



Formal Minutes of the Scottish Affairs Committee in Session 2021–22

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They include:

1. the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
2. declarations of members' interests;
3. details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
4. 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
5. visits made by the Committee.

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

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

Thursday 13 May 2021

Virtual meeting¹

Members present²

Pete Wishart, in the Chair³

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. COP26

Resolved, That Deidre Brock attend the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee on 18 May 2021 relating to scrutiny of COP26, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Declaration of interests

Sally-Ann Hart declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's work on Hospitality and Scotland as Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Hospitality and Tourism.

3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund:

Rural Policy Centre, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) [SPF0025]

Welfare policy in Scotland:

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, and the Minister for Welfare Delivery, Department for Work and Pensions, dated 22 April 2021.

4. Renewable energy in Scotland

Ordered, That Professor David Ingram be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Renewable energy in Scotland. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

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

³ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [27 January 2020].

5. Universities and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Secretary of State for Scotland

Rt Hon Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Scotland), and Laurence Rockey, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 May at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 19 May 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Fisheries and Scotland:

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland, dated 13 May 2021.

Financial Scrutiny:

Written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General Main Estimate Memorandum 2021-22, submitted by the Scotland Office.

Renewable energy in Scotland:

Scottish Renewables [RES0002]

Ofgem [RES0003]

Hitachi ABB Power Grids [RES0004]

Unite the Union Scotland [RES0005]

Baker Hughes [RES0006]

European Marine Energy Centre Ltd (EMEC) [RES0007]

Ryse Hydrogen and Wrightbus [RES0008]

EDF Renewables [RES0009]

RES Group [RES0010]

British Hydropower Association [RES0011]

RWE [RES0012]

Drax Group [RES0013]

Highlands and Islands Enterprise [RES0014]

ScottishPower [RES0015]

SGN [RES0016]

OGUK [RES0018]

Solar Energy Scotland [RES0019]

Nova Innovation Ltd [RES0020]

The Dunlop Review and the UK Government's union capability:

Written evidence relating to the Dunlop Review and the UK Government's union capability submitted by the Cabinet Office.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Renewable energy in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC), Orkney, Scotland, in connection with its inquiry into Renewable energy in Scotland.

4. Universities and Scotland

Draft Report (*Universities and Scotland*), 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 54.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 20 May at 1.20 p.m.

Thursday 20 May 2021

Virtual meeting

The Committee met concurrently with the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs, Northern Ireland Affairs and Welsh Affairs Committees

Members present:

Andrew Bowie
Wendy Chamberlain
Pete Wishart

The following members of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A).

Mr William Wragg
Jackie Doyle-Price
David Mundell
Karin Smith

The following members of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A).

Simon Hoare
Fay Jones
Ian Paisley

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

Geraint Davies
Robin Millar
Ben Lake

Mr William Wragg was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. The Dunlop Review and the UK Government's union capability

The Committees considered this matter.

The Lord Dunlop gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, and Sue Gray, Second Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 27 May at 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 27 May 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Secretary of State for Scotland:

Correspondence with the Director of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, dated 24 May 2021.

Renewable energy in Scotland:

Simply Blue Energy [RES0017]

UK Marine Energy Council [RES0021]

Independent Renewable Energy Generators Group [RES0022]

The Royal Society of Edinburgh [RES0023]

Red Rock Power Ltd [RES0024]

2. Secretary of State for Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee request further written evidence from the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

3. Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Keith Bell, UK Energy Research Centre Co-Director, University of Strathclyde, Professor Karen Turner, Director, Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde, and Neil Douglas, Director, BVG Associates, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 10 June at 11 a.m.

Thursday 10 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Renewable energy in Scotland:

UK Energy Research Centre (supplementary) UK Marine Energy Council [RES0025]

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy [RES0026]

Renewable Infrastructure Development Group [RES0027]

2. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Universities and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Public service broadcasting.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 17 June at 9 a.m.

Thursday 17 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. COP26

Resolved, That Sally-Ann Hart attend the meeting of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee on 23 June 2021 relating to scrutiny of COP26, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Welfare policy in Scotland

Draft Report (*Welfare policy in Scotland*), 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 55.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive, Scottish Renewables, Matthieu Hue, Chief Executive Officer, EDF Renewables, and Lucy Whitford, Managing Director for UK & Ireland, RES, gave oral evidence.

Steven McMahon, Deputy Director, Electricity Distribution and Cross Sector Policy, Ofgem, and Bless Kuri, Head of System Planning, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 June at 9 a.m.

Wednesday 23 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

Alan Brown, Felicity Buchan, Barry Gardiner, Darren Jones, Chris Law, Stewart Malcolm McDonald, Carol Monaghan, Charlotte Nichols, Neil Parish and Alison Thewlis also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Resolution of 18 March).

1. Committee on COP26: Preparing for a successful conference

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, UK International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency and Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Ros Eales, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr John Murton, UK COP26 Envoy, COP26 Unit, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 28 June at 1.15 p.m.

Monday 28 June 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Secretary of State for Scotland:

Correspondence with the Director of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland relating to oral evidence on 13 May, dated 16 and 17 June 2021.

2. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Neil Kermode, Managing Director, European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC), and Chris Milne, Chief Financial Officer, Orbital Marine Power, gave oral evidence.

Dr Gareth Davies, Managing Director, Aquatera, and Steven Bruce, Project Officer (ReFLEX), Orkney Islands Council, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 5 July at 2 p.m.

Monday 5 July 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Renewable energy in Scotland:

Ofgem [RES0028]

EDF Renewables UK [RES0029]

SSEN Transmission [RES0030]

RES Group [RES0031]

Jim Leitch [RES0032]

European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) Ltd [RES0033]

Mocean Energy [RES0034]

Orkney Islands Council [RES0035]

Aquatera Ltd [RES0036]

Community Energy Scotland [RES0037]

Note of visit to Orkney (27-28 June 2021)

Subsidy Control Bill:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, dated 30 June 2021.

2. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (*The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Scotland*), 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 52.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), and Bob MacGregor, National Officer, Unite the Union Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 12 July at 3 p.m.

Monday 12 July 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Renewable energy in Scotland:

Professor David Ingram [RES0038]

Scottish Government [RES0039]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Airports in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Defence in Scotland.

3. COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Glasgow, Scotland.

4. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, UK International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency and Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, and John Waldron, Policy Lead for Renewable Electricity Futures, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 July at 9.15 a.m.

Tuesday 20 July 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Renewable energy in Scotland:

Scottish Renewables [RES0040]

Correspondence with the Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, dated 13 and 15 July 2021

Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland Outcome Delivery Plan:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Scotland, dated 16 July 2021

2. Renewable energy in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Public broadcasting in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

John Lamont declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Public broadcasting in Scotland as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and withdrew.

Andrew Bowie declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Public broadcasting in Scotland as Vice-Chair of the BBC All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Deidre Brock declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Public broadcasting in Scotland as Vice-Chair of the BBC All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Douglas Ross declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Public broadcasting in Scotland as a party leader during the Scottish Parliament election in May 2021.

Steve Carson, Director, Gary Smith, Head of News and Current Affairs, and Louise Thornton, Head of Multiplatform Commission, BBC Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 6 September at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 6 September 2021

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Committee on COP26: Preparing for a successful conference:

Correspondence with the COP26 President and the UK International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency, dated 8 and 21 July 2021

2. Airports in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Scotland, in connection with its inquiry into Airports in Scotland.

3. City Region and Growth Deals

The Committee considered this matter.

Calum Iain MacIver, Director for Communities, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council), Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council, Councillor Elaine Murray, Leader, Dumfries and Galloway Council, and Councillor Glen Sanderson, Leader, Northumberland County Council, gave oral evidence.

Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and Lesley Jackson, City Region and Growth Deals Policy Manager, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Scotland), and Kris Krasnowski, Deputy Director for Policy Delivery and Relationship Management, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 13 September at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 13 September 2021

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

City Region and Growth Deals:

Correspondence with the Chief Executive of the James Hutton Institute, dated 6 September 2021

Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, Scottish Government, dated 7, 8 and 9 September 2021

2. Renewable energy in Scotland

Draft Report (*Renewable energy in Scotland*), 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 51.

3. City Region and Growth Deals

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 20 September at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 20 September 2021

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Jon Cruddas

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with the Director of BBC Scotland, dated 15 September 2021

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Public broadcasting in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Alex Mahon, Chief Executive Officer, and Deborah Dunnett, Commissioning Editor, Channel 4, gave oral evidence.

Alan Clements, Managing Director, Two Rivers Media, Nicole Kleeman, Managing Director, Firecrest Films, and Jane Muirhead, Managing Director, Raise the Roof Productions, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 18 October at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 25 October 2021

The Committee met at The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Jon Cruddas

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

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1. Evidence reported for publication

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

City Region and Growth Deals:

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland, dated 27 September 2021

Second quarterly report on Intergovernmental Relations:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 21 October 2021

Virgin Money branch closures:

Correspondence with Unite the Union, dated 1 October 2021

2. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Scotland

Draft Special Report (*The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2021-22*), 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 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. Defence in Scotland

Ordered, That Dr Andrew Corbett be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Defence in Scotland. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on Access to cash.

5. COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow

The Committee considered this matter.

Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader, and Colin Edgar, Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships, Glasgow City Council, Janice Fisher, Joint Chair, Greater Glasgow Hotel Association, and Dr Kat Jones, COP26 Project Manager, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 15 November at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 15 November 2021

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

2021 Spending Review:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Scotland, dated 20 September and 26 October 2021

COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow:

Correspondence with Glasgow City Council, dated 28 October 2021

Defence in Scotland:

Forces in Mind Trust [DIS0001]

ADS Group Ltd [DIS0002]

Thales [DIS0005]

Hamish Mitchell [DIS0006]

BAE Systems plc [DIS0007]

Babcock International Group [DIS0008]

Fife Council [DIS0009]

Professor Trevor Taylor, RUSI [DIS0010]

Midlothian Council [DIS0011]

SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity [DIS0012]

Argyll and Bute Council [DIS0013]

Ministry of Defence [DIS0014]

First Minister of Scotland:

Correspondence with the First Minister of Scotland, dated 1 November 2021

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with Channel 4, dated 28 October 2021

2. Welfare policy in Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Welfare policy in Scotland: UK and Scottish Government Responses to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2021-22*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

3. Defence in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Moray, Scotland, in connection with its inquiry into Defence in Scotland.

4. Public broadcasting in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

John Lamont declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Public broadcasting in Scotland as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and withdrew.

Simon Pitts, Chief Executive, and Bobby Hain, Managing Director, Broadcasting, STV, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 November at 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 16 November 2021

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair
Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Airports in Scotland:

Loganair Limited [AIS0001]
Scotia Seaplanes Ltd [AIS0002]
Strathaven Airfield Ltd [AIS0003]
Airspace Change Organising Group [AIS0004]
Airport Operators Association [AIS0005]
Edinburgh Airport [AIS0006]
Ian Archer [AIS0007]
NATS [AIS0008]
The UK Regional and Business Airports (RABA) Group [AIS0010]
UK Civil Aviation Authority [AIS0011]
AGS Airports [AIS0012]
Scottish Chambers of Commerce [AIS0013]
Department for Transport [AIS0014]
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) [AIS0015]
Highlands and Islands Airports Limited [AIS0016]

Labour shortages:

UKHospitality Scotland [LAS0001]

2. Airports in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Labour shortages

The Committee considered this matter.

Martin Reid, Director of Scotland and Northern Ireland, Road Haulage Association, Stephen Montgomery, Chair and Spokesperson, Scottish Hospitality Group, and David Michie, Policy Manager, Crops, National Farmers Union of Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 22 November at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 22 November 2021

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

1. Renewable energy in Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Renewable energy in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2021-22*), proposed by the Chair, brought 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 Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

2. Hospitality and Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit The Macallan Distillery, Moray, Scotland, in connection with its inquiry into Hospitality and Scotland.¹

3. COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Airports in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Karen Dee, Chief Executive, Airports Operators Association (AOA), gave oral evidence.

Dave Curtis, Director of Future Airspace and Operations, NATS, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 6 December at 2.30 p.m.

¹ The visit to The Macallan Distillery was cancelled due to Storm Arwen

Sunday 28 November – Monday 29 November

The Chair, Deidre Brock, Wendy Chamberlain, Sally-Ann Hart and Douglas Ross visited Moray, Scotland, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Defence in Scotland, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 November 2021.

Monday 6 December 2021

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair
Deidre Brock
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Airports in Scotland:

Airport Operators Association [AIS0017]

Labour shortages:

National Farmers Union of Scotland [LAS0002]

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with STV, dated 22 November 2021

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on COP26 legacy for Glasgow.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on Storm Arwen.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Hydrogen and CCUS.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Scotland in connection with its inquiry into Labour shortages.

3. Secretary of State for Scotland 6 December 2021

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Iain Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Scotland), Lord Offord of Garvel, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Laurence Rokeby, Director, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 10 January at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 10 January 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Airports in Scotland:

NATS [AIS0018]

NATS [AIS0019]

Defence in Scotland:

Scottish Government [DIS0015]

Future oil and gas licensing:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate, dated 20 December 2021

Third quarterly report on Intergovernmental Relations:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 14 December 2021

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with BBC Scotland, dated 16 December 2021

Renewable energy in Scotland:

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate, dated 7 December 2021 and 5 January 2022

2. Airports in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Brian McClean, Director of Communications and Sustainability, AGS Airports Limited, Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Airport, and Inglis Lyon, Managing Director, Highlands and Islands Airports Limited, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 17 January at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 17 January 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart
Mhairi Black
Deidre Brock
Wendy Chamberlain
Alberto Costa
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

In the absence of the Chair, Douglas Ross was called to the Chair.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Access to cash:

Correspondence with Cardtronics Division, dated 10 January 2022

Airports in Scotland:

VisitScotland [AIS0020]

2. Access to cash in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Richard Piggin, Head of External Affairs and Campaigns, Which?, and Debbie Hutchings, Regional Officer, Unite the Union, gave oral evidence.

Pete Wishart resumed the Chair.

Richard Cooper, Executive Director – Marketing, Cardtronics, David Postings, Chief Executive, UK Finance, and Adrian Roberts, Chief Commercial Officer, LINK, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 January at 10.10 a.m.

Tuesday 18 January 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Storm Arwen

The Committee considered this matter.

Jim Savege, Chief Executive, Aberdeenshire Council, Mark Rough, Director of Customer Operations, SSEN, Peter Farrer, Chief Operating Officer, Scottish Water, and Guy Jefferson, Chief Operating Officer, Scottish Power Energy Networks, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Secretary of State, and Mark Prouse, Deputy Director, Energy Development and Resilience Department, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 24 January at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 24 January 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Airports in Scotland:

Scottish Government [AIS0022]

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited [AIS0023]

Review of Intergovernmental Relations:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 19 January 2022

2. Union Connectivity Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Sir Peter Hendy CBE, Chair, Union Connectivity Review, and Chair of Network Rail, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 31 January at 2 p.m.

Monday 31 January 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Access to cash:

Correspondence with OneBanks, dated 25 January 2022

Storm Arwen:

Correspondence with Aberdeenshire Council, dated 24 January 2022

Correspondence with SSEN, dated 25 January 2022

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, dated 27 January 2022

2. Defence in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Trevor Taylor, Director of the Defence, Industries and Society Programme, RUSI, and Professor Phillips O'Brien, Professor of Strategic Studies, University of St Andrews, gave oral evidence.

Maria Lyle, Director, Royal Air Force Families Federation, Lieutenant General (retd) Sir Andrew Gregory KBE CB DL, Chief Executive, SSAFA, Collette Musgrave, Chief Executive, Army Families Federation, and Sarah Clewes, Chief Executive Officer, Naval Families Federation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 February at 2.40 p.m.

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Airports in Scotland:

Correspondence with Highlands and Islands Airports Limited, dated 18 and 25 January 2022

2. Airports in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Robert Courts MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 7 February at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 7 February 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Welfare policy in Scotland:

Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, and the Minister for Welfare Delivery, dated 22 November 2021 and 27 January 2022

2. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Ordered, That Dr Katriona Edlmann be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Access to cash in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Martin Kearsley, Banking Director, Post Office, gave oral evidence.

Fergus Murphy, Group Chief Customer Experience Officer, Virgin Money UK, Reza Attar-Zadeh, Head of Customer Interactions, Santander UK, Carol Anderson, Branch Banking Director, TSB, and Ricky Diggins, Community Bank Business Delivery Director, Lloyds Banking Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 21 February at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 21 February 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart
Mhairi Black
Andrew Bowie
Deidre Brock
Alberto Costa
Sally-Ann Hart
John Lamont
Douglas Ross

In the absence of the Chair, John Lamont was called to the Chair.

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Defence in Scotland:

Army Families Federation [DIS0016]
RAF Families Federation [DIS0017]

Universities and Scotland:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 21 February 2022

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with The Hampden Collection, dated 11 February 2022

Storm Arwen:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, dated 9 February 2022
Correspondence with SP Energy Networks, dated 9 February 2022
Correspondence with Aberdeenshire Council, dated 14 February 2022
Correspondence with Scottish Water, dated 14 February 2022
Correspondence with SSEN, dated 15 February 2022

2. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

Resolved, That the Committee visit Germany in June 2022 in connection with its inquiry into Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Defence in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Pete Wishart resumed the Chair.

John Howie MBE, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Babcock, Oliver Waghorn, Head of Government Relations, BAE Systems, and Stephen McCann, Managing Director, Optronics, Thales, gave oral evidence.

Kevin Craven, Chief Executive Officer, ADS Group, Dr Hina Khan, Senior Project Manager, Spire Global UK Limited, Dr Suzanne Costello, Chief Operating Officer, MCS Limited, and Jamie Mincher, Chief Executive Officer, Glenalmond Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 7 March at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 28 February 2022

The Chair, Mhairi Black, Andrew Bowie, Deidre Brock, Wendy Chamberlain, and Douglas Ross visited Perthshire, Scotland, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Labour shortages, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 December 2022.

Monday 7 March 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Alberto Costa

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Access to cash in Scotland:

Correspondence with TSB, dated 28 February 2022

Defence in Scotland:

ADS Group [DIS0018]

Boeing [DIS0019]

Financial Scrutiny:

Written evidence relating to the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General
Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2021-22, submitted by the Scotland Office

Labour shortages:

Note of visit to Perthshire (28 February 2022)

Universities and Scotland:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 4 March 2022

2. Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Fife in connection with its inquiry into Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland.

3. Defence in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Councillor Rod Cavanagh, Armed Forces and Veterans Community Champion, Fife Council, Provost Peter Smail, Midlothian Councillor and Her Majesty's Forces Champion, Midlothian Council,

Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development, Argyll and Bute Council, and Rhona Gunn, Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance), Moray Council, gave oral evidence.

Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, Kevin McGowan, Head of Defence Policy Unit, Rory McGregor, Manufacturing Policy Advisor, Scottish Government, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 14 March at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 14 March 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Deidre Brock

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

City region and Growth Deals:

Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, Scottish Government, dated 1 February and 9 March 2022

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland:

British Geological Survey [HCC0001]

Assystem Energy & Infrastructure [HCC0002]

NECCUS [HCC0003]

Jochen Bard, Tom Baxter, David Cebon, Paul Martin, Bernard van Dijk [HCC0004]

Peel L&P [HCC0005]

RWE Generation [HCC0006]

Scottish Renewables [HCC0007]

SGN [HCC0008]

MCS Charitable Foundation [HCC0009]

Shetland Island Council [HCC0010]

2. Public broadcasting in Scotland

Deidre Brock declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Public broadcasting in Scotland as a member of the BBC All-Party Parliamentary Group.

The Committee considered this matter.

Ali Law, Director of Policy, Sky, and Jonathan Levy, Director of Newsgathering and Operations, Sky News, gave oral evidence.

Chris Bird, Managing Director, Prime Video UK, Amazon Prime Video, Georgia Brown, Director, European Prime Original Series, Amazon Studios, Anne Mensah, Vice President, Original Series, Netflix, and Benjamin King, Director, Public Policy UK, Netflix, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March at 10 a.m.

Tuesday 15 March 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

John Lamont

1. Airports in Scotland

Draft Report (Airports in Scotland), 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 601.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 21 March at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 21 March 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Andrew Bowie

Deidre Brock

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland:

Wood Plc [HCC0011]

Rebecca Bell [HCC0012]

National Manufacturing Institute [HCC0013]

Alstom UK and Ireland [HCC0014]

Scottish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association [HCC0015]

Hydrogen UK [HCC0016]

Comhairle nan EileanSiar [HCC0017]

ScottishPower [HCC0018]

Net Zero Technology Centre [HCC0019]

UK H2Mobility [HCC0020]

National Grid Electricity System Operator [HCC0021]

OPITO [HCC0022]

OEUK [HCC0023]

Mineral Products Association Scotland [HCC0024]

Storegga, Scottish Cluster [HCC0025]

Aberdeen City Council [HCC0026]

Labour shortages:

Correspondence with the Minister for Safe and Legal Migration, dated 17 March 2022

2. Defence in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Trevor Taylor be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Defence in Scotland. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

Rt Hon Baroness Goldie DL, Minister of State, Sherin Aminossehe, Director of Infrastructure, David Brewer, Chief Operating Officer, Defence Infrastructure Organisation, and Damian Parmenter CBE, Director, General Strategy and International, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 25 April at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 25 April 2022

Members present:

Pete Wishart, in the Chair

Mhairi Black

Wendy Chamberlain

Sally-Ann Hart

John Lamont

Douglas Ross

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland:

SSE [HCC0027]

GMB Scotland [HCC028]

Scottish Carbon Capture & Storage [HCC0029]

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult [HCC0030]

PlusZero [HCC0031]

Carbon Engineering [HCC032]

ETZ Ltd [HCC0033]

Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde [HCC0034]

BP [HCC0036]

ZeroAvia [HCC0037]

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy [HCC0038]

European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) Ltd [HCC0039]

AMP Clean Energy [HCC0040]

Forth Ports Group [HCC0041]

Scottish Government [HCC0042]

Shell [HCC0043]

Royal Society of Edinburgh [HCC0044]

Intergovernmental Relations:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, dated 31 March 2022

Labour shortages:

Correspondence with the Minister for Safe and Legal Migration, dated 31 March 2022

Public broadcasting in Scotland:

Correspondence with Sky, dated 8 April 2022

Universities and Scotland:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Scotland, dated 25 April 2022

2. Universities and Scotland

Draft Special Report (*Universities and Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2021-22*), 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 Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

3. Defence in Scotland

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland, in connection with its inquiry into Defence in Scotland.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 16 May at 1.15 p.m.

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

(i) Members of the Committee

Declarations of Members' interests made at the first meeting of the Parliament can be found in the Formal Minutes of Session 2019-21.

(ii) Specialist Advisers

Professor David Ingram

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Renewable energy in Scotland, declared the following interests:

13 May 2021:

1. Shareholder in EnerOcean S.L. a Spanish engineering company developing the W2Power floating offshore wind platform.
2. Company director of the dormant Scottish company W2Power Ltd (SC378425).

Dr Andrew Corbett

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Defence in Scotland, declared the following interests:

25 October 2021:

None

Dr Katriona Edlmann

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland, declared the following interests:

7 February 2022:

1. Funded academic projects on hydrogen and CO2 storage with research funding from EPSRC, EU Horizon 2020 and SGN
2. I am an academic advisor for Hydroquinone Capital Ltd
3. I serve as the Energy Technology Partnership (ETP) Deputy Hydrogen Strategic Theme Champion
4. I am a member of the Gas Goes Green Academic Challenge Forum

Professor Trevor Taylor

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Defence in Scotland, declared the following interests:

21 March 2022:

1. One of our daughters is employed by BAE Systems, but not in a section that deals with either Defence or Scotland
2. BAE Systems supports my programme at RUSI and I have given private advice to Babcock International, which is also a RUSI corporate member, but not about the shipbuilding business.
3. I have no financial stake in any defence firm.