

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

October to December 2011

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
14/09/11	Water UK	Dinner
26/10/11	CLA	Dinner

*'Does not normally include attendance at functions hosted by HM Government; '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. * indicates if accompanied by spouse/partner or other family member or friend.'* The de minimis level for declaring hospitality is £25

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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
02/10/11 – 05/10/11	New Delhi	Delhi Dialogue on Green Economy and Inclusive Growth	Scheduled		1642
10/10/11	Luxembourg	EU Environment Council	Scheduled		389
20/10/11	Luxembourg	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		679
13/11/11	Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		253
02/12/11 – 04/12/11	Durban	UN Climate Change Conference	Scheduled		4741
15/12/11	Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar/Scheduled		453
19/12/11	Brussels	EU Environment Council	Eurostar		1157

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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
Nov	Food & Drink Federation	Introductory meeting
Nov	Womens' Food & Farming Union	AGM
Nov	Aldersgate Group	Low Carbon Economy
Nov	Association of British Insurers	Flood Insurance Policy
Nov	United Utilities Thames Water Anglian Water	Water White Paper
Nov	Water UK	Water White Paper
Nov	Blueprint for Water/ RSPB, Wildlife and Countryside Link/FoE	Water White Paper
Nov	CLA	Introductory Meeting
Nov	NFU	CAP and Bovine TB
Dec	CBI/Green Alliance	Green Growth

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.

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Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	- Type of hospitality received
10/10/11	Cologne International Food and Nutrition Trade show ('ANUGA')	Dinner
11/10/11	Institute of Grocery Distribution Food Industry Awards	Dinner/drinks
26/10/11	CLA	Dinner
28/10/11	H&H Livestock Market Agri Expo	Lunch
02/11/11	David Black Awards	Breakfast
07/11/11	British Egg Industry Council	Accommodation and dinner (Minister was guest speaker)
17/11/11	Farming and Advisory Wildlife Group	Dinner
21/11/11	Centre of Excellence in UK Farming (CEUKF)	Dinner (Minister was guest speaker)
21/11/11	North Hertfordshire AGM	Breakfast (Minister was guest speaker)
23/11/11	Farmers Club	Dinner

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10/10/11	Cologne	Cologne International Food and Nutrition Trade show ('ANUGA')	Scheduled		222
20/10/11	Luxembourg	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		435
07/11/11	Brussels	EU Agriculture Ministers Committee	Scheduled		351
14/11/11	Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar		335
28/11/11	Berlin	European Affairs Sub-Committee Away Day	Scheduled		378

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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
Oct	Dairy UK	Meeting to discuss Dairy Policy & industry
Oct	Covent Garden Market Authority	Catch up on progress with major projects
Oct	Africa-Caribbean-Pacific (ACP) Sugar Producers	Discussion of EU Sugar policy reform / CAP issues
Oct	Association of Independent Meat Suppliers	Discussion of issues relating to abattoirs
Nov	National Association of Cider Makers	UK Cider Industry, to discuss the issues that the industry are facing.
Nov	Glenrath Farms	Breakfast meeting - discussion of issues affecting egg sector
Nov	Water UK	Water UK, this was to discuss her new role at Water UK.
Nov	NFU	Discussion of sheep EID
Nov	Danish Trade Association	Danish food interest in England.
Dec	Farm Africa	Discussion of Farming in Forests charitable programme (Africa)
Dec	Nestle	To discuss issues facing the sugar industry.
Dec	Campaign for the Farmed Environment Partnership	To discuss progress of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
Nov	Wildlife and Countryside Link	Presenting to the Wildlife and Countryside Link on CAP.
Nov	Egg Industry Meeting	Meeting with all stakeholders from the egg industry to discuss the Cage Ban.

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Lord Taylor of Holbeach – Quarterly Return Oct – Dec 2011

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Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received
11/10/11	Horticulture Trades Association	Dinner
13/10/11	Unilever	Lunch
24/10/11	Farmers Club	Dinner
26/10/11	CLA	Dinner/Drinks
2/11/11	Business Council for Sustainable Development	Dinner
22/11/11	Farmers Club	Lunch
23/11/11	Farmers Club	Dinner
28/11/11	Climate Change Forum	Dinner/Drinks
29/11/11	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	Dinner
02/12/11	John Innes Centre	Lunch/Refreshments
09/12/11	Chartered Institution of Wastes Management	Lunch
09/12/11	Food & Farming Industry Awards	Dinner

* This excludes minor refreshments or sandwich lunches

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Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary		
Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
Oct	Unilever	To discuss sustainable development
Oct	RSPB	Stakeholder engagement
Oct	Resource Association, Chartered Institute of Waste Management, CBI, Environmental Services Association, Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Association, Renewable Energy Association	Introductory meeting with waste trade associations
Oct	Viridor, Veolia , Sita, Shanks, Cory	Introductory meeting with waste management companies
Nov	The Bee Farmers' Association	To discuss the condition of the industry
Nov	RSPCA, ACPO, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, Dogs Trust, BVA, RCVS.	Irresponsible Dog Ownership Stakeholder Meeting
Nov	Keep Britain Tidy, NetworkRail Highways Agency, Local Government Group, Campaign to Protect Rural England, McDonalds; Wrigley; Imperial Tobacco	Love Where You Live Campaign Steering Group
Nov	Friends of the Earth, Green Alliance	Introductory meeting with environmental groups
Nov	BVA and RCVS	Companion animal welfare issues
Dec	Sandhurst Town Council	Local Environment
Dec	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Litter
Dec	Rothamsted Research	Fact finding – Agricultural research
Dec	E.ON	Fact finding - Enfield Power Station
Dec	Guide dogs	Dog attacks
Dec	Ecoplastics	Fact finding – Packaging waste visit
Dec	LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming)	Demo Farms

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Richard Benyon – quarterly return (October – December 2011)

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Richard Benyon MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Defra		
Date of hospitality	Name of organisation	- Type of hospitality received
October	Country Land and Business Association	Reception and dinner
November	Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management	Annual Parliamentary Reception

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Overseas travel

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20 – 21/10/11	Luxembourg	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		269
14/11/11	London - Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		192
14/11/11	Brussels - London	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar		180
05/12/11	Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar		231
14/12/11	London - Brussels	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Eurostar		203
16/12/11	Brussels – London	EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled		162

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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
October	Thames 21	To discuss pollution of the River Lee
October	WWF UK	To discuss water affordability, metering and water charging
October	The Environment Council	Introductory meeting
October	British Water	To discuss the Water White Paper
October	Various Angling and Fishing Associations including Atlantic Salmon Trust, Angling Trust, Salmon and Trout Association, The Rivers Trust, Wild Trout Trust	To discuss fisheries and angling issues
October	Water Commission for Scotland	To discuss the Water White Paper
October	Angling Trust	To discuss both freshwater and marine angling issues
October	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO)	To discuss fisheries policy
October	British Trust for Ornithologists	To meet some of their 'super-volunteers'
November	South West Water	To discuss fairness and affordability issues in the South West
November	Informal Industry Working Group including UK Foundation Programme Office (UKAFPO), National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, New Under ten Fishermen's Organisation (NUTFA)	To discuss Domestic Fisheries Reform
November	SongBird Survival	Introductory meeting
November	Henderson Global Investors	To discuss the Water White Paper
November	Claire Contaminated Land and Application in Real Environments	To discuss contaminated land
November	RSPB	To discuss the Overseas Territories Consultative Council
November	WWF	To discuss issues surrounding the Western North Pacific Grey Whales
November	Consumer Council for Water	Quarterly meeting
November	West Country Rivers Trust	To discuss land management and water quality

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November	NFU and CLA	To discuss the Water White Paper
December	Major Energy Users' Council	To meet representatives of the Council
December	Wildlife Trust	To discuss Marine Conservation Zones and Nature Improvement Areas
December	Wildlife and Countryside Link's Marine Working Group	To discuss Marine Conservation Zones and Marine and Coastal Access Act