

DIARY INFORMATION OF THE SECRETARY FOR STATE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS JUNE 2003 – JANUARY 2005

The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs regularly attends Cabinet and a number of Cabinet Committees. The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs also holds a number of meetings with officials and Ministers to discuss various policy issues, the details of which are not included below.

In addition to the appointments recorded below the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs also:

- Conducts a number of interviews with the media.
- Carries out a number of Parliamentary duties, which are recorded in Hansard which is available from: <http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/ld/ldhansrd.htm>
- Meets regularly with a number of MPs and Peers, including the opposition spokespersons.

Week commencing:

09/06/03

Sworn in as Lord Chancellor at Buckingham Palace

16/06/2003

Meeting with Margaret Wilson, New Zealand Attorney-General
Lords vs. Commons Tug of War
Dinner in honour of President Musharraf, President of Pakistan
Sworn in as Lord Chancellor at the Royal Courts of Justice
Introduce Prime Minister's Better Building Awards
Address to Court Service National Conference

23/06/2003

Meeting with Sir Colin Campbell, Chair of Judicial Appointments Commission
Meeting with Ranil Wickremasinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka
Meeting with Senator Marcello Pera, President of Italian Senate
Dinner in honour of Vladimir Putin
Judges Council meeting

30/06/2003

Meeting with the Very Revd Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster
Meeting with Black Rod, Sir Michael Willcocks
Meeting with Sir John Stevens, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police
Meeting with Zahida Manzoor, Legal Services Complaints Commissioner
Meeting with Sarah Tyacke Chief Executive, The National Archives
Launch of Case Progression Project
Memorial Service for General Sikorski

07/07/03

Meeting with Matthias Kelly, Chief Executive of the Bar Council
Dinner with Law Society
Tynewald Day celebrations
Address to Annual Judges Dinner
Attended Lancashire Local Criminal Justice Board
Criminal Cases Review annual dinner

14/07/03

Meeting with Janet Paraskeva, Chief Executive of the Law Society
Meeting with Sir David Clementi, Chair of the Prudential
Meeting with Philip Ruddock, Australian Minister for Immigration
Institute of Barristers Clerks dinner

21/07/03

Meeting with Rachel Lipscomb, Chair of the Magistrates Association
Meeting with Sam Younger, Electoral Commission
Meeting with John Wadham, Director of Liberty
Meeting with HHJ Rose and Debora Matthews, Chair and Chief Executive of the
Judicial Studies Board
Meeting with David Pannick, Legal expert
Meeting with David Arculus, Better Regulation Task Force
Meeting with Daniel Lipsic, Slovak Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice
Homage to the Bishop of Durham
Address to Restorative Justice Conference
Visit to Durham Local Criminal Justice Board

28/07/03

Meeting with Sir Colin Campbell, Chair of Judicial Appointments Commission

04/08/03

Recess

11/08/03

Recess

18/08/03

Recess

25/08/03

Recess

01/09/03

Meeting with Peter Collis, Chief Land Registrar
Meeting with Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster
Dinner with Sir John Stevens, Sir Keith Povey and Chris Fox , Commissioner of
Metropolitan Police, Chief Inspector of HMIC and head of ACPO
Opening of NI legal year

08/09/03

Meeting with Janet Paraskeva and Law Society
Meeting with Francesca Klug, Human Rights expert
Meeting with Mr Ronan Sen, High Commissioner of India in United Kingdom
Address to Criminal Justice Service Inspectorates

15/09/03

Meeting with Emma Harrison and Michelle Childs from a victims group
Meeting with Adam Sampson, David Garner and Patrick South from Shelter
Meeting with Mr G L Peiris, Sri Lankan Constitutional Affairs Minister
Provost of Oriel College Oxford to make a statutory declaration in front of the Lord
Chancellor.
Attended National Archives open day

22/09/03

Meeting with Gaynor Bell and Marie McCourt from Support Against Murder and
Manslaughter
Meeting with Darryl Williams and Michael L'Estrange, Australian Attorney General
and High Commissioner
Visit to Birmingham Case Progression Project
Visit to Airbus Factory, Broughton
Visit to North Wales Institute, Wrexham
Attended North Wales Local Criminal Justice Board

Visit to Manchester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
Address to Law Society Conference
Address to London Criminal Justice Services Confidence Roadshow
Attended the Obit Service, Windsor

29/09/03

Meeting with Temple Bar Scholars
Meeting with Roberto Castelli, Italian Justice Minister
Dinner to celebrate the opening of the legal year
Judges Service
Visit to Northamptonshire Local Criminal Justice Board
Visit to Northamptonshire sunflower centre

06/10/03

Meeting with Steve Hynes and Lynn Evans from Law Centres Federation
Meeting with Angela Killick and Anthony Hewson from CAFCASS
Meeting with Pegasus Scholars
Launch of National Recruitment Strategy
Launch of Greater Manchester Resettlement strategy
Address to Parliamentary Education Unit
Address to Greater Manchester Magistrates Conference

13/10/03

Dinner with Tom Godwin and Dru Sharpling from Metropolitan Police and CPS
London
Meeting with Thomas Matussek, German Ambassador
Address to legal Aid Practitioners Group Annual Conference
Dinner in honour of Luzius Wildhaber, President of the European Court of Human Rights

20/10/03

Meeting with a Jordanian Parliamentary delegation
Dinner in honour of Lee Kuan Yew, The first minister of Singapore
Visit to Voices against Violence forum, Norwich
Visit to Norfolk Local Criminal Justice Board
Opening on Crown Prosecution Services HQ, Norwich
Address to Criminal Justice Management Magazine conference
Present Prime Minister's Better Building Awards
Lord Mayor Elect Ceremony and dinner
Reception for clubs for young people

27/10/03

Dinner with Matthias Kelly, Chief Executive of the Bar Council
Meeting with Pierre Bedier, Head of the French Justice Ministry
Address to Law Society French Lawyers reception
Visit to Derbyshire Local Criminal justice Board

04/11/03

Meeting with Joe Platt and Duncan Murray, Scottish Law Society
Meeting with Speaker Martin
Meeting with Sir Colin Campbell, Chair of Judicial Appointments Commission
Meeting with Dathi O'Cealleigh, Irish Ambassador
Homage to the Bishop of Lichfield
Address Parole Board Annual Conference
Council of Circuit Judges Dinner

10/11/03

Meeting with Julie Mellor, Caroline Slocock, Equal Opportunities Commission
Meeting with Sid Brighton and Neil Clarke, Justices Clerk Society

Meeting with Sir Philip Bailhache, Bailiff of Jersey
Meeting with Mr Jha Peixin, Chinese Ambassador
Lord Mayor's Banquet
Address to Hong Kong Trade and Development Council Dinner
Address to EU Ambassadors
Bar Council Annual Dinner
Opening of Chesterfield Magistrates Court

17/11/03

Meeting with Susan Bucknall and Paul Newdick from Solicitors Pro Bono Group
Meeting and lunch with Wang Zhaoguo, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress
Address to the Association of Women Barristers
State Banquet for President George Bush
Address to Nottinghamshire Magistrates Association
Visit to Suffolk Local Criminal Justice Board
Gray's Inn Grand Day

24/11/03

Lunch with Matthias Kelly, Chief Executive of the Bar Council
Magistrates Recruitment Bus Launch
Middle Temple Grand Day
British Irish Council
Address to Expert Witness Conference
Launch of Cardiff Court based mediation scheme

01/12/03

Meeting with Employment Tribunal Task force
Meeting with Richard Corkhill, Chief Minister of the Isle of Man
Meeting with Sir Paul Nicholson, Chair of the Durham Bench
Meeting with Professor Ian Torrance, Moderator of the Church of Scotland
Meeting with Judge Rosalyn Higgins, British Judge on the International Court of Justice
Meeting with Senator Dan Hays, Speaker of the Canadian Senate
Address DCA Staff conference
Address to Audit Commission conference on victims and witnesses
Address to Institute for Public Policy Research conference
Address to Legal Action Group

08/12/03

Meeting with Laurence Oates, Official Solicitor
Address to University College London Constitution Unit
Homage to the Bishop of Chelmsford
Homage to the Bishop of Sodor and Man
Address in honour of the Human Rights Narrative

15/12/03

Address to Law Society Council
Visit to New York and Washington DC
Visit to Police and CJS Initiative in Middlesbrough

22/12/03

Recess

29/12/03

Recess

05/01/04

Dinner with Jha Peixin, Chinese Ambassador

12/01/04

Dinner with Sir Archy Kirkwood, Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust
Lunch with Sir Gulam Noon, Noon Foods

19/01/04

Meeting with Robert Finch, Lord Mayor of London
Phone call with Rachel Lipscomb, Chair of Magistrates Association
Address to Magistrates National Training Conference
Memorial Service for Lord Williams of Mostyn

26/01/04

Address to Crown Prosecution Service law Scholarship Programme
Criminal Justice Services lecture at Birmingham University

02/02/04

Meeting with Janet Paraskeva, Chief Executive of Law Society
Meeting with Stephen Irwin, Chief Executive of Bar Council
Phone call with Peter Cush, Chief Executive of NI Bar Council
Phone call with John Pinkerton, Chief Executive of NI Law Society
Dinner with Mr Speaker and the Archbishop of Canterbury
Address to Francis Holland Girls School
MacMillan Cancer Palace of Varieties sketch

09/02/04

Times Law Awards Judges meeting with Lord Hutton, Lord Grabiner, Robert Thomson and Sally O'Sullivan
Meeting with Rachel Lipscomb, Chair of Magistrates Association
Meeting with Sir Michael Willcocks, Black Rod
Meeting with Peter Collis, Chief Land Registrar
Meeting with Peter Gershon, Chief Executive Office of Government Commerce
Address to the Employed Barristers Conference

16/02/04

Meeting with Marilyn and Roger Woods, Victims Group
Meeting with Very Revd Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford
Lunch with Dathi O'Cealleigh, Irish Ambassador
Lunch with Frederic Reynolds QC
Address to the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers
Address to Association of Chief Police Officers conference
Leslie Falconer Memorial Lecture

23/02/04

Phone call with Archbishop of Canterbury
Dinner with Lord and Lady Mayoress
Address to UA Bench and Branch Chairs Conference

01/03/04

Dinner with EU Justice Ministers
Meeting with Chief Executives of the Crown Dependencies
Visit to Paris – Les Jeunes event
Greater Manchester Street Crime Visit
Present Times Law Awards

08/03/04

Visit to Harrow and Harrow Crown Court
Address to Brasenose College, Oxford

15/03/04

Lunch with Matthias Kelly and Stephen Irwin, Bar Council
Address to the School of Law
Visit to Watford and Hertfordshire Local Criminal Justice Board
Address to AGM of Women Judges

22/03/04

Address to Domestic Violence Conference
Homage to the Bishop of Blackburn
Visit to Southwark Crown Court and Southwark Police Station

29/03/04

Dinner with Clifford Chance
Meeting with Janet Paraskeva and Peter Williamson, Law Society
Meeting with Mouded Ahmed, Bangladeshi Justice Minister
Visit and address to City of London Advice Bureau
Address to Placemakers Lunch
Visit and address to Sutton Coldfield Magistrates

05/04/04

12/04/04

Dinner with Professor S Jayakumar, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore
Visit to West Mercia Local Criminal Justice Board

19/04/04

Meeting with All Chinese Lawyers Association
Address to DCA Networks Conference
Ceremony for 200 year anniversary of the Signing of the Whitlocke Treaty, Upsalla, Sweden
Address to EU Ambassadors
Gresham Lecture

26/04/04

Lunch with Sam Younger, Electoral Commission
Meeting with the Law Society
Meeting with ILPA
Meeting with Bar Council
Meeting with Giancarlo Aragona, Italian Ambassador
Meeting with Pat Cox, President of the European Parliament
Address to Democratic Engagement Seminar
Visit to Bradford Magistrates Court and Leeds Domestic Violence Court

03/05/04

Dinner with Sir Alan West, First Sea Lord
Meeting with Andrew Li, Hong Kong Chief Justice
State Banquet for the President of Poland
Banquet in honour of HM Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh

10/05/04

Meeting with Wen Jiabao and Li Zhaoxing, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of China
Meeting with Archbishop Lajolo, Secretary of the Holy See
Ministerial visit to Jersey
Homage to the Bishop of Gloucester
Commission for Equality and Human Rights (CEHR) White Paper launch
IPU Annual Dinner
Ministerial street crime visit to Manchester

17/05/04

Phone call with Sir David Edward, British Judge at the European Court of Justice
Meeting with Sir Michael Willcocks, Black Rod
Downing College Commemoration Dinner
Ministerial visit to Chester

24/05/04

Lunch with Niall Morrison and Stephen Irwin, Bar Council
Meeting with Margaret Wilson, New Zealand Attorney General
Meeting with Prime Minister Erdogan Prime Minister of Turkey
Dinner to celebrate the end of appeals to the Privy Council
Address to the Council of Immigration Judges Dinner
Address to BIICL Seminar

31/05/04

Recess
Meeting with a Korean Parliamentary delegation
Ministerial Visit to Carlisle Crown Court and Carlisle Law Centre

07/06/04

Dinner with the Law Society
Ministerial visit to Liverpool Community Justice Centre

14/06/04

Meeting with new Peers
Lunch with Sir Ewen Cameron, Chair of the Countryside Agency
Ministerial visit to Turning Point Mental Health Centre
Harvard Law School Association Dinner

21/06/04

Meeting with Zahida Manzoor, Legal Services Complaints Commissioner
Lords vs Commons Tug of War
South Eastern Circuit Annual Dinner

28/06/04

Meeting with Colin Price, Strategic Investment Board
Address to IAA Annual Conference
Address to Magistrates Shadowing Scheme Dinner

05/07/04

Meeting with Sarah Tyacke, Chief Executive, The National Archives
Meeting with an El Salvadorean Parliamentary Delegation
Lunch with Chief Justice Rehnquist
Judge Mock Trial Contest

12/07/04

Meeting with Cemil Cicek, Turkish Justice Minister
Lunch with Mikhail Saakashvili, President of Georgia
Address to John Smith Memorial Trust
Address to Magistrates Association Annual Dinner

19/07/04

Meeting with Edward Nally and Janet Paraskeva, Law Society
Meeting with Mikhail Margelov, Chair of Russian Foreign Affairs Committee
Meeting with Kenny Anthony, Prime Minister of St Lucia
Address to the Hansard Society
Annual Judges Dinner
Ministerial visit to Exeter

26/07/04

Meeting with Peter Collis, Chief Land Registrar
Dinner with Stephen Irwin, Bar Council
Ministerial visit to Winchester Combined Court
Winchester Grand Night

03/08/04

Recess

10/08/04

Recess

17/08/04

Recess

24/08/04

Recess

31/08/04

Recess

06/09/04

Meeting with Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster
Meeting with Dame Rennie Fritchie, Chair of Office Public Appointments
Dinner with Antonin Scalia and Stephen Breyer, US Supreme Court Justices
Opening of the NI Legal Year

13/09/04

Meeting with Rachel Lipscomb and Sally Dickinson, Magistrates Association
Meeting with Soledad Alvear, Chilean Justice Minister
Dinner with Giancarlo Aragona, Italian Ambassador
Howard League for Penal Reform lecture
Address to Young Chinese Lawyers
Ministerial visit to Coventry Crown Court

20/09/04

Recess

Meeting with Malcolm Hurlston, Registry Trust Limited
Ministerial visit to Italy
Ministerial street crime visit to Manchester

27/09/04

Recess

Judges Service
Dinner to celebrate the opening of the legal year

24/10/04

Recess

Ministerial visit to Toronto and Ottawa

11/10/04

Meeting with Trevor Phillips, Commission for Racial Equality
Meeting with Rocco Buttiglione, EU Commissioner for Justice
Meeting with Bjorn Von Sydow, Speaker of the Swedish Parliament
Meeting with Pal Csaky, Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovakia
Judicial Diversity launch
Privy Council meeting
Opening of Ipswich Crown Court

18/10/04

Address to the Society of Editors
Announcement of Community Justice Centre Judge
Lord Mayor Elect Ceremony and dinner
Memorial Service for Lord Justice Kay
Address to Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust
Opening of Cambridge Crown Court

25/10/04

Meeting with Temple Bar Scholars
Meeting with Donald Tsang, Chief Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Lunch with President Madl, President of Hungary
Dinner in honour of Dominique de Villepin, French Foreign Minister
Address to Magistrates Association Annual Conference
Launch of Legal Services Complaints Commissioner
ASB launch at Mermaid Theatre
Present Prime Minister's Better Building Awards

01/11/04

Meeting with Ian McAllister, Network Rail
Ministerial visit to Jersey and Guernsey
Memorial Service for Michael Hyam
Ministerial visit to Madrid

08/11/04

Meeting with Most Revd Peter Smith, Archbishop of Cardiff
Meeting with Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner
Lunch with the Bishop of London after the Cenotaph ceremony
Press conference and lunch with Alvaro Gil-Robles, Human Rights Commissioner
Atkin Lecture at the Reform Club
Address to Insurance Times Conference
Opening of Tanfield Chambers
1 Gray's Inn Square Annual Dinner
Address to the Solicitors Association of Higher Court Advocates
Address to District Judges Annual Conference
Cenotaph Ceremony
Evidence Session for Senior Salaries Review Board

15/11/04

Parliamentary Reception to celebrate 200 years of the Entente Cordiale
Meeting with Stella Dixon, Chief Inspector of Courts Administration
Meeting with Lord Sawyer, Tom Jones, Geoffrey Shears and David Thompson, Thompsons' Solicitors
Meeting with Lord Mishcon and a delegation of Chinese Businessmen
Launch of Broadcasting courts paper
Lord Mayor's Banquet
Address to HMCS Management Conference
Maitland Chambers dinner
Address to Central Council of Magistrates Courts Committees
Attended British Irish Council

22/11/04

Phone call with Dathi O'Cealleigh, Irish Ambassador
Meeting with Most Revd Peter Smith, Archbishop of Cardiff
Homage to the Bishop of Guildford
Speech to Law for Journalists conference
Middle Temple Grand Day
Address to Council on Tribunals

29/11/04

Meeting with Jon Rouse, Peter Dixon and Aileen Wilton, Housing Corporation
Meeting with Alison Elliott, Moderator of the Church of Scotland
Address to Reuters Newsmakers event
State Banquet for President of South Korea
Dinner in honour of the Crown Dependencies
Address to Middlesex Law Society

06/12/04

Meeting with Sir Alastair Graham, Chair of Committee of Standards of Public Life
Meeting with Neil Kinnock, New Peer
Meeting with Damian Welfare, Diana Jeuda, Daniel Zeichner and Lord Richard, Campaign for a Democratic Upper House
Meeting with Stephen Irwin and David Hobart, Bar Council
Meeting with Meg Russell, University College London
Launch of DCA Five year strategy
Address to SJ Berwin Lunch
Reception for BBC News Programmes
Address to DCA Diversity Conference

13/12/04

Lunch with Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty
Phone call with Brian Yates, Chair of Consumers Association
Phone call with Dame Deidre Hutton, Chair of Consumer Council
Meeting with Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner
Address to DCA Staff Conference
Circuit Leaders Dinner

20/12/04**27/12/04**

Recess

03/01/05

Recess
Meeting with Sarah Tyacke and Wilma Jones, The National Archives
Meeting with Peter Collis and Ted Beardsall, Land Registry
Lunch with Senator Marcello Pera, President of the Italian Senate

10/01/05

Meeting with Most Revd Peter Smith, Archbishop of Cardiff
Meeting with Iqbal Sacranie, Chair of Muslim Council of Britain
Lunch with the Law Commissioners
Meeting with Chris Patten, New Peer
Meeting and dinner with Irwin Cotler, Canadian Justice Minister
Broadcasting Courts Seminar
Address to North Hertfordshire Bench

17/01/05

Meeting with Sir Michael Willcocks, Black Rod
Meeting with Senator Dan Hays, Norman Radford and Paul Belisle, Canadian Parliamentary Delegation
Launch of Parental Separation Consultation Paper Response
Address to Law Society Council
Ministerial visit to Brighton

24/01/05

Holocaust Memorial Day

Meeting with Malcolm Cohen and Michael Heap, Chair and Chief Executive of
Greater London Magistrates Authority
Meeting with Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty
Meeting with Richard Thomas Information Commissioner
Meeting with Elsie Leung, Justice Minister of the Hong Kong Special Administrative
Region
Meeting and dinner with Justice Stephen Breyer and an ABA delegation
Freedom of Information lecture at University College London
MacMillan Cancer Palace of Varieties
Ministerial visit to Gloucester and Worcester

31/01/05

Meeting with Tony Woodley, Transport and General Workers Union
Meeting with Peter Facey and Ken Ritchie, New Politics Network
Times Law Awards meeting with Lord Grabiner, Robert Thomson, Lord Simon Brown
and Emma Hinsworth
Dinner in honour of Professor John Hood
Address to Cambridge Law Society
Alton lecture at the University of Liverpool
Ministerial visit to Barnsley
Address to South Yorkshire Magistrates