

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar: UK farming and the future of the Common Agricultural Policy

Timing: Morning, 13th October 2010

Venue: Central London

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- 8.45 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Neil Parish MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Challenges and priorities**
Gwilym Jones, International & Legal Affairs, Cabinet of Commissioner Ciolos, European Commission
- 9.20 - 9.35 **The view from the NFU**
Peter Kendall, President, National Farmers' Union
- 9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.50 **Getting the balance right: environmental protection, support for industry and addressing bureaucracy**
- The view from the Soil Association**
Peter Melchett, Policy Director, Soil Association
- The view from the food and drink industry**
Senior representative, food and drink industry
- CAP implementation and enforcement post 2013: the view from the ground**
Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones, Associate Solicitor, John Collins & Partners
- Land management and environmental protection**
Professor Allan Buckwell, Policy Director, CLA (Country Land & Business Association)
- Questions and comments from the floor and open discussion
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Neil Parish MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Fairness, transparency and support**
Jack Thurston, Co-founder, farmsubsidy.org
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Pressures for CAP reform**
Alan Swinbank, Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Reading
- 11.45 - 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.30 **A CAP fit for the future**
George Lyon MEP, Liberal Democrat MEP for Scotland and Rapporteur of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (ComAgri)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The view from government**
Martin Nesbit, Director for EU and International Agriculture, Food and Farming Group, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's closing remarks and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Senior Producer, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum