

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

January to March 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			

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HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

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Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	- Type of hospitality received
24/01/12	Water UK	Dinner
06/03/12	British Veterinary Association	Dinner
09/01/2012	United Utilities	Private viewing of the Leonardo Da Vinci exhibition*
23/03/2012	UK Konigswinter and the Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft	Dinner

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MINISTERS' OVERSEAS TRAVEL

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21/01/12	Berlin	EU Agriculture Ministers Summit	Scheduled	n/a	£220
21 - 22/2/12	Nairobi	United Nations Environment Programme	Scheduled	n/a	£3,315
09/03/12	Brussels	EU Environment Council	Scheduled	n/a	£837
29 - 30/3/12	Paris	Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development - Green Growth	Scheduled	n/a	£365

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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
01/12	Top Ten Retailers Sainsbury PLC, Co-operative Retail, Aldi, Waitrose, Tesco Morrisons, Asda M&S	Routine Catch-up
01/12	Staffordshire Women's Farmers Union	Great British Breakfast meeting
02/12	Climate Change Risk Assessment Business Breakfast at Deloitte. UK Green Building Council RIBA, Royal Town Planning Institute, Building Research Establishment Group, National Grid, Water UK, Energy Networks Association, Confederation of British Industry (CBI), Association of British Insurers, British Retail Consortium, British Bankers' Association, Food and Drink Federation, Institute of Grocery Distribution, Ecosystems Market Taskforce, NFU, Aldersgate Group, Environment Agency, Country Land & Business Association, Design Council	Climate Change
02/12	Deutsche Bank Willis Aggregated MicroPower London Eco-tech Cluster Jupiter Asset Management Bank of America Merrill Lynch IBM WSP Environment & Energy E3G Zyen Green X Thames Water UK Social Investment Forum Imperial College Aviva Investors	City of London Breakfast meeting
02/12	Accounting for Sustainability Alstom Power Aviva Bank of America Merrill Lynch Bioregional Birdlife International	Defra Stakeholder Event with NGO/CEOs on Rio+20

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<p>British Council Business in the Community Catholic Overseas Development Agency (Cafod) Christian Aid Climate Change Capital Concern Worldwide UK Earthwatch Institute Europe Food and Drink Federation Forum for a Sustainable Future Forum for the Future Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development Global Action Plan Globe International Green Alliance Green X Greenpeace (UK) Ltd IBM ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales) ICE (International Court for the Environment) Coalition IFAW (International Fund For Animal Welfare) IIED –(International Institute For Environment & Development) Institute for European Environmental Policy JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee) Jupiter Asset Management Lead International Local Government Association London Eco-tech Cluster Marine Conservation Society UK McKinsey Global Institute National Farmers Union National Trust Natural England Natural History Museum Nestle ONE International Peace Child International Progressio Prospect Price Waterhouse Coopers Royal Society RSPB Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Seed Initiative Tearfund The Partnership Initiative</p>	
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	<p>The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew United Nations Environment Programme, World Conservation Monitoring Centre UNICEF-UK Veolia Wildlife Trusts RSWT Willis World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts WRAP Waste & Resource Action Programme WSP UK WWF World Wildlife Fund ZSL London Zoo</p>	
02/12	NFU	Animal Health
03/12	OXFAM	Sustainable Development
03/12	Kraft	Promoting learning and development of new skills in the food industry
03/12	<p>Friends of the Earth Wildlife Trust RSPB National Trust Marine Conservation Society Wildlife and Countryside Link WWF Bat Conservation Group</p>	Biodiversity and habitats
03/12	Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development	Green Growth
03/12	<p>Association of British Insurers; General Insurance; RSA Group; Lloyds Bank; Aviva; Direct Line; Royal bank of Scotland; NFU Mutual; AXA; Legal & General;</p>	Flood Insurance

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HOSPITALITY RECEIVED¹

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Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	- Type of hospitality received
03/01/2012	Oxford farming Conference *	Dinner
20/01/12	Warburtons	Lunch
01/02/12	Lord Wade and Kronospan	Lunch
20/02/12	Nationals Farmers Union	Dinner
14/03/12	Countryside Foundation for Education	Dinner
13/03/12	Heineken Cheltenham Gold Cup	Tickets for Cheltenham*

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29/01/12	Prague	Bilateral meetings with Czech Government	Scheduled		£60.00
10/01/12	Brussels	European Parliament Visit to meet MEPs	Eurostar		£446
22/01/2012 - 23/01/12	Brussels	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar		£391
18/02/2012 - 20/02/2012	Dubai	Food and Drink expo	Scheduled		£3856.00
18/03/12 - 19/03/12	Brussels	European Parliament Engagement	Eurostar		£660

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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
01/12	Beesons / Cranswick Food / Drurys / Dovecote Park / Yorks Country Meats / Dawn Group / Euro Quality Lambs / Romford Halal / Dunbia Group / Janan Meats / Woods of Edwinstowe / British Meat Processors Association / Association of Independent Meat Suppliers / British Veterinary Association / Food Standards Agency / ABP food Group	Round table meeting with Industry
01/12	National Farmers Union	Discussion with the Next Generation Forum on issues affecting young farmers
01/12	Country Land and Business Association	Introductory meeting
01/12	British Sugar AB Sugar	To discuss CAP Sugar Reform and to hear about British sugar's investment strategy to improve the competitiveness of the UK sugar industry and to increase capacity in the light of the further reform to the sector expected after 2015
01/12	Guild of Agricultural Journalists	To discuss how the Guild can help disseminate new tech and practices across the sector more effectively
01/12	Country Land and Business Association / Royal Welsh Agricultural Society / Rachel's Organic Dairy / IBERS (formerly Welsh Agriculture College) / Farmers Union Wales / HCC Meat Promotion Wales / National	Common Agricultural Policy Informal Stakeholder Dinner organised by the Welsh Office to discuss Common Agricultural Policy Reform issues affecting Wales

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	Farmers Union Wales	
01/12	Ross Warburton Represented Warburtons	To discuss issues affecting the food manufactory sector
01/12	Chairs of Rural and Farming Networks	to discuss ways of working and current issues
01/12	Top 10 Retailers Sainsbury PLC, Co-operative Retail, Aldi, Waitrose, Tesco Morrisons, Asda M&S	Discussion of food retailer sectors
01/12	Covent Garden Market Authority (CGMA)	Discuss Redevelopment proposal plans
01/12	Farm Crisis Network (FCN)	funding issues
02/12	National Farmers Union	Macdonald Report
02/12	Timber Industry / Kronospan / Wood Panels Industry Federation / Confor	To discuss the Bioenergy strategy
02/12	Country Land and Business Association / National Farmers Union / Tenant Farmers Association	Single Payments Scheme Programme
02/12	British Pig Executive (BPEX) & National Pig Association (NPA)	Sow Stall Ban
02/12	European Food and Farming Partnership (EFFP)	training and development and current agricultural policies
02/12	National Farmers Union	National Farmers Union Farming Conference
02/12	British Horseracing Authority	To discuss welfare in lead up to the Grand National
02/12	Thoroughbred Breeds Association	To Discuss Common Agricultural Policy Reform
02/12	British Pig Executive (BPEX)	Report on Real Value of English Red Meat
02/12	National Farmers Union	To discuss Farmer Liability - TB
03/12	Napier Brown	To discuss sugar reform, quotas
03/12	Beef and Lamb Executive for England (EBLEX)	Discuss Welfare at Slaughter
03/12	National Farmers Union Scotland	CAP Reform
03/12	Institute of Agricultural Secretaries and Administrators Conference	To discuss training and Rural Broadband access
03/12	Agricultural Skills forum	To discuss Agricultural Skills
03/12	Maltsters Association	Malt and its contribution to the British economy

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03//12	British Soft Drinks Association	UK Sugar Regime
03/12	British Hospitality Association / British Retail Consortium / Associated British Foods / Food and Drink Federation / Premier Foods / British Egg Industry Council / National Farmers Union / British Free Range Egg Producers Association / British Egg Products Association / Laid in Britain / Mantons	To discuss the cage ban for laying hens

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Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary					
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MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Taylor of Holbeach		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
1/12	Futerra, Aldersgate Group, New Economics Foundation, London School of Economics, Policy Exchange, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Policy Studies Institute, Sustainable Development Research Network, Environmental Audit Committee	Sustainable Development
1/12	Sustainable Development Stakeholders	Mainstreaming Sustainable Development
1/12	Keep Britain Tidy	Litter – ‘Love where you Live’ campaign
1/12	INEOS Group Limited	Waste infrastructure discussion
1/12	Local Government Association	Waste – introductory meeting
1/12	Agriculture Biotechnology Council	Genetically Modified Organisms
1/12	Harper Adams University	Anaerobic digestion
1/12	Foodservice Packaging Association	Food packaging waste
1/12	Casepak	Materials recycling facility opening
1/12	London Waste and Recycling Board	Waste and Recycling
1/12	British Metals Recycling Association, European Metals Recycling, Mellor Metals	Metal theft
1/12	Aldersgate Group	Green economy, resource efficiency and carbon reporting
1/12	Exxon Mobil Ltd	Environment Agency enforcement of environmental regulation
1/12	Wildlife Trust	Nature conservation
1/12	Wrigleys	Litter – ‘Love where you live campaign’
1/12	Processors & Growers Research Organisation	Crops and research
1/12	Veolia, Local Government Association, SITA UK.	Waste Management Responsibility Deal

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1/12	British Retail Consortium	Introductory Meeting on waste and climate change
1/12	Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Association	Anaerobic Digestion and purpose grown crops
2/12	Climate Change Risk Assessment Business Breakfast at Deloitte. UK Green Building Council RIBA, Royal Town Planning Institute, Building Research Establishment Group, National Grid, Water UK, Energy Networks Association, Confederation of British Industry (CBI), Association of British Insurers, British Retail Consortium, British Bankers' Association, Food and Drink Federation, Institute of Grocery Distribution, Ecosystems Market Taskforce, NFU, Aldersgate Group, Environment Agency, Country Land & Business Association, Design Council	Climate Change Risk Assessment
2/12	British Water, Northern Ireland Water, Northumbrian Water, South East Water, Southern Water, Sutton & East Surrey Water, Thames Water, United Utilities, MWH Global, Cranfield University, Halcrow, Imtech Process, Veolia Water	Water resources
2/12	Kraft	Food manufacturing, factory tour
2/12	Veolia	Fact-finding visit to an Energy from Waste plant
2/12	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	Irresponsible dog ownership, Wild animals in circuses and Badgers
2/12	Green Economy Business Contact Group, Institute Environmental Management and Assessment Head of Environment, British Retail Consortium, Aldersgate Group, Engineering Employers Federation Environmental Services Association, Business Council for Sustainable Development-UK, Confederation of British Industry, British Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Federation of	Green Economy

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	Small Businesses	
2/12	East Malling Research	Horticultural Research
2/12	National Trust, Butterfly Conservation Southern Water, South East Water, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Wildlife Trust.	Opening of the South Downs Way Ahead Nature Improvement Area
2/12	Grove House publishing	Agricultural Research and Knowledge Transfer
3/12	Member of public whose daughter attacked by dog	Dangerous Dogs
3/12	University of Nottingham	Biomolecular sciences
3/12	Imperial Tobacco	Litter – “Love where you Live” campaign
3/12	Campaign to Protect Rural England Keep Britain Tidy , Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, London Councils, British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, Addison Lee Automobile Association, Greater London Authority, Local Government Association, British Parking Association, Highways Agency, Association of Convenience Stores	Littering from Vehicles roundtable
3/12	Improvement and Efficiency South East	Waste - Board meeting
3/12	Wrigley’s	Chewing Gum Action Group Launch
3/12	Suffolk waste partnership	Waste infrastructure
3/12	Animal Defenders International	Animal Welfare
3/12	Agri-Skills Forum Chair	Agricultural Skills Forum
3/12	Confederation of British Industry, ECO Plastics, International Power, Alliance Boots, Faithful+Gould (Atkins Group), Harper Adams, Viridor, Cory Environmental, Kingfisher plc, Mineral Products Association, SLR Consulting Ltd, Green Alliance	Resource Security
3/12	Foodcycle	Food waste redistribution
3/12	Woodland Trust	Forestry
3/12	Commercial Farmers Group	Agriculture resource and development
3/12	British Retail Consortium, Food and	Packaging targets

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	Drink Federation, Environmental Services Association, Resource Association	
3/12	Environmental Industries Commission Eminox, SKM Enviros	Low emission zones, resource efficiency, resource security action plan, green procurement.
3/12	Association of Drainage Authorities, Country Land and Business Association (CLA), Forestry Commission, England, English National Park Authorities Association, National Institute of Agricultural Botany (Fera), Natural England, National Farmers Union, RSPB, Water UK, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB), Agricultural Industries Confederation, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Church of England, Confor, Crown Estate, Institute of Chartered Foresters, Syngenta, The Rivers Trust, UPM Tilhil, Wildlife and Countryside Link, Wildlife Trusts, Woodland Trust	Adapting to Climate Change
3/12	Confor	Forestry Regulation Task Force
3/12	Advisory Council on welfare issues of dog breeding	Animal welfare
3/12	Active Earth Investment Management, Aviva Investors, Barclays, Beetle Capital, Carbon Disclosure Project, CCLA Investment Management Ltd, Citigroup, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Ecclesiastical Investment Management, F&C Asset Management, Fidelity Investments International, Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Henderson Group, Hermes Fund Managers, HSBC Holdings plc, Legal & General Group plc, Lloyds Banking Group, Old Mutual plc, Oppenheim & Co Limited, Osmosis Investment Management, Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation, Royal Society, Schroders, Scottish Widows Investment Partnership, Standard Chartered, UBS	Carbon Disclosure Project
3/12	MendipForestry	Rockingham Forest fact finding visit

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3/12	Fareshare	Food waste and recycling
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Richard Benyon – quarterly return (January - March 2012)
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HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

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09/01/2012	United Utilities	Private viewing of the Leonardo Da Vinci exhibition
11/01/2012	Royal Yachting Association at the International Boat Show	Lunch

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Overseas travel

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19/03/12	Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar	n/a	£524.85

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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
Jan-12	Project Inshore	The ISU's Marine Programme
Jan-12	Local Government Association	To update on the work of the LGA Special Interest Group
Jan-12	United Utilities	To discuss the Water White Paper
Jan-12	Campaign to Protect Rural England	To discuss the National Planning Policy Framework consultation
Jan-12	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	To discuss direct elections to the National Parks
Jan-12	Wildlife and Countryside Link	To discuss the Water White Paper
Jan-12	Marine Stewardship Council	To discuss fish
Jan-12	Water UK	To discuss licenses
Jan-12	Inland Waterways Advisory Council	To discuss the Water White Paper
Jan-12	English National Park Authorities Association	To discuss Rural Growth Review; Rural Statement; Defra expectations for the role of National Parks
Feb-12	National Farmers Union	To discuss the decline in biodiversity and farming
Feb-12	Anglo Northern Ireland Fish Producers	To discuss a range of fisheries issues of interest to NI fishermen and see port Kilkeel
Feb-12	Fishermen from Portavogie	To discuss a range of fisheries issues of interest to NI fishermen and see Portavogie
Feb-12	Utility Week	Interview with Utility Week
Feb-12	South Georgia Heritage Trust	To discuss protect and conserve the natural and human heritage of the South Atlantic island of South Georgia
Feb-12	Elephant Family	To discuss conservation of the Asian elephant
Feb-12	Water UK	To discuss the Water White Paper
Feb-12	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	To discuss Marine Conservation Zones
Feb-12	Representatives of the Angling Trust	Cormorant petition handover
Feb-12	International Fund for Animal Welfare	To discuss the recent meeting on UK Wildlife Crime Unit
Mar-12	Water UK	To speak at the City Conference
Mar-12	Fishmongers Hall	Introductory meeting
Mar-12	Countryside Restoration Trust	To discuss squirrels
Mar-12	Sportvisserij Netherlands	To discuss angling
Mar-12	Environmental Industries Commission	To discuss the Water White Paper

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Mar-12	British Insurance Brokers' Association	To discuss flood insurance
Mar-12	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Introductory meeting
Mar-12	Northumbrian Water	Introductory meeting

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