Thank you to DevonWildlife and the RSPBSouthWest for talking to the Shipping Minister, Stephen Hammond about the disastrous effect of oil additive polymer PIB\* responsible for seabird deaths in two recent incidents. Polyisobutene is used in products ranging from adhesives to sealants and chewing gum. Samples that have been analysed suggests it was most likely used as an additive in lubricating oil and may have polluted the sea when a ship’s crew flushed out tanks that had been carrying the substance.