

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

1 AUGUST – 30 SEPTEMBER 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
19.09.10	Brussels	Informal Agriculture Council	Scheduled		£242
21.09.10 - 25.09.10	New York, USA (via Amsterdam)	UN General Assembly	Scheduled		£3,415

Minister of State for Agriculture & Food, Jim Paice MP					
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19/09/10	Brussels	Informal Agriculture Council	Eurostar		£250
27/09/10	Brussels	Agriculture Council	Eurostar		£355

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Natural Environment & Fisheries), Richard Benyon MP

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23-24.09.10	Bergen, Norway	OSPAR Ministerial Meeting			£272

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord Henley

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HOSPITALITY¹

Secretary of State, The Rt. Hon Caroline Spelman MP		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
30/09/2010	National Farmers Union Mutual	Dinner
07/10/2010	Farmers Weekly Farmer of the Year Awards	Dinner

Minister of State for Agriculture & Food, Jim Paice MP		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
03/08/2010	National Sheep Association	Dinner
14/09/10	Farmer's Weekly	Lunch
22/09/10	Euroforest	Dinner

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Natural Environment & Fisheries), Richard Benyon MP		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord Henley		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
14/09/2010	Plastics 2020	Dinner

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.

MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS²

Secretary of State, The Rt. Hon Caroline Spelman MP		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
Aug 2010	British Retail Consortium	Introductory meeting
Aug 2010	ASDA	Introductory meeting
Aug 2010	Wildlife Trusts	Lawton Review/White Paper for Nature Big Society and Defra
Aug 2010	National Trust	Introductory meeting and biodiversity/planning issues
Aug 2010	Tesco	Introductory meeting
Sep 2010	IGD	Policy Issues Council/food policy
Sep 2010	GLOBE	Biodiversity
Sep 2010	Sainsburys	Introductory meeting

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.

Minister of State for Agriculture & Food, Jim Paice MP		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
08/2010	Badger Trust	Badger control options
09/2010	Compassion in World Farming	Initial Meeting
09/2010	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	Veterinary Surgeons Act - Legislative Reform Order
09/2010	UK Protected Food Names Association	Introductory meeting
09/2010	BSW Timber	Timber industry issues
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Natural Environment & Fisheries), Richard Benyon MP		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
August 2010	Ofwat	Discussion of Thames tunnel
September 2010	CITES	Meeting with CITES Secretary General
September 2010	NPA Chairs	Discussion of the Governance review
September 2010	NEWP Advisory Panel	First meeting of panel

September 2010	Meeting with CEOs of English water companies, Water UK, EA, Ofwat, Consumer Council for Water + Natural England	Water Industry Meeting
September 2010	National Flood Forum	Introductory Meeting
September 2010	English Access Forum, Ramblers and BMC	Meeting about Public Access to the Natural Environment
September 2010	GLOBE	To discuss Natural Capital
September 2010	Association of Sea Fisheries Committees	Association of Sea Fisheries Committees statutory meeting
September 2010	Angling Trust - Mark Lloyd	Discussion about fisheries
September 2010	Darwin Advisory Committee	Introductory meeting
September 2010	Association of Sea Fisheries Committees	Association of Sea Fisheries Committees Annual statutory meeting
September 2010	Wildlife and Countryside Link & MCS	Introductory Meeting
September 2010	Sustainable Users Network	Discuss CITES issues
September 2010	Flood Summit which includes the National Flood Forum, Local Government Association, Fortis Insurance UK, Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters, British Insurance Broker's Association and Association of British Insurers	Ministers from Defra, HMT and CLG; ABI, BIBA and insurers, MPs, LGA, selected local authorities, Tenants Services Authority, Environment Agency, National Flood Forum
September 2010	Scottish Fishermen's Federation	Introductory Meeting

September 2010	Atlantic Salmon Trust/Salmon & Trout Association	To discuss salmon and freshwater fisheries issues
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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord Henley		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
September 2010	Meeting Wrigley's	To discuss chewing gum litter

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

SPECIAL ADVISERS INFORMATION 1 AUGUST - 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

GIFTS RECEIVED³ by Simon Cawte and Will Little John

Date gift received	From	Description of Gift	Outcome
Nil return			

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.

HOSPITALITY⁴

Special Adviser, Simon Cawte		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
September 2010	NFU	Dinner (NFU Centenary Dinner)

Special Adviser, Will LittleJohn		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received¹
Nil return		

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