

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

13 MAY - 31 JULY 2010

GIFTS GIVEN OVER £140

Secretary of State, The Rt. Hon Caroline Spelman MP			
Date gift given	To	Gift	Value
Nil return			

Minister of State for Agriculture & Food, Jim Paice MP			
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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Natural Environment & Fisheries), Richard Benyon MP			
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OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Secretary of State, The Rt. Hon Caroline Spelman MP					
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
16 – 17 May	Brussels, Belgium	Agriculture & Fisheries Council	Eurostar		£522
30 May – 1 June	Lisbon, Portugal	Informal meeting of Agricultural Ministers	Scheduled		£567
5 July	Brussels, Belgium	Bilaterals with EU Commissioners	Eurostar		£325
11 – 12 July	Brussels & Ghent, Belgium	Informal Environment Council	Eurostar		£325

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29 June	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	Agriculture Council	Scheduled		£534
11 July	Brussels, Belgium	Agriculture Council	Eurostar		£309

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20 – 22 June	Agadir, Morocco	International Whaling Conference	Scheduled		£846
28 - 29 June	Luxembourg	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		£489

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11 June	Luxembourg	Environment Council Meeting	Scheduled		£633
5 July	Brussels	Meeting with Commissioners	Eurostar		£325

HOSPITALITY¹

Secretary of State, The Rt. Hon Caroline Spelman MP		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
19 May	National Farmers Union	Breakfast meeting
29 June	Financial Times	Tickets to Summer Party

Minister of State for Agriculture & Food, Jim Paice MP		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
19 June	Sir Don Curry	Breakfast
20 June	Devon County Show	Lunch at the show
08 June	Masters of Foxhounds	Lunch at speaking event
10 June	South of England Show	Breakfast and lunch at the show
30 June	Dairy UK	Dinner at speaking event
05 July	Farmer's Guardian	Lunch
13 July	NFU/Morrisons	Barbecue at speaking event
15 July	The Field Magazine	Lunch

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Natural Environment & Fisheries), Richard Benyon MP		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
25 May	Shellfish Association	Annual Conference Dinner

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord 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; diplomatic functions in the UK or abroad hosted by overseas governments; minor refreshments at meetings, receptions, conferences, and seminars; and offers of hospitality which were declined. The de minimis level for declaring hospitality is £25.

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS²

Secretary of State, The Rt. Hon Caroline Spelman MP		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
May	Greenpeace, National Trust , Woodland Trust , Wildlife and Countryside Link, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, World Wildlife Fund, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Green Alliance, Living Landscape	Introductory meeting to discuss Climate change
May	National Farmers Union	Introductory meeting
May	National Council Voluntary Organisation & 3 rd Sector meeting	Introductory session with key stakeholders
May	Stakeholder Breakfast Event	100 main stakeholders introductory meeting
June	Food & Drink Federation	Introductory meeting
June	Timber Trade Federation & NGOs: World Wildlife Fund, Environmental Investigations Agency, Greenpeace, Timber Trade Federation, Confor , Kingfisher, Progressio	To discuss international forestry issues
June	Country Land & Business Association	Introductory meeting
June	Morrisons	Introductory meeting
June	Tenant Farmers Association	Introductory meeting
June	Waitrose	To discuss Countryside/Rural issues

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

July	University of Oxford	To discuss Badgers
July	United Utilities	To discuss Drought
July	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	To discuss Spending review/biodiversity
July	Confederation of British Industry	To discuss Waste/climate change
July	National Farmers Union	To discuss Spending review
July	English National Park Authorities Association	To discuss National parks/funding
July	Federation of Small Businesses	Introductory meeting to business in rural areas
July	Church Building Council	To discuss Bats

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May	Greenpeace, National Trust, Woodland Trust, Wildlife and Countryside Link, Campaign to Protect Rural England, World Wildlife Foundation, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Green Alliance, Living Landscape	To discuss manifesto commitments with green groups
May	National Farmers' Union	To discuss farming issues
June	Farming Regulation Task Force	To discuss deregulation of farming
June	Game Farmers Association Independent Expert, National Gamekeepers Organisation, The British Association for Shooting & Conservation, Country Land and Business Association, Game & Wildlife Conservancy Trust, Royal Society for the Prevention of	To discuss gamebird codes

	Cruelty to Animals Countryside Alliance, League Against Cruel Sports	
June	Masters of Foxhounds	To discuss hunting
June	Food & Drink Federation	To discuss food strategy
June	World Wildlife Fund, Environmental Investigation Agency, Greenpeace, Confor, Kingfisher, Progressio , Timber Trade Federation	To discuss International Forestry
June	British Horse Society	To discuss the horse industry
June	National Farmers' Union	To discuss Badger Control Campaign for the Farmed Environment Deregulation of Farming Chicken Stocking Density
June	Country Land & Business Association	To discuss the countryside, biodiversity & CAP reform
June	National Farmers' Union Scotland	Initial Meeting
June	National Farmers' Union	To discuss TB Eradication
June	British Poultry Council	To discuss Chicken Stock Density
June	National Beef Association	To discuss the Beef Cattle Industry
June	Tenant Farmers Association	To discuss farming
June	Family Farmer's Association	To discuss family farmers
June	Farming Regulation Task Force	To discuss general issues
June	Camgrain	To discuss general issues
July	National Federation of Young Farmers' Club	To discuss Young Farmers' issues
July	BPEX (British Pig Executive)	To discuss Bacon

July	Dairy Supply Chain Forum	To discuss Dairy
July	National Forest Company	To discuss the National Forest
July	Confederation of Forest Industries UK	To discuss Forestry
July	Agriculture Industries Confederation	To discuss Fertiliser Security
July	Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group	To discuss Farming & Wildlife
July	Women's Food & Farming Union	To discuss Food Procurement , Bovine TB, Chinese Lanterns, Dairy Issues
July	Confederation of British Industry	To discuss general issues
July	National Farmers' Union	To discuss Farming
July	Fonterra	Introductory meeting
July	British Association for Shooting & Conservation	To discuss Lead Ammunition
July	Livestock Auctioneer Association	To discuss Livestock
July	Food Ethics Council	To discuss Food Fairness Inquiry
July	Farming Regulation Task Force	To discuss Farming Regulation
July	National Farmers' Union, Country Land & Business Association, Tenant Farmers Association	To discuss Single Payments Scheme

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May	Greenpeace, National Trust, Woodland Trust, Wildlife and Countryside Link, Campaign to Protect Rural England, World Wildlife Fund, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Green Alliance, Living Landscape	Introductory meeting with green NGOs
June	Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, International Fund for Animal Welfare, World Wildlife Fund, Environmental Investigation Agency, Campaign Whale, World Society for the Protection of Animals	To listen to NGO views before International Whaling Conference
June	Food and Drink Federation	Introductory meeting
June	Water UK	Introductory meeting
June	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations	Introductory meeting
July	Scottish Fishermen's Federation	Introductory meeting
July	New Under Ten's Fishermen's Association	Introductory meeting
July	Association of British Insurers	Introductory meeting
July	UK Association of Fish Producer Organisations	Introductory meeting
July	English National Park Authorities Association	Introductory meeting
July	British Association for Shooting Conservation	Introductory meeting
July	Association of Drainage Authorities	Introductory meeting
July	Action with Communities in Rural England	Introductory meeting

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June	British Association of Shooting and Conservation	To discuss Lead ammunition, Natural Environment White Paper, Agri Environment
June	Country Land and Business Association	To discuss Anaerobic Digestion, Sudden Oak Death, Fly tipping
June	Kennel Club	To discuss Public Consultation on dangerous dogs.
June	Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP)	General introductory meeting, Anaerobic Digestion, Landfill and Construction Commitments
June	Pesticide Action Network	General introduction
July	Georgina Downs	To discuss UK Pesticides Campaign
July	Energy Saving Trust (EST)	Introductory meeting. Role of EST
July	Confederation of British Industry (CBI)	To discuss Energy from waste, Carbon Reporting, Climate change adaptation.
July	National Farmers Union	To discuss Research and Development, Pesticides, Genetic Modification.
July	UK Noise Association	To discuss Neighbour noise, value for money, joined up working across government departments
July	Animal Defenders International Captive Animals Protection Society The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	To discuss Animal Welfare

	BornFree	
July	Jolly's Circus, Mondeo Circus, Bobby Roberts Circus, Association of Circus Proprietors, Collette's Connection for Action, European Circus Association, Performing Animals Welfare Standards International	To discuss Animal Welfare
July	Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)	To discuss Genetically Modified Organisms

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GIFTS RECEIVED³ BY SPECIAL ADVISERS

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Nil returns for: Simon Cawte, Will Littlejohn

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³ Staff may only accept occasional trivial gifts. No offer of a more substantial gift should be accepted lightly. Wherever possible staff should consult with their manager when deciding whether or not to accept a gift. Unsolicited gifts should normally be returned. Any offer of a gift with an estimated value in excess of £20 must be recorded, even if it is declined.

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