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Work and Pensions Committee

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Response to the Fifth  
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## The Work and Pensions Committee

The Work and Pensions Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Work and Pensions and its associated public bodies.

### Current membership

Terry Rooney MP (*Labour, Bradford North*) (Chairman)  
Anne Begg MP (*Labour, Aberdeen South*)  
Harry Cohen MP (*Labour, Leyton and Wanstead*)  
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Jenny Willott MP (*Liberal Democrat, Cardiff Central*)

The following Members were also Members of the Committee during session 2008-09

John Penrose MP (*Conservative, Weston-Super-Mare*)

### Powers

The committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No 152. These are available on the Internet via [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

### Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at [www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/work\\_and\\_pensions\\_committee.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/work_and_pensions_committee.cfm). A list of Reports of the Committee in the present Parliament is at the back of this volume.

### Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are James Rhys (Clerk), Emma Graham (Second Clerk), Amy Tarr and Hanna Haas (Committee Specialists), Laura Humble (Committee Media Adviser), John-Paul Flaherty (Senior Committee Assistant), Hannah van Schijndel (Committee Assistant) and Jim Lawford (Committee Support Assistant).

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