Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what the (a) cause and (b) source of the recent polyisobutene pollution incidents was.

Stephen Hammond (Wimbledon, Conservative)

Officials at the Maritime and Coastguard Agency are analysing data that shows which vessels transited the area where it is estimated that the discharges could have taken place. That may help to determine the source of the pollution and allow further investigation to assess whether the discharge was permissible or whether there may be a case to take action against an unlawful discharge.