

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2011

GIFTS GIVEN OVER £140

The Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP Secretary of State			
Date gift given	From	Gift	Value
Nil Return			

Jim Paice MP Minister of State for Agriculture & Food			
Date gift given	From	Gift	Value
Nil return			

Richard Benyon MP, Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries			
Date gift given	From	Gift	Value
Nil Return			

Lord Henley Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,			
Date gift given	From	Gift	Value
Nil Return			

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Jim Paice MP, Minister of State for Agriculture & Food				
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Richard Benyon (full title)				
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Lord Henley Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,				
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HOSPITALITY¹

The Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP Secretary of State		
Date	Name of Organisation	Type of Hospitality Received (if accompanied by spouse, partner, or other family member or friend insert an asterisk *)
08 Feb 2011	British Veterinary Association Annual Dinner	Dinner
03 March 2011	British Pig Executive	Breakfast

Minister of State for Agriculture & Food, Jim Paice MP		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
Nil return		

Richard Benyon MP, Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries		
Date	Name of Organisation	Type of Hospitality Received
09 Feb 2011	WWF	Dinner

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord Oliver Henley		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
Nil return		

¹ Does not include attendance at functions hosted by HM Government or the Royal Household; attendance at 'diplomatic' functions in the UK or abroad, hosted by overseas governments; offers of hospitality which were declined. The *de minimis* level for declaring hospitality is £25.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

The Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP Secretary of State					
Date(s) of trip	Destination	Purpose of trip	'No 32 (The Royal Squadron' or 'other RAF' or 'Charter' or 'Eurostar'	Number of officials accompanying Minister, where non-scheduled travel is used	Total cost including travel, and accommodation of Minister only
21 – 22 January 2011	Berlin, Germany	Green Week	Scheduled		£326
20 – 21 February 2011	Brussels, Belgium	Agriculture Council	Scheduled/ Eurostar		£586
13 – 15 March 2011	Brussels, Belgium	Environment Council	Scheduled/ Eurostar		£975
24 March 2011	Budapest Hungary	Informal Environment Council	Scheduled		£588
5 – 8 April 2011	Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia, Brazil	Dialogues with Ministerial counterparts	Scheduled		£3538

Jim Paice MP Minister of State for Agriculture & Food					
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24 January 2011	Brussels, Belgium	Agricultural Council	Eurostar		£264

Richard Benyon MP, Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries					
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			'Eurostar'		
01 March 2011	Brussels, Belgium	Meeting of EU Fisheries Ministers	Eurostar		623

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord Henley					
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17 March 2011	Brussels, Belgium	Agricultural Council	Eurostar		£434

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS²

The Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP Secretary of State		
Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
Jan 2011	Country Land and Business Association	Farming and Rural Issues
Jan 2011	Women's Farming Union	Farming and Rural Issues
Feb 2011	National Trust	Forestry
Feb 2011	Woodland Trust	Forestry
Feb 2011	Wildlife Trust	Forestry
Feb 2011	Tesco	Food and Farming issues
Feb 2011	Port of London Authority	Discuss the Port of London Authority
Mar 2011	British Retail Consortium	Waste Review
Mar 2011	Bishop James Jones	Forestry
Mar 2011	Leeds City Council	Leeds Flood Scheme
Mar 2011	Local Government Association	Waste Review
Mar 2011	Keep Britain Tidy	Waste Review
Mar 2011	Meeting with Defra Civil Society Board	Defra's engagement with Civil Society
Mar 2011	Unilever, IBM, Aviva and Nestle	Green Economy

Jim Paice MP Minister of State for Agriculture & Food		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
Jan 2011	Dairy CEOs – all main CEOs of Dairy industry represented	Meet and discuss Dairy Industry
Jan 2011	Country Land and Business Association (CLA)	CAP
Jan 2011	National Farmers Union (NFU)	Uplands Policy
Jan 2011	RSPCA	Food Labelling, Farm Animal Welfare, Livestock Farming Regs
Jan 2011	TB Eradication Group	TB control options
Jan 2011	Dairy Supply Chain Forum	Dairy Industry
Jan 2011	Badger Trust	TB Control Options
Jan 2011	RSPCA	TB Control Options
Jan 2011	Taste of the West	Sustainable business plan
Jan 2011	Countryside Foundation	Growing Schools
Jan 2011	Commercial Farmers Group	CAP Reform
Jan 2011	NFU	TB Control Options
Feb 2011	Kraft Foods	Food industry
Feb 2011	Confor	Public Forestry Estate
Feb 2011	UK Forest Production Assoc	Public Forestry Estate
Feb 2011	CLA, NFU, Tenant Farmers Association (TFA)	Single Payment Scheme
Feb 2011	Sustain	Government Buying Standards
Feb 2011	European Food and Farming Partnership	RDPE

² Does not normally include meetings with Government bodies such as other Government Departments, NDPBs, Non-Ministerial Departments, Agencies, Government reviews and representatives of Parliament, devolved or foreign governments.

Mar 2011	Scotch Whisky Association	Discussion of Whisky industry
Mar 2011	English Food and Drink Alliance	Role of the Alliance in Industry
Mar 2011	CLA	Portfolio catch up
Mar 2011	British Institute of Agricultural Consultants (BIAC)	Rural Payments Agency

Richard Benyon MP, Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries		
Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
Jan 2011	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Catch up
Jan 2011	WWF	To discuss ecosystem services
Jan 2011	Inland waterways Advisory Council	To discuss volunteering and future funding reports
Jan 2011	Historic Houses Association	Introductory meeting
Jan 2011	WWF and Angling Trust	To discuss their proposed judicial review
Jan 2011	South West Water	To discuss the launch of the Walker Review consultation
Jan 2011	Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA)	Introductory meeting
Jan 2011	Estates Business Group	To discuss rural affairs
Jan 2011	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	Big Garden Birdwatch
Feb 2011	South West Lakes Trust	To join the Trust for the launch of its Sustainable Development Plan 2011 to 2015
Feb 2011	British Waterways	To discuss the New Waterways Working Group and consultation publication
Feb 2011	Plantlife	Sustainable use of peat
Feb 2011	Thames Water	To discuss water industry issues, in particular Thames Tunnel
Feb 2011	Inland Waterways Association	Mutualisation of British Waterways
Feb 2011	Marine Fisheries Stakeholders	Annual Forum
Feb 2011	Scottish Fishermen's Federation	CFP reform, and making and insuring Scottish representation
Feb 2011	Coastal Partnership Network	To discuss local solutions to opening up coastal access
Feb 2011	Conservation Rural Affairs Group	To drop into their event
Feb 2011	Waterways Stakeholders	To meet with Inland Waterways stakeholders ahead of consultation launch
Feb 2011	Greenpeace	Catch up
Mar 2011	Regional Rural Affairs Fora (RRAF)	Introductory meeting
Mar 2011	International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)	To discuss the ivory trade/ CITES
Mar 2011	Royal Society for the Protection	To discuss the Natural

	of Birds)RSPB)	Environment Whitepaper(NEWP), peat, and Entry Level Stewardship scheme
Mar 2011	United Utilities	To say goodbye to CEO in his current role and meet his successor
Mar 2011	The End of the Line	To meet film's producers
Mar 2011	Seafish	Shared financial responsibility
Mar 2011	Sharktrust	To discuss the EU shark fining regulation
Mar 2011	The Fishermen's Association Limited	Introductory meeting
Mar 2011	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	To discuss Green Infrastructure and biodiversity offsets.
Mar 2011	Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI)	Introductory meeting
Mar 2011	International Whaling Commission (IWC)	Introductory meeting with the new chair
Mar 2011	Buglife	To discuss the decline of wild pollinators
Mar 2011	Wildlife and Countryside Link	To discuss NEWP
Mar 2011	Jesus College	Climate change adaptation and the forthcoming white papers on the Natural Environment and Water
Mar 2011	World Wildlife Fund	To discuss CITES, Lions, Tigers and Whales
Mar 2011	Mackerel Industry	To discuss Mackerel quotas
Mar 2011	The Cubbington Flood Forum	Introductory meeting
Mar 2011	Shellfish Association	To discuss funding

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Henley		
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Jan 2011	Aldersgate Group	To discuss Mandatory Carbon Reporting
Jan 2011	Voluntary Initiative	To discuss pesticides
Jan 2011	Friends of the Earth	To discuss waste and resources
Jan 2011	Fair Pensions	To discuss Mandatory Carbon Reporting
Jan 2011	Town & Country Planning Association	To discuss Adapting to Climate Change and Littering
Jan 2011	Local Government Association	To discuss Adapting to Climate Change
Feb 2011	Coca Cola	To discuss waste policy
Feb 2011	Dogs Trust	To discuss dangerous dogs and microchipping
Feb 2011	Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)	To discuss forestry
Feb 2011	Carbon Disclosure Project	Mandatory Carbon Reporting

Feb 2011	British Horse Society re Forestry	To discuss British Horse Society re Forestry
Mar 2011	Moorland Association	To discuss pesticide use
Mar 2011	British Retail Consortium	Discuss the waste review
Mar 2011	Packaging Federation	Discuss packaging industry