



House of Commons

Thursday 5 March 2026

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

2 Speaker's Statement: Clerk of the House (announcement of resignation)

3 Business Question (Leader of the House)

4 Royal Assent

The Deputy Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Medical Training (Prioritisation) Act 2026

Rare Cancers Act 2026

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Act 2026

5 Statements: (1) Consular assistance (Mr Hamish Falconer)

(2) Energy markets (Secretary Ed Miliband)

6 Ministerial Salaries (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Orders No. 50 and No. 57)

Darren Jones, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, James Murray, Nick Thomas-Symonds and Chris Ward, presented a Bill to make provision about the maximum number of salaries that may be paid under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 in respect of certain Ministerial offices.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 9 March, and to be printed (Bill 401) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 401–EN).

7 Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) (No. 2) Bill: Second and Third Reading (Standing Order No. 56)

Motion made and Question put forthwith, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

Motion made and Question put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question agreed to and Bill read the third time, and passed.

8 Backbench Business

(1) Contributions of Commonwealth troops in the First World War

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the contributions of Commonwealth troops in the First World War.—(*Jas Athwal*).

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put and agreed to

(2) Future of palliative care

Resolved, That this House notes the findings of the Independent Palliative Care Commission; calls on the Government to implement its recommendations in full, including to establish a comprehensive and specialist palliative care service that is equally accessible to everyone and properly funded, as well as a new commissioning framework that secures a service across all settings and is available from the point of a terminal diagnosis, the advancement of a life-limiting illness or latter stages of a chronic condition; and further calls on the Government to have a focus on workforce planning and training, to provide a comprehensive palliative care service, and to ensure that patients are empowered through future care plans to articulate what they want to happen towards the end of their life, while also establishing bereavement services for all.—(*Rachael Maskell*).

9 Adjournment

Subject: Endometriosis, fibroids and the Women's Health Strategy (Ms Abena Oppong-Asare)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Nesil Caliskan*.)

Adjourned at 5.16 pm until Monday 9 March.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

10 Armed Conflict (Requirements) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 6 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 April.

11 Online Services (Age Restrictions) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Monday 9 March, read and discharged.

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-Committees, and allocates Statutory Instruments to Delegated Legislation Committees.

The Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Procurement Act 2023 (Specified International Agreements and Saving Provision) (Amendment) Regulations 2026)

Members: Charlie Dewhurst discharged and Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst nominated in substitution.

13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Fee Limit Condition) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2026)

Members: Sir Roger Gale and Laura Trott discharged and Alicia Kearns and John Cooper nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

14 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 12 March, Thursday 19 March, Tuesday 24 March and Thursday 26 March in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

15 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *BBC World Service 2024–25: Seventy-second Report*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1299);

(2) *The MoD's tackling of economic crime and misconduct*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1733);

(3) *Civil Service Pensions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 888);

(4) *Government's use of external consultants*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1521) (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Contribution of local museums

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the contribution of local museums.—(*Jen Craft.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the contribution of local museums.

2 World Book Day

Resolved, That this House has considered World Book Day.—(*Helen Hayes.*)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 4.16 pm until Monday 9 March.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Immigration and Asylum

Draft Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Accommodation to Failed Asylum-Seekers) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

2 Parliament

Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 (Amendment) Order 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Thomas-Symonds)

3 Retained EU Law Reform

Draft Asylum Seekers (Reception Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Climate Change

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Auctioning (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 214), dated 4 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Dan Tomlinson)

5 Ecclesiastical Law

(1) Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 200), dated 9 February 2026 (by Measure) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 198), dated 8 February 2026 (by Measure) (Clerk of the House)

(3) National Ministry Register Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 193), dated 25 February 2026 (by Measure) (Clerk of the House)

(4) Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 199), dated 9 February 2026 (by Measure) (Clerk of the House)

6 Government Resources and Accounts

Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) Order 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 216), dated 4 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

7 Immigration

(1) Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 209), dated 4 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

(2) Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 208), dated 4 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

(3) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (by Act), to be printed (HC 1691), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

8 Income Tax

Income Tax (Exemption of Social Security Benefits) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 211), dated 4 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dan Tomlinson)

9 Social Care

Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 213), dated 4 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephen Kinnock)

10 Social Security

Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 212), dated 3 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Torsten Bell)

11 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Employment Rights Act 2025 (Statutory Sick Pay) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 210), dated 3 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dame Diana Johnson)

12 Town and Country Planning

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Order 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 215), dated 4 March 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Matthew Pennycook)

Other papers**13 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Culture, Media and Sport: The financial resilience of DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries (by Act), to be printed (HC 1717) (Clerk of the House)

14 Treasury

Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Fifty-seventh to the Sixty-first Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2024–26 (by Command) (CP 1533) (Dan Tomlinson)

15 Treaty Series No.10 (2026)

Decision No. 1/2026, done at London on 2 February 2026, of the Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (by Command) (CP 1530) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker has certified that the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.