

April to June 2012

Secretary of State Quarterly Return , April – June 2012

MINISTERS' GIFTS (GIVEN AND RECEIVED)

GIFTS GIVEN OVER £140

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Defra			
Date gift given	To	Gift	Value (over £140)
NIL RETURN			

GIFTS RECEIVED OVER £140

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Defra				
Date gift received	From	Gift	Value	Outcome
NIL RETURN				

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HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Defra		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received
Nil Return		

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MINISTERS' OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Defra					
Date(s) of trip	Destination	Purpose of trip	'Scheduled' 'No 32 (The Royal Squadron' or 'other RAF' or 'Chartered' or 'Eurostar'	Number of officials accompanying Minister, where non-scheduled travel is used	Total cost including travel and accommodation of Minister only
17-19 April	Denmark	Informal EU Environment Council	Scheduled	0	£1121
24-25 April	Sweden	Stockholm +40 Partnership Forum for Sustainable Development	Scheduled	0	£488
11 June	Luxembourg	EU Environment Council	Scheduled	0	£232
15 – 22 June	Rio de Janeiro	Rio+20	Scheduled	0	£2,578

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MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH NEWSPAPER AND OTHER MEDIA PROPRIETORS, EDITORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES)

Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Defra		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
April 2012	Rio +20 SDG meeting Christian Aid WWF Oxfam Stakeholder Forum Aldersgate Group Alstom Power UK Aviva Investors Unilever	To discuss Rio +20
May 2012	Aldersgate Group	To discuss Rio +20
May 2012	Food & Drink Federation	To discuss Rio +20
May 2012	NFU	To discuss a range of farming issues
May 2012	Association of British Insurers	To discuss flood insurance including a speech at the Association of British Insurers conference
June 2012	Food & Drink Federation event at House of Commons	An informal event to discuss a range of issues of interest to the food and drink industry
June 2012	Confor	To discuss forestry
June 2012	Wildlife Trust	To discuss forestry
June 2012	NFU	To discuss Common Agricultural Policy Reform
June 2012	Association of British Insurers	To discuss policy on flood insurance
June 2012	Institute of Chartered Foresters	To discuss forestry
June 2012	Ramblers Association	To discuss forestry
June 2012	RSPB	To discuss forestry
June 2012	Woodland Trust	To discuss forestry
June 2012	National Trust	To discuss forestry
June 2012	Royal Society	To discuss a Royal Society report on extraction of shale gas

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Minister of State's Return

MINISTERS' GIFTS (GIVEN AND RECEIVED)

GIFTS GIVEN OVER £140

Rt Hon Jim Paice MP Minister of State			
Date gift given	To	Gift	Value (over £140)
Nil Return			

GIFTS RECEIVED OVER £140

Rt Hon Jim Paice MP Minister of State				
Date gift received	From	Gift	Value	Outcome
n/a Nil Return				

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HOSPITALITY RECEIVED¹

Rt Hon Jim Paice MP Minister of State		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	- Type of hospitality received
14 April	Heineken Grand National	Accommodation for one night plus racecourse entry including spouse
24 April	Lunch with Evening Standard	General briefing on Defra issues

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26/04/12 to 27/04/12	Luxembourg	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		£1,051
14/05/12 to 15/05/12	Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar		£289
17/05/12 to 23/05/12	China	Trade mission promoting UK exports	Scheduled		£4578
03/06/12 to 05/06/12	Denmark	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Informal Council	Scheduled		£214
17/06/12 to 18/06/12	Luxembourg	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		£331

MINISTERS' MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS (INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH NEWSPAPER AND OTHER MEDIA PROPRIETORS, EDITORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES)

Rt Hon Jim Paice MP Minister of State		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
April 2012	First Milk	To discuss EU dairy quotas and industry's future post 2015
April 2012	Rural Farming Network group	Introductory meeting
April 2012	British Meat Processors Association	Discussion on desinewed meat
April 2012	Food and Drink Federation	To discuss EU position on desinewed meat
May 2012	West Country Rivers Trust	To discuss water quality and nitrates management
May 2012	International Meat and Trade	Meat imports/exports

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	Association	particularly non-EU
May 2012	Compassion in World Farming, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, World Society for the Protection of Animals	To discuss livestock welfare in context of EU Animal Welfare Strategy
May 2012	First Milk Arla foods Dairy UK Provisions Trade Federation Dairy 2020 Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers Tenant Farmers Association Women's Food and Farming Union National Farmers Union Scotland Wisemans Dairy DairyCo Tesco Dairy Crest Sainsbury's Welsh Assembly Farmers Forum ASDA Milk Link	Dairy Supply Chain Forum
May 2012	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Sustainable food production
June 2012	Campaign to Protect Rural England	To discuss vision for farming as set out in a recent published document
June 2012	British Pig Executive National Pig Association Provision Trade Federation Danish Agriculture and Food Council British Meat Processors Association VION Food Group Food and Drink Federation British Retail Consortium	Pig task force meeting to discuss EU sow stall ban
June 2012	Nestle	Discussion on Exports Forum
June 2012	Nestle Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board	Export Forum to discuss Exports Action Plan

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	Dorset Cereals Vion Food Hawkshead Relish Socio-economic Research and Intelligence Observatory, University of Plymouth	
June 2012	Lionheart Public Affairs	Food waste recycling and anaerobic digestion
June 2012	Richard MacDonald	Progress of the Farming Regulation Task Force implementation group

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Lord Taylor of Holbeach – Quarterly Return April to June 2012

GIFTS RECEIVED OVER £140

Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary				
Date gift received	From	Gift	Value	Outcome
Nil Return				

GIFTS GIVEN OVER £140

Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary			
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Nil Return			

HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received
17 April	Environmental Services Association	Dinner
20 April	Cranfield University	Lunch
30 April	UK Forest Products Association	Lunch
16 May	Institute of Chartered Institute of Foresters	Dinner
22 May	Sustainable Resource Forum	Dinner
30 May	Country Land and Business Association	Breakfast
30 May	Royal Bath and West Show	Lunch
19 June	Cheshire Show	Lunch

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Nil Return					

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH NEWSPAPER AND OTHER MEDIA PROPRIETORS, EDITORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES)

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Taylor of Holbeach		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
April	Naworth Estate and Mirehouse Estate, BSW Timber	To discuss forestry issues facing private land owners and the timber industry.
April	Kielder Water and Forest Park Development Trust	To discuss forestry and tourism.
April	Wild Futures	To discuss the private keeping of primates.
April	Environmental Services Association	To discuss communications, planning issues and regulatory aspects relating to waste and recycling.
April	Cranfield University	To discuss Defra-related research, including on soils, climate change and environmental risk.
April	Southill Estate, and Woodfuel East	To discuss woodfuel markets and forestry.
April	Royal Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals, the Born Free Foundation, the British Veterinary Association and the Captive Animals Protection Society.	To discuss the keeping of wild animals in travelling circuses.
April	Richard Gueterbock	To discuss farm-scale anaerobic digestion.
April	UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum	Introductory meeting with members

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		of the Forum.
April	National Farmers Union	To discuss agricultural science and research and genetically modified organisms.
April	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment	To discuss skills for the green economy, sustainable development and environmental management systems.
April	British Hospitality Association	To discuss a voluntary agreement to tackle food waste.
April	University of York	To discuss links between the Food and Environment Research Agency and the University of York.
April	Verdo Holdings	To discuss forestry and the wood pellet industry.
May	Royal Agricultural Society of England	To discuss demonstration farms, agricultural science and knowledge transfer.
May	Trade Union Sustainable Development Advisory Committee	Co-chairing a meeting which discussed the public forest estate, skills for a low carbon economy and Rio+20.
May	Forestry Regulation Taskforce	To discuss the Government response [to what?]with the members of the taskforce.
May	Nanotechnology Strategy Forum	to discuss nanotechnology
May	The Kennel Club	To discuss irresponsible dog ownership and welfare issues relating to dogs.
May	Fold Hill	To discuss the impact of Defra grant funding on the business.
May	Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership	To discuss Defra-related aspects of the work of the partnership.
May	Woodlands Farm	To discuss organic food production.
May	Lansen Nursery	To discuss the impact of Defra grant funding on the business.
May	Lincolnshire Field Products	To discuss horticultural production.
May	Lincolnshire Rural and Farming Network	To discuss the work of the Network and interaction with Defra officials
May	Roslin Institute	To discuss agricultural science and research.
May	Renewable Energy Association	To discuss EU End of Waste Proposals for Digestate from anaerobic digestion.
May	Institute of Grocery Distribution members	To discuss climate change adaptation.
May	Sustainable Resource Forum	To discuss financial, planning and legislative issues relating to waste

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		infrastructure.
May	Royal Mail, the Leaflet Company, the Direct Mail Association and TNT.	To discuss a junk mail responsibility deal.
May	Lord Deben and Valpak	To discuss packaging targets and the packaging recovery notes system.
May	O-I Glass Manufacturers	To discuss the glass recycling process.
June	Climate South East	To discuss climate change adaptation.
June	Classical Circus Association	To discuss the keeping of wild animals in travelling circuses.
June	Cathedral Hygiene	To discuss the regulatory framework for hazardous waste.
June	Closed Loop Recycling	To discuss the plastic recycling process.
June	University of Edinburgh, University of Reading, John Innes Centre, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, James Hutton Institute, Rothamsted Research, National Farmers Union, Spearhead Ltd, EuropaBio, Bayer Cropscience, Monsanto, Syngenta, BASF	Roundtable event to launch the Agricultural Biotechnology Council's "Going for Growth" Report.
June	Tree Council and affiliated groups	To discuss the report of the Independent Panel on Forestry
June	Forest User Access Group	To discuss the report of the Independent Panel on Forestry.
June	National Trust	To discuss climate change adaptation.

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Richard Benyon MP – quarterly return (April - June 2012)

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NIL RETURN			

GIFTS RECEIVED OVER £140

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Defra				
Date gift received	From	Gift	Value	Outcome
NIL RETURN				

HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Defra		
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NIL RETURN		

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Overseas travel

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Defra					
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26 – 27 April 2012	Luxembourg	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		£723
14 – 15 May 2012	Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar		£135
11 – 13 June 2012	Luxembourg	EU Fisheries Council	Scheduled		£192

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Meetings with external organisations (including meetings with newspaper and other media proprietors, editors and senior executives)

Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Defra		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
April 2012	Wildlife and Countryside Link - Marine	To discuss Marine Conservation Zones and Marine and Coastal Access Act
April 2012	Scottish Fishermen's Federation	Regular catch up meeting
April 2012	Country Land and Business Association	to discuss coastal paths as part of a wider visit to the Southwest
May 2012	West Country Rivers	To see a presentation on integrated catchment approach
May 2012	Unite	To discuss the Water Bill
May 2012	International Fund for Animal	To discuss Whales

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	Welfare	
May 2012	Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust	To discuss next steps with the Hampshire Farmers Living Landscape Partnership
May 2012	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations	To discuss a range of fishing issues
May 2012	Atlantic Salmon Trust	To discuss the question of mixed stock fisheries
May 2012	Link Whales Working Group	To discuss the International Whaling Conference
June 2012	Angling Trust	Catch up meeting
June 2012	Yorkshire Water	Meeting
June 2012	North Atlantic Fishing Company	To discuss the External Dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy
June 2012	Calor Gas	To discuss rural fuel poverty
June 2012	National Under 10 Fishermens Association	To discuss the outcomes of the recent Fisheries Council
June 2012	PEW Environment Group	To discuss International Marine Policy
June 2012	Angling Trust and Bass Anglers Sport Fishing Society	To discuss the minimum landing size of bass
June 2012	Country Land and Business Association	To discuss Nature Improvement Areas

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SPECIAL ADVISERS INFORMATION – April to June 2012

Amy Fisher and Simon Cawte

GIFTS RECEIVED¹

Name of Special Adviser: Amy Fisher			
Date gift received	From	Description of Gift	Outcome
Nil Return			

Name of Special Adviser: Simon Cawte			
Date gift received	From	Description of Gift	Outcome
Nil Return			

¹ Defra officials should register gifts with an estimated value in excess of £20, even if the offer is declined.

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SPECIAL ADVISERS' MEETINGS NEWSPAPER AND OTHER MEDIA PROPRIETORS, EDITORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES¹

Name of Special Adviser: Amy Fisher		
Month of Meeting	Name	Purpose of Meeting
Nil Return		

Name of Special Adviser: Simon Cawte		
Month of Meeting	Name	Purpose of Meeting
Nil Return		

[1] Does not include details of official meetings where special advisers attended alongside their Ministers

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Special Adviser: Amy Fisher		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	- Type of hospitality received
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Special Adviser: Simon Cawte		
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