



House of Commons
Select Committee on Public
Administration

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2012-13

Formal Minutes of the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2012-13

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Charlie Elphicke
Kelvin Hopkins
Greg Mulholland

Priti Patel
Lyndsay Roy

1. Declaration of Interests

Kelvin Hopkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the Honours system, as a member of Republic.

2. Public Appointments: regulation, recruitment and pay

Draft Special Report (*Public Appointments: regulation, recruitment and pay: Government Response to Committee's Fourteenth Report of Session 2010-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Session 2010-12 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. The Honours System

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Honours system be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HS 31 Dame Jane Trotter
HS 32 John Lidstone
HS 33 S J Warrilow
HS 34 The Prime Minister
HS 35 Sir Bob Kerslake

4. Appointment of the new Chair of the Charity Commission

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Civil Service Reform and Principles of Good Governance

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

7. The Honours System

Lord Digby Jones, a Member of the House of Lords, and The Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP; Graham Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Republic, and John Lidstone, commentator on the honours system, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 May at 10.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon

Kelvin Hopkins

Priti Patel

Lyndsay Roy

1. Honours System

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Honours System be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HS 36 Cabinet Office

HS 37 Additional evidence from the Association of Lords Lieutenants

2. Big Society

Draft Further Report (*Big Society: Further Report, with the Government's Response to the Committee's Seventeenth Report of Session 2010–12*), 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 in the First Report from the Committee, HC 98.

3. Business Appointments Rules

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Business Appointments Rules be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BA 08 Supplementary evidence from the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments

4. Oversight of Administrative Justice

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The Honours System

Sir Bob Kerslake, Chair of the Honours Committee, Dame Mary Marsh CBE, Chair of the State Honours Committee, Sir John Parker, Chair of the Economy Honours Committee, and Richard Tilbrook, Head of the Honours and Appointments Secretary, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 May at 9.15 a.m.]

THURSDAY 24 MAY 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns
Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon
Kelvin Hopkins

1. Work of the Cabinet Secretary

Sir Jeremy Heywood, Cabinet Secretary, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 June at 10.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Paul Flynn
David Heyes

Greg Mulholland
Priti Patel

1. Special Advisers

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Special Advisers be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SPAD 01	Professor David Richards, Professor Martin Smith and Mr Patrick Diamond
SPAD 02	Lord Butler of Brockwell
SPAD 03	Committee on Standards in Public Life
SPAD 04	Civil Service Commission
SPAD 05	Professor Francesca Gains and Professor Gerry Stoker
SPAD 06	Simon Cramp
SPAD 07	Michael Jacobs
SPAD 08	Democratic Audit
SPAD 09	Constitution Unit
SPAD 10	Institute for Government
SPAD 11	The Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP

2. The Honours System

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Honours System be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HS 38	Lord Spicer
HS 39	Welsh Government
HS 40	CP Johnstone

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Special Advisers

James O'Shaughnessy, Michael Jacobs, and Duncan Brack; Dr Andrew Blick, Democratic Audit, Zoe Gruhn, Institute for Government, and Professor Martin Smith, University of Sheffield, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 June at 4.30p.m.]

MONDAY 18 JUNE 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns	Robert Halfon
Paul Flynn	Greg Mulholland
Kelvin Hopkins	Priti Patel

1. Leadership of change

Draft Special Report (*Leadership of change: new arrangements for the roles of the Head of the Civil Service and the Cabinet Secretary: Further Report: Government Response to the Committee's Twenty-Third Report of Session 2010–12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Twenty-Third Report of the Committee of Session 2010–12 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.

2. Statistics

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into statistics.

Resolved, That the Committee seek evidence on the operation of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Special Advisers

The Rt Hon Francis Maude MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office, and Sue Gray, Head of Propriety and Ethics, Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 June at 10.00a.m]

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Kelvin Hopkins

Greg Mulholland

David Heyes

Lindsay Roy

1. Special Advisers

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Special Advisers be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SPAD 12 Steve Bates

2. Financial Scrutiny

Ordered, That the Estimate Memorandum 2012–13 for the Cabinet Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Charities

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Role of the Head of the Civil Service: six months on

Sir Bob Kerslake, Head of the Civil Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 3 July at 9.45 a.m.]

TUESDAY 3 JULY 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Charlie Elphicke

Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon

David Heyes

Greg Mulholland

Lindsay Roy

1. Honours system

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Honours System be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HS 41 John Lidstone

2. Ministerial Code

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Committee working methods

The Committee considered paperless working.

4. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into open source policy making later in the year.

5. Work of the Charity Commission

Dame Suzi Leather, Chair of the Charity Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 10 July at 9.45 a.m.]

TUESDAY 10 JULY 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Kelvin Hopkins

Paul Flynn

Greg Mulholland

Robert Halfon

Lindsay Roy

David Heyes

1. Honours system

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Procurement

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its inquiry into Procurement.

3. Government Lead Non-Executives: Annual Report 2011–12

Lord Browne of Madingley, a Member of the House of Lords, Government Lead Non-Executive, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 17 July at 9.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 17 JULY 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns	Kelvin Hopkins
Charlie Elphicke	Greg Mulholland
Paul Flynn	Priti Patel
Robert Halfon	

1. Business Appointment Rules

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Business Appointment Rules be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BA 09 Cabinet Office supplementary evidence

Draft Report (*Business Appointment Rules*), 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 404.

2. The honours system

Draft Report (*The Honours System*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was amended and agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 19.

3. Special Advisers

The Committee considered the matter.

4. Role of the Head of the Civil Service: six months on

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Role of the Head of the Civil Service: six months on be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

HCS 01 Sir Bob Kerslake

5. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act

Ordered, That the call for evidence for this Inquiry be published.

6. Civil Service Capability

Ordered, That Dr Gillian Stamp be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to Civil Service Capability. (For declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

7. Ministerial Code

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

9. Committee working methods

Resolved, That the Committee move to electronic-only circulation of committee papers when technology permits.

10. Financial Scrutiny 2012-13

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Estimates Memoranda be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Cabinet Office
UK Statistics Authority

11. Oversight of Administrative Justice

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Oversight of Administrative Justice be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Administrative Justice and Tribunal Council

[Adjourned till 5 September at 10.00 a.m.]

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns	David Heyes
Charlie Elphicke	Kelvin Hopkins
Paul Flynn	Greg Mulholland
Robert Halfon	Priti Patel

1. Work of the Charity Commission

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the work of the Charity Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CC 01 Charity Commission

2. Special Advisers

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Special Advisers be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SPAD 13 Cabinet Office

3. Statistics: Operation of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Statistics: Operation of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

01 STATS 01 UK Statistics Authority
01 STATS 02 All-Party Parliamentary Group on Statistics
01 STATS 03 RPI/CPI User Group
01 STATS 04 James Denman
01 STATS 05 Demographics User Group
01 STATS 06 Royal Statistical Society
01 STATS 07 First Division Association
01 STATS 08 Full Fact

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Statistics: the work of the Office for National Statistics be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

02 STATS 01 UK Statistics Authority

Resolved, That the Committee seek evidence on Communicating and Publishing Statistics.

4. Strategic thinking in Government: without National Strategy, can viable Government strategy emerge?

Draft Special Report (*Strategic thinking in Government: without National Strategy, can viable Government strategy emerge?: Government Response to the Twenty-Fourth Report of Session 2010–12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the Twenty-Fourth Report of Session 2010–12 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.

5. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Sitting hours

Resolved, That the Committee meet at 9.00 a.m. if meetings are held on days when the House is sitting from 11.30 a.m.

8. Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Charity Commission

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Henry Jackson Society, of which the Government's preferred candidate is also a Member.

Robert Halfon declared a non-pecuniary interest as a founder member of the Henry Jackson Society.

Paul Flynn declared a non-pecuniary interest as having been an invited speaker for the Henry Jackson Society.

William Shawcross CVO, the Government's preferred candidate, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (*Appointment of the Chair of the Charity Commission*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 315-I.

[Adjourned till 12 September at 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Paul Flynn
Kelvin Hopkins

Greg Mulholland
Lindsay Roy

1. Operation of the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public Engagement in Policy-Making

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Honours System

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Regulation of the Charitable Sector

Ordered, That Dr Jonathan Garton be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Regulation of the Charitable Sector. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Statistics: Operation of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

Jill Leyland, Royal Statistical Society and Jenny Church, Statistics User Forum; and Andrew Dilnot, Chair, UK Statistics Authority, Jil Matheson, National Statistician, and Richard Alldritt, Head of Assessment, UK Statistics Authority gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 18 September at 9.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Charlie Elphicke

Paul Flynn

David Heyes

Kelvin Hopkins

Greg Mulholland

Priti Patel

Lindsay Roy

1. End of Term Report: 2011-12

Draft Report (*End of term report: 2011-12*), 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 316.

2. Special advisers

Draft Report (*Special advisers in the thick of it*), 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 Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 134.

3. Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 16 October at 9.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Charlie Elphicke

Greg Mulholland

David Heyes

Lindsay Roy

1. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006 reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 01	[Rachel Wellman]
CH 02	[Simon Cramp]
CH 03	[Action on Smoking and Health]
CH 04	[Sheila McKechnie Foundation]
CH 05	[CIFAS]
CH 06	[Sussex Village Halls Advisory Group]
CH 07	[Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA)]
CH 08	[Local Government Association]
CH 09	[War on Want]
CH 10	[Baptist Union of Great Britain]
CH 11	[New West End Company (NWEC)]
CH 12	[HCA International]
CH 13	[Sport plus Recreation Alliance]
CH 14	[British Heart Foundation]
CH 15	[Help the Hospices]
CH 16	[Wellcome Trust]
CH 17	[Self Help Group (SHG)]
CH 18	[Independent Schools Council]
CH 19	[Institute of Fundraising (IOF), Fundraising Standards Board (FRSB), Public Fundraising Regulatory Association (PFRA)]
CH 20	[Public Fundraising Regulatory Association (PFRA)]
CH 21	[Plymouth Brethren Christian Church]
CH 22	[Charity Retail Association]
CH 23	[UNISON]
CH 24	[Charity Law Association (CLA)]
CH 25	[Farrer & Co.]
CH 26	[The Christian Institute]
CH 27	[Scottish Council of Independent Schools]
CH 28	[Churches' Legislation Advisory Service]
CH 29	[National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)]
CH 30	[Institute of Fundraising (IOF)]

CH 31	[Charity Finance Group (CFG)]
CH 32	[Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)]
CH 33	[Association for Charities (AfC)]
CH 34	[Bates, Wells and Braithwaite]
CH 35	[Fundraising Standards Board (FRSB)]
CH 36	[British Red Cross]
CH 37	[Nikki Brooker]

2. Civil Service Reform

Resolved, that the Committee seek evidence on its approach to scrutiny of Civil Service Reform.

3. Statistics

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Public Engagement in Policy-Making

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Business Appointment Rules

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Lord Hodgson, a Member of the House of Lords, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 23 October at 9.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Greg Mulholland

Charlie Elphicke

1. Regulation of the charitable sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to Regulation of the charitable sector and the Charities Act 2006 be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 38	[Panel on the Independence of the Voluntary Sector]
CH 39	[Charity Commission]
CH 40	[National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)]

2. Statistics: communicating and publishing statistics

Ordered, that the following written evidence relating to Statistics: communicating and publishing statistics be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

4STATS 01	[Market Research Society]
4STATS 02	[Tom King]
4STATS 03	[Social Research Association]
4STATS 04	[Statistics User Forum]
4STATS 05	[Demographics User Group]
4STATS 06	[Royal Statistical Society]
4STATS 07	[Full Fact]
4STATS 08	[UK Statistics Authority]

3. Public engagement in policy-making

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Equitable Life

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Regulation of the charitable sector and the Charities Act 2006

Sir Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive, National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Sir Stephen Bubb, Chief Executive, Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations, Cath Lee, Chief Executive, Small Charities Coalition, and Joe Irvin, Chief Executive, National Association for Voluntary and Community Action; and Peter Lewis, Chief Executive, Institute of Fundraising, Alistair McLean, Chief Executive, Fundraising Standards Board, and Sally de la Bedoyere, Chief Executive, Public Fundraising Regulatory Association gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 30 October at 9.00 a.m.]

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns	David Heyes
Charlie Elphicke	Kelvin Hopkins
Paul Flynn	Greg Mulholland
Robert Halfon	Lindsay Roy

1. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public engagement in policy-making

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Public Engagement in Policy-making be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PE 01	[ESRC Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGEN) Cardiff University]
PE 02	[Association for Science and Discovery Centres]
PE 03	[Karen Hudes]
PE 04	[Sciencewise]
PE 05	[National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE)]
PE 06	[Research Councils UK (RCUK)]
PE 07	[Involve]
PE 08	[Professor Kathy Sykes, University of Bristol]

3. Sitting hours

Resolved, That, on days on which the House sits at 11.30 a.m., the Committee will meet at 9.15 a.m.

4. Committee on Standards in Public Life triennial review

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Statistics

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Matthew Burgess, General Secretary, Independent Schools Council, Francesca Quint, Senior Partner, Radcliffe Chambers, and Philip Kirkpatrick, Partner, Bates Wells & Braithwaite; and Garth Christie and Bruce Hazell, Elders, Plymouth Brethren Church, and Nicola Evans, Senior Associate, Bircham Dyson Bell gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 6 November at 9.30 a.m.]

TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Charlie Elphicke
Paul Flynn
Robert Halfon

Kelvin Hopkins
Greg Mulholland

1. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 41	[Call to Action Progress Group]
CH 42	[Caroline Aldiss]
CH 43	[Supplementary written evidence from the Institute of Fundraising]
CH 44	[Lewis Smith]
CH 45	[Louisa Hutchinson]
CH 46	[Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Taskforce]

2. Committee on Standards in Public Life triennial review

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Strategic thinking

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Honours

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Procurement

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brussels on 30-31 January 2013, in connection with its inquiry into Procurement.

6. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Susan Pascoe, Commissioner Designate, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Taskforce, and Murray Baird, Assistant Commissioner, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Taskforce gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 13 November at 9.15 a.m.]

TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon

David Heyes

Kelvin Hopkins

Greg Mulholland

Lindsay Roy

1. Public engagement in policy-making

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Public engagement in policy-making* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PE 9 [London Borough of Redbridge]

2. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 47 [David Orbison]

CH 48 [Additional written evidence submitted by the Charity Commission]

3. Procurement

Resolved, That the Committee call for evidence on Procurement.

4. A Debt of Honour

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Complaints handling

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Resolved, That the Committee call for evidence on the work of the Office of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.

7. Public engagement in policy-making

David Babbs, Director, 38 Degrees, Stephan Shakespeare, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, YouGov, and Tom Steinberg, Founder and Director, My Society; and Roger Hampson, Chief Executive, London Borough of Redbridge, Catarina Tully, Director, FromOverHere, and Professor Beth Noveck, former US Deputy Chief Technology Officer and author of *Wiki Government*, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 20 November at 9.15 a.m.]

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns	Kelvin Hopkins
Paul Flynn	Priti Patel
Robert Halfon	Lindsay Roy

1. Staffing

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Public engagement in policy-making

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Public engagement in policy-making* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PE 10	[Bruce Whitehead]
PE 11	[Cabinet Office]

3. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 49	[Marcus Anderson]
CH 50	[Lord Hodgson]
CH 51	[Supplementary written evidence submitted by Plymouth Brethren Christian Church]

4. Civil Service Reform

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Civil Service Reform* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CSR 1	[Shrinking the State Research Team]
CSR 2	[Dr Andrew Blick, Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies, King's College London]
CSR 3	[Prospect]
CSR 4	[Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS)]
CSR 5	[Institute for Government]
CSR 6	[First Division Association (FDA)]

CSR 7 [Project Management Institute]
CSR 8 [Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)]

5. The Honours System

Draft Report (*The Honours System: Further Report*), 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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 728.

6. Statistics

Ordered, That Simon Briscoe be reappointed as a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to Statistics. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

7. Public engagement in policy-making

Mike Bracken, Executive Director, Government Digital Service, Simon Burall, Director, Involve, and Professor Nigel Shadbolt, University of Southampton gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 27 November at 9.15 a.m.]

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012

Members present:

Alun Cairns	Kelvin Hopkins
Charlie Elphicke	Greg Mulholland
Paul Flynn	Lindsay Roy
Robert Halfon	

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Kelvin Hopkins was called to the chair.

1. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Bernard Jenkin resumed the chair.

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns
Charlie Elphicke
Paul Flynn
Robert Halfon

Kelvin Hopkins
Greg Mulholland
Lindsay Roy

2. Staffing

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 52 [Clothes Aid (Services) Ltd]

4. Civil Service Reform

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Civil Service Reform* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CSR 09 [Cabinet Office]
CSR 10 [Martin Surr]

5. Statistics: The operation of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The operation of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

1 STATS 09 [Supplementary written evidence from Statistics User Forum]
1 STATS 10 [Supplementary written evidence from Royal Statistical Society]
1 STATS 11 [Supplementary written evidence from UK Statistics Authority]

6. Committee working practices

Resolved, That the Committee set up and use an account on Twitter.

7. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Christopher Snowdon, Research Fellow, Institute for Economic Affairs, and Paul Hackett, Director, Smith Institute gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 28 November at 9.15 a.m.]

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon

Kelvin Hopkins

Greg Mulholland

1. Public engagement in policy-making

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Public engagement in policy-making* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PE 12 [Coalition for Access to Justice on the Environment (CAJE)]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Public engagement in policy-making

The Rt Hon Francis Maude MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 4 December at 9.15 a.m.]

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Charlie Elphicke

Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon

Kelvin Hopkins

Greg Mulholland

Lindsay Roy

1. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 53 [Supplementary written evidence from National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)]

CH 54 [Peter Luxton, Professor of Law, Cardiff University]

CH 55 [Supplementary written evidence from National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)]

2. Civil Service Reform

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Civil Service Reform* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CSR 11 [Mr Patrick Diamond, Professor David Richards and Professor Martin Smith]

3. Public engagement in policy-making

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Statistics: Migration statistics

Resolved, That the Committee call for evidence on Migration statistics.

5. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

William Shawcross CVO, Chair, Charity Commission, Sam Younger CBE, Chief Executive, Charity Commission; and Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 5 December at 9.15 a.m.]

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Charlie Elphicke

Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon

Kelvin Hopkins

Greg Mulholland

Priti Patel

1. Strategic thinking in Government

The Rt Hon the Lord Heseltine of Thenford, a Member of the House of Lords, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 11 December at 9.15 a.m.]

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Alun Cairns

Greg Mulholland

Charlie Elphicke

Priti Patel

Paul Flynn

Lindsay Roy

Robert Halfon

1. Civil Service Reform

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Civil Service Reform* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CSR 12 [Dr Suzy Walton]

CSR 13 [Sir John Elvidge]

Resolved, That the Committee call for evidence on Civil Service Reform.

2. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CH 56 [John Weightman]

CH 57 [Kevin Curley]

CH 58 [Hilary Wells]

3. Work of the Ombudsman

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Work of the Ombudsman* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PHSO 1 [M B Wright]

PHSO 2 [Alan Vaughan]

PHSO 3 [C N Rock]

- PHSO 4** [Alison Pope]
- PHSO 5** [Helga Warzecha]
- PHSO 6** [Brenda Prentice]
- PHSO 7** [Alan Reid]
- PHSO 8** [Which?]
- PHSO 9** [Dee Speers]
- PHSO 10** [James Titcombe]
- PHSO 11** [Action Against Medical Accidents (AvMA)]
- PHSO 12** [Name supplied]
- PHSO 13** [Uncaged Campaigns]
- PHSO 14** [Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)]

4. Any other business

Resolved, That the Committee invite Sam Younger CBE, Chief Executive, Charity Commission, and a representative from The Druid Network to give oral evidence.

Resolved, That the Committee accept further written evidence on *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* that is submitted by noon on 14 December.

5. Statistics: communicating and publishing statistics

Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society; Will Moy, Director, Full Fact, Michael Blastland, freelance journalist and Chris Giles, Economics Editor, Financial Times, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 12 December at 9.15 a.m.]

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Charlie Elphicke
Paul Flynn

Kelvin Hopkins
Greg Mulholland

1. Any other business

Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Charity Commission in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the Regulation of the Charities Sector and the Charities Act 2006.

2. Statistics: communicating and publishing statistics

Andrew Dilnot CBE, Chair, UK Statistics Authority, and Jil Matheson, National Statistician, UK Statistics Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 18 December at 9.15 a.m.]

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2012

Members present:

Mr Bernard Jenkin, in the Chair

Charlie Elphicke

Paul Flynn

Robert Halfon

Kelvin Hopkins

Priti Patel

Mr Steve Reed

1. Declaration of interests

Mr Steve Reed declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Work of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Work of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PHSO 15 [Patrick Cockrell]

PHSO 16 [W Morris]

PHSO 17 [D R Tweedie]

3. Future of the civil service

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Future of the civil service* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CSR 14 [Mark Balchin]

4. Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Regulation of the Charitable Sector and the Charities Act 2006* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- CH 59 [David Jennings]
- CH 60 [Garth Christie]
- CH 61 [Supplementary written evidence from Louisa Hutchinson]
- CH 64 [Christine Parsons]
- CH 65 [James Farrant]
- CH 66 [Peter Hamilton]
- CH 67 [Ian Evershed]
- CH 68 [Evan and Evelyn Reynolds]
- CH 69 [Richard Browning]
- CH 70 [Jim Fidler]
- CH 71 [Mike Brown]
- CH 72 [Ken Hazell]
- CH 73 [Ken McLean]
- CH 74 [Charles and Monica Arnett]
- CH 75 [Chris Bourne]
- CH 76 [David Meatyard]
- CH 77 [Rosanna Gomez]
- CH 78 [Priscilla Calder]
- CH 79 [James Remmington]
- CH 80 [Jim Turner]
- CH 81 [Stephen Juby]
- CH 82 [Ross Markham]
- CH 83 [Gerard Clayson]
- CH 84 [J M Wells]
- CH 85 [Malcolm Poole]
- CH 86 [Ben Eagle]
- CH 87 [Chris Stutterheim]
- CH 88 [Dudley Clayson]
- CH 89 [Gordon Wallach]
- CH 90 [Andrew Smith]
- CH 91 [James Walker]
- CH 92 [A B Guest]
- CH 93 [Richard Marks]
- CH 94 [Malcolm Holmes]
- CH 95 [Andrew White]
- CH 96 [Richard Devine]
- CH 97 [Anthony Scott]
- CH 98 [John R Edwards]
- CH 99 [Samuel White]

CH100 [Mark Whiteside]
CH 101 [David Howarth]
CH 102 [JMP Architects]
CH 103 [Duncan Small]
CH 104 [K Deryck South]
CH 105 [James Sheddon]
CH 106 [Samantha Spencer]
CH 107 [Rob Furse]
CH 108 [Stephen Furse]
CH 109 [Stephen Hill]
CH 110 [John Lowe]
CH 111 [Gavin Sellars]
CH 112 [Donovan Payne]
CH 113 [Murray Walker]
CH 114 [Jenni Thewlis]
CH 115 [Roger Napthine]
CH 116 [Hugh Liesching]
CH 117 [Roy Greeno]
CH 118 [Alan Nunn]
CH 119 [Iain Munn]
CH 120 [Mike Fox]
CH 121 [Alastair Munn]
CH 122 [Gordon McCreadie]
CH 123 [Garth Davey]
CH 124 [Andrew Wheeler]
CH 125 [Bill Noakes]
CH 126 [Ronnie and Zoe Devine]
CH 127 [Andrew and Liz Furse]
CH 128 [Adrian Fowler]
CH 129 [Russell Fleck]
CH 130 [Andrew Burtenshaw]
CH 131 [One Stop Bookkeeping]
CH 132 [Russell Pillar]
CH 133 [Adrian Warne]
CH 134 [Ken Price]
CH 135 [Keith Price]
CH 136 [Gordon Cooper]
CH 137 [Andrew Francis]
CH 138 [John Corlyon]
CH 139 [Scott Matthews]
CH 140 [Mark Bickmead]
CH 141 [Daniel Rosenfelder]
CH 142 [Joe Rennicks]
CH 143 [Neil Payne]

CH 144 [Tim Douglas]
CH 145 [Sue Dallow]
CH 146 [Carl Munn]
CH 147 [Fiona Smerdon]
CH 148 [Dick Dallow]
CH 149 [Andrew Devine]
CH 150 [Russell van As]
CH 151 [Ben Sewell]
CH 152 [Richard Fentiham]
CH 153 [Cedric Fairweather]
CH 154 [Gordon and Laura Fleck]
CH 155 [Arthur and Rachel Pallister]
CH 156 [David Hyland]
CH 157 [Phill Chatwin]
CH 158 [Nick Randall]
CH 159 [Parwinder Singh Rai]
CH 160 [Anne Bassinder]
CH 161 [Terri Hazard]
CH 162 [Dean Williams]
CH 163 [Sarah Bayley]
CH 164 [Nigel Pinkawa]
CH 165 [Kevin Beck]
CH 166 [Tim Doouss]
CH 167 [Fiona Currie]
CH 168 [Alan Cheesman]
CH 169 [Sean Pearce]
CH 170 [Martin McDonagh]
CH 171 [Tony Dent]
CH 172 [William G Hathorn and Peter Trevett]
CH 173 [Paul Grange]
CH 174 [Peter Smith]
CH 175 [Simon Ellis]
CH 176 [Simon Coleman]
CH 177 [John Preus]
CH 178 [Paul Adams]
CH 179 [Shaun Briddon]
CH 180 [Clifford Hilton]
CH 181 [James Talman]
CH 182 [Valerie Evershed]
CH 183 [Peter Morton]
CH 184 [Stewart Peeb]

Ordered, That supplementary evidence provided by the Charity Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Question put, That the Committee call for the Charity Commission to provide further oral evidence in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the regulation of the Charities Sector and the Charities Act 2006.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3

Charlie Elphicke
Robert Halfon
Priti Patel

Noes, 3

Paul Flynn
Kelvin Hopkins
Mr Steve Reed

Since there was no majority in favour of issuing a further invitation, the Chair declared himself with the Noes.

Question accordingly negatived.

5. Public engagement in policy-making

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Public engagement in policy-making* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PE 13 [Catarina Tully]

6. Committee effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Financial scrutiny

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Minister for the Cabinet Office seeking written evidence on the *Cabinet Office Annual Report and Accounts*.

Resolved, That the letter to the Minister for the Cabinet Office be published on the internet.

9. Work of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Dame Julie Mellor DBE, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, and Helen Hughes, Chief Operating Officer, the Office of Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 8 January at 9.15 a.m.]

Appendix

Declaration of interests: 18 December 2012

REED, Steve (Croydon North)

Nil.

Declaration of Specialist Adviser interests: 17 July 2012

Dr Gillian Stamp

Nil.

Declaration of Specialist Adviser interests: 12 September 2012

Dr Jonathan Garton

I have a formal connection with three universities, each of which is an exempt charity:

- Employed by the University of Warwick as an associate Professor and Reader;
- Holds an unpaid honorary Senior Research Fellowship at the University of Liverpool
- Has a book contract with Oxford University Press.

Declaration of Specialist Adviser interests: 20 November 2012

Simon Briscoe

I am a member of the RSS and the Society of Business Economists. I was on the executive of Straight Statistics and am a Trustee of Full Fact. I am deputy chair of the ESRC's UK Data Service.

I have no consultancies, relevant shareholdings, trade union or party political memberships, or trusteeships, etc which are relevant.