision Trade Federation [LS0084]

British Poultry Council [LS0085]

G's Fresh Ltd [LS0086]

Pro Force [LS0087]

Association of Labour Providers [LS0088]

Plastic waste

ReNew ELP [PW0063]

Tree planting and woodlands

Horticultural Trades Association [TPW0094]

3. Work of the Department

Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Tamara Finkelstein CB, Permanent Secretary, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 1.45 p.m.

Wednesday 2 February 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Kirsty Blackman

Ian Byrne

Barry Gardiner

Geraint Davies

Rosie Duffield

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Fisheries

Victoria Prentis MP, Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food, Defra; Mike Dowell, Deputy Director for EU Fisheries Negotiations and Policy and Colin Faulkner, Deputy Director, External Fisheries Negotiations & Trade Policy, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Geraint Davies
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

West Sussex Growers' Association [LS0089]
Karro Food Group [LS0090]
Cranswick Plc [LS0091]
Anonymous A2 [LS0092]

3. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Peter Hardwick, Trade Policy Advisor, British Meat Processors Association; Neil Shand, Chief Executive Officer, National Beef Association; Phil Stocker, Chief Executive, National Sheep Association; and Nick von Westenholz, Director of International Trade and Business Strategy, National Farmers' Union, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 9.15 a.m.

Wednesday 23 February 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Ian Byrne
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore

Anthony Mangnall also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's resolution of 18 January 2022).

In the absence of the Chair, Barry Gardiner was called to the chair.

1. Future programme

Resolved, That members of the Environmental Audit Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 20 April 2022 relating to the pre-appointment hearing of the Government's preferred candidate for Ofwat Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Joint Fisheries Statement

Correspondence with the Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food dated 15 February 2022

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Correspondence with Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food dated 17 February 2022

Work of the Department

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary dated 14 February 2022
Correspondence with the Chief Scientific Adviser, Defra, dated 16 February 2022

3. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Sarah Baker, Senior Strategic Insight Manager, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board; Professor Louise Manning, Professor of Agri-Food and Supply Chain Security, Royal Agricultural University; and Professor Fiona Smith, Professor of International Economic Law, University of Leeds, gave oral evidence.

Neil Parish resumed the chair.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March at 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 1 March 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Defra and Ofwat Supplementary Estimates 2021-22

Ordered, That the Supplementary Estimates memoranda and annexes relating to Defra and the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) be reported to the House for publication.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

Letter from the Secretary of State regarding the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill, dated 21 February 2022

Australia FTA: Food and Agriculture

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [AFTA0024]

National Farmers Union (NFU) [AFTA0025]

Tate and Lyle [AFTA0026]

Import Check Readiness

The International Meat Trade Association [ICR0001]

Logistics UK [ICR0002]

clearBorder [ICR0003]

Fresh Produce Consortium [ICR0004]

Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority [ICR0005]

Bristol City Council [ICR0006]

National Farmers' Union [ICR0007]

City of London Corporation [ICR0008]

Provision Trade Federation [ICR0009]

Quality Meat Scotland [ICR0010]

British Horse Council [ICR0011]

British Veterinary Association [ICR0012]

National Pig Association [ICR0013]

British Horseracing Authority [ICR0014]

Thoroughbred Industries Brexit Steering Group [ICR0015]

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 21 February 2022 and 3 March 2022

Plastic Waste

REA – The Association for Renewable Energy & Clean Technology [PW0064]

4. Import check readiness

Richard Ballantyne, CEO, British Ports Association; Karen Betts, CEO, Food and Drink Federation; Andrew Opie, Director, British Retail Consortium; and James Russell, Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and David Kennedy, Director-General, Food, Farming and Bio-Security, Defra, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March at 1.00 p.m.

Tuesday 8 March 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair

Ian Byrne

Dr Neil Hudson

Robbie Moore

Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Tree planting and woodlands

Draft Report (Tree planting), 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 Third Report of the Committee, HC 356.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Heartwood Forest, near Sandridge, St Albans, Hertfordshire, in connection with its inquiry into Tree planting and woodlands.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Defra's common frameworks.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Environment Agency.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Rural mental health

Dr Kreseda Smith [MH0005]

Samaritans [MH0012]

Professor Mark Shucksmith; Polly Chapman; Dr Jayne Glass; Dr Jane Atterton [MH0014]

British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy [MH0021]

National Rural Mental Health Forum [MH0022]

Caroline Kamau-Mitchell [MH0025]

Dr Rebecca Wheeler; Professor Matt Loble; Dr Caroline Nye; Dr Peter Aitken [MH0029]

Nuffield Trust [MH0035]

Defra [MH0036]

4. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Orla Delargy, Head of Public Affairs, Sustain; James Russell, Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association; and Anna Sands, Trade Policy Specialist, WWF, gave oral evidence.

Sue Davies MBE, Head of Consumer Rights and Food Policy, Which?; Kate Nicholls OBE, CEO, UKHospitality; and Andrew Opie, Director, British Retail Consortium, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 15 March 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defra Supplementary Estimates

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary, dated 16 March 2022

Joint Fisheries Statement

Correspondence with the Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food, dated 16 March 2022

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Cranswick Plc [LS0071]

Sofina Foods Inc [LS0072]

British Poultry Council [LS0093]

Rural mental health

Dr David Rose; Dr Faye Shortland; Dr Paul Hurley; Dr Jilly Hall; Dr Ruth Little; Dr Caroline Nye; and Professor Matt Lobley [MH0007]

3. Rural mental health

Sarah Hughes, CEO, Centre for Mental Health; Rachel Hutchings, Fellow in Health Policy, The Nuffield Trust; Dr David Rose, Leader of the Change in Agriculture

Group, Reading University; and Dr Rebecca Wheeler, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Rural Policy Research, Exeter University, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 March at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 22 March 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Ian Byrne
Geraint Davies
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Julian Sturdy
Derek Thomas

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Plastic waste

Nihan Temiz Atas, Biodiversity Project Lead, Greenpeace Mediterranean, gave oral evidence.

Jacob Hayler, Executive Director, Environmental Services Association; Megan Randles, Political Campaigner, Greenpeace UK; and Dr Tim Rotheray, Director of ESG and External Affairs, Viridor, gave oral evidence.

Dr Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Director, Forum on Trade, Environment and the Sustainable Development Goals; and George Riddell, Director of Trade Strategy, Ernst & Young LLP, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 March at 1.00 p.m.

Tuesday 29 March 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Kirsty Blackman
Geraint Davies
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray

1. Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

Draft Report (Labour shortages in the food and farming sector), 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 Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 719.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Global Environment Facility.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Marine mammals.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the UK Seafood Fund.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Australia FTA: food and agriculture

Cruelty Free International [AFTA0022]

NFU [AFTA0023]

Fertiliser inflation and food security

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 29 March 2022

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

British Meat Processors Association [LS0095]

4. Australia FTA: food and agriculture

His Excellency, The Honourable George Brandis QC, Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, and Kieran Macdonell, Counsellor (Agriculture, Water and the Environment), Australian High Commission; His Excellency, Mr Bede Corry, New

Zealand High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, and Dr Chris Kebbell, Primary Industries Counsellor, New Zealand High Commission, London, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 April at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 20 April 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Robbie Moore
Mrs Sheryll Murray

Philip Dunne also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's resolution of 23 February 2022).

1. Forward programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit N2 Applied, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defra's Supplementary Estimates

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 29 March 2022

Rural mental health

Robert Killen [MH0001]
Owen Williams [MH0004]
Rural Action Derbyshire [MH0006]
Dr Morris Charlton [MH0008]
The Farming Community Network [MH0009]
The Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust [MH0010]
You Are Not Alone (YANA) [MH0011]
British Association for Shooting and Conservation [MH0013]
Rob Yorke [MH0016]

Administrative Data & Agricultural Research Collection Project Team [MH0017]
National Farmer's Union [MH0028]
Bovine Tuberculosis Partnership for England [MH0030]
Viola King Forbes [MH0032]
The Trails Trust [MH0033]
Centre for Mental Health [MH0037]

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector

British Meat Processors Association [LS0095]

3. Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of Ofwat

Iain Coucher, the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of Ofwat, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of Ofwat*), 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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 1253.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 April at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 26 April 2022

Members present:

Neil Parish, in the Chair
Ian Byrne
Rosie Duffield
Barry Gardiner
Dr Neil Hudson
Mrs Sheryll Murray
Derek Thomas

1. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Australia FTA: Food and Agriculture

Australian High Commission [AFTA0027]

Work of the Department

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [WOD0001]

3. Environment Act 2021

Ordered, That the correspondence relating to the Environment Act 2021 with the Secretary of State, dated 26 April 2022, be reported to the House for publication.

4. Rural Mental Health

Melanie Costas, Founder and CEO, Rural Mental Health Matters; and Barbara Piranty, CEO of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, on behalf of Action with Communities in Rural England, gave oral evidence.

Karen Black, CEO, Off the Record; and Dan Mobbs, Chief Executive, Mancroft Advice Project, gave oral evidence.

Alicia Chivers, Chief Executive, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution; and Dr Jude McCann, CEO, Farming Community Network, gave oral evidence.

Dr Rosie Allister, Manager, Vetlife Helpline; and James Russell, Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 May at 2.00 p.m.

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers

(i) Members of the Committee

Neil Parish

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

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

Family farm in Somerset: (i) and (ii).

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses:

I employ my wife, Susan Parish, as Junior Secretary.

Kirsty Blackman

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 4 January 2022)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Clare Sainsbury

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the payment of legal fees, value £3,492

Date received: 26 February 2021

Date accepted: 26 February 2021

Donor status: individual

(Registered 27 May 2021)

Name of donor: Clare Sainsbury

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the payment of legal fees, value £2,160

Date received: 12 May 2021

Date accepted: 12 May 2021

Donor status: individual

(Registered 27 May 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 5 September 2017, non-executive director (unpaid) of New City Agenda; a not-for-profit think tank aiming to develop ideas and research on financial services policy. (Registered 11 September 2017)

Ian Byrne

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

1. Employment and earnings:

Until further notice, member of Liverpool City Council, Venture Place, Sir Thomas St, L1 6BW. I receive allowances of £882.50 a month for an expected commitment of 40 hrs a month. Allowances donated to charity from January 2020. (Registered 10 January 2020).

8. Miscellaneous:

Member of the management committee, Kitty's Launderette: ecological and community launderette in Anfield. (Registered 10 January 2020).

Member of the management committee, Spirit of Shankly, which promotes the interests of football supporters. (Registered 10 January 2020).

Geraint Davies

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

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).

Dave Doogan

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 12 July 2021)

1. Employment and earnings:

Payments from Savanta ComRes, 3 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7PE, for surveys:

11 May 2020, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

20 May 2020, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

9 June 2020, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

5 August 2020, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

9 September 2020, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

28 October 2020, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

7 December 2020, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone St, London EC1Y 8RT, for surveys:

21 April 2020, received £100. Hours: 1 hr 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2021)

21 April 2020, received a further £100. Hours: 1 hr 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2021)

9 July 2020, received £70. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

31 July 2020, received £100. Hours: 1 hr 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2021)

2021)

11 September 2020, received £100. Hours: 1 hr 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2021)

28 October 2020, received £100. Hours: 1 hr 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2021)

11 December 2020, received £60. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

21 December 2020, received £60. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 12 January 2021)

21 December 2020, received £100. Hours: 1 hr 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2021)

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

9 September 2020, received £250. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 12 January 2021)

18 December 2020, received £200. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 12 January 2021)

8. Miscellaneous:

Councillor, Perth and Kinross Council. From January 2020, I receive no allowances for this role. (Registered 07 January 2020).

Rosie Duffield

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

Nil

Additional declaration: 12 July 2021

1. Employment and earnings

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

24 June 2021, received £110 for April 2021 survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 30 June 2021)

Additional declaration: 23 August 2021

1. Employment and earnings

27 July 2021, received £120 for June 2021 survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 29 July 2021)

Additional declaration: 26 July 2021

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: R&A Championships Ltd

Address of donor: Beach House, Golf Place, St Andrews KY16 9JA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket with lunch to the Open Golf Championship, value £350

Date received: 18 July 2021

Date accepted: 18 July 2021

Donor status: company, registration SC247047
(Registered 22 July 2021)

Barry Gardiner

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

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

Name of donor: Christine Lee & Co

Address of donor: 86 Holloway Head, Birmingham B1 1NB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Researcher for 5 days per week from 28 February 2020 to 30 June 2020, approx. value £11,982

Date received: 28 February 2020 to 30 June 2020

Date accepted: 28 February 2020

Donor status: company, registration 2890577
(Registered 16 July 2020)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: printing of constituency literature (newsletter calendars); estimated cost £3,000

Date received: 20 March 2021

Date accepted: 20 March 2021

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 12 April 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 7 January 2016, unremunerated Director of GLOBE International AISBL, an international non-profit network devoted to legislative leadership on sustainable development and climate change, of 235/2 Avenue des Volontaires, B-1150 Brussels. (Registered 03 February 2016)

From 4 February 2019, Trustee of Climate Parliament, which aims to educate and inform legislators about climate change and policy options for promoting renewable energy. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 28 February 2019)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Caroline Smith, as Constituency Office Manager and Senior Caseworker. (Updated 5 June 2015 and 30 June 2017)

Additional declarations: 20 September 2021

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

Name of donor: NASUWT the Teachers' Union

Address of donor: Hillscourt, Rose Hill, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8RS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 21 July 2021

Date accepted: 25 July 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 September 2021)

This is a late entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 7 January 2022. Paragraph 15 of chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

Name of donor: Unite

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1Z 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 28 July 2021

Date accepted: 4 August 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 September 2021)

This is a late entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 7 January 2022. Paragraph 15 of chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union

Address of donor: 150 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 1RX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 13 August 2021

Date accepted: 20 August 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 September 2021)

Name of donor: Prison Officers Association

Address of donor: Cronin House, Church Street, London N9 9HW

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 9 September 2021

Date accepted: 9 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 September 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 6 July 2021, a Member and Director of Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd, a company limited by guarantee set up to manage financial support for my Private Members Bill campaign. The company is a not for profit company and the position is entirely unpaid. (Registered 10 September 2021) This is a late entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 7 January 2022. Paragraph 15 of chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers.

Additional declaration: 18 October 2021

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

Name of donor: University College Union

Address of donor: Carlow Street, London NW1 7LH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 23 September 2021

Date accepted: 23 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 13 October 2021)

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: 465C Caledonian Road, London N7 9GX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 27 September 2021

Date accepted: 27 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 13 October 2021)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1Z 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Associated with attending Labour Party Conference, accommodation provided for five days, value £1,490

Date received: 25-29 September 2021

Date accepted: 25 September 2021

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 14 October 2021)

Additional declarations: 1 November 2021

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

Name of donor: Transport Salaried Staff Association

Address of donor: 2nd Floor Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4SQ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 14 October 2021
Date accepted: 14 October 2021
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 28 October 2021)

Name of donor: National Education Union
Address of donor: Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 20 October 2021
Date accepted: 20 October 2021
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 28 October 2021)

Additional declarations: 29 November 2021

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

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: £5,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 5 November 2021
Date accepted: 8 November 2021
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 10 November 2021)

Additional declaration: 13 December 2021

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: In my capacity as Co-Chair of the All Party Group on International Conservation, travel and hospitality associated with attending Cop 26 for eight days, value £2,600
Date received: 5-12 November 2021
Date accepted: 5 November 2021
Donor status: other (registered charity)
(Registered 26 November 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 18 November 2021, a Member and Director of Together 2030, a company limited by guarantee. The company is a not for profit company and the position is entirely unpaid. (Registered 02 December 2021)

Additional declaration: 4 January 2022

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and Covid tests, total value £3,114.47

Destination of visit: Washington DC, USA

Dates of visit: 7-10 December 2021

Purpose of visit: Attending ICCF events in my capacity as Co-Chair of the All Party Group on International Conservation.

(Registered 20 December 2021)

Additional declarations: 14 March 2022

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

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the services of a Parliamentary Caseworker from 31 October 2021 to 4 February 2022, value £6,592

Date received: 31 October 2021 to 4 February 2022

Date accepted: 31 October 2021

Donor status: company, registration 07046518

(Registered 10 November 2021; updated 03 March 2022)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 5 March 2022

Date accepted: 5 March 2022

Donor status: company, registration 07046518

(Registered 16 March 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flight and accommodation, total value £2,127.60
Destination of visit: La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica
Dates of visit: 10-20 February 2022
Purpose of visit: Attending the ICCF Conference on policy coherence and political consistency on the environment in my capacity as Co-Chair of the All Party Group on International Conservation.
(Registered 08 March 2022)

Additional declaration: 3 May 2022

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

Name of donor: Democracy Forum
Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd
Date received: 12 April 2022
Date accepted: 12 April 2022
Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 03 May 2022)

Additional declaration: 4 January 2022

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
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(Registered 20 December 2021)
Additional declaration: 14 March 2022

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(Registered 08 March 2022)

Additional declaration: 3 May 2022

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

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd

Date received: 12 April 2022

Date accepted: 12 April 2022

Donor status: company, registration 07046518

(Registered 03 May 2022)

Dr Neil Hudson

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

1. Employment and earnings:

Payment of £900 expected from DMG Media Ltd/Associated Newspapers Ltd, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry St, Kensington, London W8 5TT, for an article written for the Mail on Sunday on 28 June 2020. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 21 July 2020)

Payment of £200 expected from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey completed on 30 November 2020. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 02 December 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

From 1 January 2020, on unpaid sabbatical leave as a senior lecturer from the University of Edinburgh. (Registered 07 January 2020)

Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. (Registered 07 January 2020)

Member of the British Equine Veterinary Association. (Registered 07 January 2020)

From 27 April 2021, Member of the British Horseracing Authority Whip Review Steering Group (2021/22). This is an unpaid role. (Registered 27 April 2021)

Robbie Moore

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

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

House in Northumberland: (i). (Registered 09 January 2020)

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

Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; consultants and rural surveyors. This is the umbrella company of Brockthorpe Consultancy RM. (Registered 09 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid director of Brockthorpe Consultancy Ltd; consultants and rural surveyors. This is the umbrella company of Brockthorpe Consultancy RM. (Registered 09 January 2020)

Additional declaration: 23 August 2021

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

Name of donor: IX Wireless Limited

Address of donor: 4 Lockside Office Park Lockside Road Riversway Preston PR2 2YS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 for constituency campaigning activities

Date received: 5 July 2021

Date accepted: 30 July 2021

Donor status: company, registration 11008144
(Registered 02 August 2021)

Mrs Sheryll Murray

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

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

Name of donor: Andrew Willoughby

Address of donor: private

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

Donor status: individual

(Registered 25 January 2021)

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

House in South East Cornwall. The property is owned by a trust of which I am a beneficiary: (i) and (ii). (Registered 06 January 2012)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my partner, Mr Robert Davidson, as Office Manager.

Additional declarations: 1 November 2021

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Honorary Consulate for the Republic of San Marino

Address of donor: Baird House, 15-17 St Cross St, London EC1N 8UW

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights for me and accommodation, domestic travel and meals for me and a member of staff to the value of £3,110

Destination of visit: Italy and San Marino

Dates of visit: 8-15 October 2021

Purpose of visit: San Marino APPG visit to strengthen bilateral relations.

(Registered 26 October 2021)

Name of donor: (1) Lockheed Martin UK Ltd (2) CAE U.K. plc

Address of donor: (1) Cunard House, 15 Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR (2) Innovation Drive, Burgess Hill RH15 9TW

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) domestic transport and meals for me and a member of staff to the value of £264 (2) domestic transport and meals for me and a member of staff to the value of £264

Destination of visit: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dates of visit: 28 September - 1 October 2021

Purpose of visit: Parliamentary delegation with the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Armed Forces to meet current politicians from Bosnia and Herzegovina and to learn about the Bosnian War.

(Registered 28 October 2021)

Julian Sturdy

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

1. Employment and earnings

I am a partner in G E Sturdy and Son; a farming partnership. Address: Westgate Farm, North Deighton, Wetherby, LS22 4EN. I provide administrative support for the partnership, as well as doing some buying and selling at certain times. Until further notice, I will receive £500 per month. Hours: no more than 4 hours a week. (Updated 9 December 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Victoria Sturdy, as part time Secretary. (Registered 04 June 2015)

Derek Thomas

Register of Members' Financial Interests (as at 26 April 2021)

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

Name of donor: The Methodist Church

Address of donor: 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: services of a voluntary intern for two days a week in my parliamentary office. The intern will receive a bursary per month as a member of the Methodist Church's ONE Intern Programme, amounting to £9,167 in total.

Date received: 21 September 2020 to 30 July 2021

Date accepted: 21 September 2020

Donor status: charity; other

(Registered 24 September 2020)

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

From 4 October 2017, house and adjacent retail outlet in West Cornwall, owned jointly with my wife: (i). (Registered 30 October 2017)

8. Miscellaneous

Sole Trader, Derek Thomas Building Services, not currently engaged in trading. (Registered 05 June 2015)

Since December 2015, an interest below registrable value in Mustard Seed Property Ltd, a community benefit society which provides housing in Cornwall for vulnerable people. (Registered 19 October 2016)

Additional declarations: 15 November 2021

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

Name of donor: The Methodist Church

Address of donor: 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Services of a voluntary intern for two and a half days a week in my parliamentary office. The intern will receive a bursary of £962.50 per month, total value £9,625
Date received: 27 September 2021 to 22 July 2022
Date accepted: 27 September 2021
Donor status: unincorporated association
(Registered 09 November 2021)

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

From 4 October 2017, house and adjacent retail outlet in West Cornwall, owned jointly with my wife who receives the rental income: (i) and, from 1 May 2021, (ii). (Registered 30 October 2017; updated 03 November 2021)

8. Miscellaneous

From 21 May 2019, Trustee and founding member of the Cornwall Sport Foundation. (Registered 03 November 2021)

(ii) Specialist Advisers

Alex Carson-Taylor

Specialist Adviser for the inquiries relating to trade and associated matters, declared the following interests:

Member of the Shropshire Committee, Country Land and Business Association

Additional declaration: October 2021

Chair of Shropshire Hill Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership

Emily Lydgate

Specialist Adviser for the inquiries relating to trade and associated matters, declared the following interests:

Co-own a small family farm, Lydgate Farms, in the state of Hawaii in the US. We do not export internationally (nor plan to).

I have advised on, and co-produced publications with, NGOs: Sustain and Pesticide Action Network and the Future British Standards Coalition.

Provided training to UK civil servants on trade matters, including courses delivered for Defra, FCDO, DIT, BEIS and the Welsh Government.