



House of Commons

Tuesday 15 September 2026

Votes and Proceedings

No. 45

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

2 Urgent Questions: (1) Tourism: impact of the proposed overnight visitor levy (Jim McMahon)

(2) Government response to the closure of the Saudi east-west oil pipeline (Martin McCluskey)

(3) English Whisky Geographical Indication Single Malt definition (Stephen Morgan)

3 Suspension of sitting

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until 2.32 pm.

4 Statement: Thirlwall Inquiry: final report and recommendations (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

5 Select Committee Statements (Standing Order No. 22D)

(1) Publication of the First Special Report of the Treasury Committee, Student loans: Broken and unfair? Government Response, HC 622 (Dame Meg Hillier)

(2) Publication of the Twelfth Report of the Committee of Public Accounts, Government compensation schemes, HC 88 (Anna Dixon)

6 Church Appointments (Repeal of Discriminatory Provision) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Louise Haigh, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Alex Norris, Secretary Angela Rayner, Secretary Chris Bryant, Secretary Douglas Alexander, Hamish Falconer, Kanishka Narayan, Dan Jarvis, Florence Eshalomi, Mark Ferguson, and Jim McMahon, presented a Bill to repeal provision which prohibits persons of the Roman Catholic or Jewish faiths from advising the Crown on appointments in the Church of England or Church of Scotland; and to repeal provision which precludes such persons from making ecclesiastical appointments.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 12 October, and to be printed (Bill 150) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 150–EN).

7 Student finance (review): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to review student finance in England; to require the review to consider loan repayment arrangements and thresholds; to require the review to consider the terms and conditions applying to student loans when they were issued; to require the review to consider the relationship between student finance loan repayment thresholds and average earnings; and for connected purposes;

That Tom Gordon, Vikki Slade, Liz Jarvis, Ann Davies, Dr Danny Chambers, Siân Berry, Cat Eccles, Cat Smith, Christine Jardine, Layla Moran, Ruth Cadbury and Alex Sobel present the Bill.

Tom Gordon accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 January 2027, and to be printed (Bill 151).

8 Backbench Business

(1) Potential merits of a full ban on fracking

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of a full ban on fracking.—*(Claire Young.)*

(2) World Sepsis Awareness Month

Resolved, That this House has considered World Sepsis Awareness Month.—*(Mike Wood.)*

9 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Damian Hinds be discharged from the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee and Nigel Huddleston be added.—*(Sir Mark Tami, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

10 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of England relating to young carers' champions was presented and read by Vikki Slade.

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to Dentistry in coastal areas was presented and read by Steve Darling.

11 Adjournment

Subject: 10th anniversary of the murder of George Low in Cyprus (Jim Dickson)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—*(Harpreet Uppal.)*

Adjourned at 6.56 pm until Monday 12 October (Order, 9 June).

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Financial Services and Markets Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the regulation of financial services and markets; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

*First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills***13 Financial Services and Markets Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 12 October, and to be printed (Bill 152) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 152-EN).

*Changes to Notices Given***14 Domestic Abuse (Pets etc) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 4 December.

*General Committees: Reports***15 Immigration and Asylum Bill Committee**

Paula Barker (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

*Select Committees: Reports***16 Administration Committee**

(1) *General Election Planning*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 362).

(2) Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on Tuesday 15 September, to be published

(Nick Smith).

17 Business, Innovation, Science and Trade Committee

Artificial Intelligence, business and the future of the workforce: Written evidence, to be published (125) (Liam Byrne).

18 Education Committee

(1) *Every child achieving and thriving White Paper*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 430);

(2) *Correspondence with Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Financial Statement and Budget 2026*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The use of artificial intelligence and EdTech in Education*: written evidence, to be published (HC 151)

(Helen Hayes).

19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *The future of Thames Water and special administration*: Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 664);
 - (2) *Climate adaptation and emergency response*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 68);
 - (3) *Land use and nature*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 224)
- (Mr Alistair Carmichael).

20 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Mandatory to manageable: the government's plans for digital ID*: Government Response: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 660);
 - (2) *The work of the Home Office*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 662);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Migration and Citizenship relating to changes to the immigration rules, in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to measures to halve violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to the Government's plans to prevent children from taking, sharing or viewing nude images online*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *The impact of serious and organised crime on local neighbourhoods*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 36)
- (Dame Karen Bradley).

21 International Development Committee

- (1) *The UK's development partnership with Nigeria: Government Response*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 630);
 - (2) *The work of the Minister for International Development*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 635);
 - (3) *Global Health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 208)
- (Sarah Champion).

22 Science and Technology Committee

- (1) *Under the Microscope*: Fourth report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the report (HC 64);
- (2) *Science diplomacy: Sovereignty, strategy and the global race*:
 - (i) *Science diplomacy: Sovereignty, strategy and the global race: Government response*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 652);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 62);
- (3) *Machinery of government changes*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 648);
- (4) *Correspondence from the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Technology*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, relating to nude images online*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Work of the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 488)

(Dame Chi Onwurah).

23 Transport Committee

(1) *Scrutiny of the draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 482);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport relating to introduction of the Highways (Financing) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport relating to the 2040 Rail Freight Growth Target*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Railways Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 273)

(Ruth Cadbury).

24 Treasury Committee

(1) *The Office for Budget Responsibility: Time for Change?*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 15);

(2) *Financial Inclusion Strategy: Government Response*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 621)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

25 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Broadcasting in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 598);

(2) *Industrial legacy and contaminated land*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 631)

(Ruth Jones).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Building safety remediation of residential buildings

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the building safety remediation of residential buildings—*(Dr Al Pinkerton.)*

At 11.00 am the motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10 (6)).

2 Ocean conservation and stewardship

Resolved, That this House has considered ocean conservation and stewardship.—*(Tristan Osborne.)*

The sitting was suspended between 11.22 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Definition and application of grey belt land

Resolved, That this House has considered the definition and application of grey belt land.—(*Sir Jeremy Wright*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.42 pm and 4 pm.

4 Goods trading between Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered goods trading between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.—(*Jim Allister*.)

At 4.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

5 Administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme.—(*Ian Byrne*.)

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)).

At 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Monday 12 October (Order, 9 June).

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Financial Services

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Cryptoassets) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Rigby)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Police

Ministry of Defence Police (Conduct, Performance and Appeals Tribunals) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 1021), dated 10 September 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Calvin Bailey)

Other papers

3 Agriculture

Farming Annual Report for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Angela Eagle)

4 Environment

Government Response to the Report of the Office for Environmental Protection on a review of Environment Agency inspections in the waste operations and installations sector in England (by Act) (Secretary Angela Eagle)

5 Home Office

Anti-money laundering and asset recovery strategy 2026-29 (by Command) (CP 1677) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

6 Inquiries

(1) Report of the Thirlwall Inquiry: The Public Inquiry into events at the Countess of Chester Hospital, 2015 to 2018 (by Act), to be printed (HC 597) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(2) Summary Report of the Thirlwall Inquiry: The Public Inquiry into events at the Countess of Chester Hospital, 2015 to 2018 (by Act), to be printed (HC 601) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

7 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(2) Report and Accounts of Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

8 Treaty Series No. 40 (2026)

Agreement, done at London on 15 September 2025, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Portuguese Republic on the Protection of Classified Information (by Command) (CP 1679) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

9 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of the Future Border and Immigration System benefits realisation: March to July 2026 (by Act) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE**MONEY BILL****10 Sovereign Grant Bill**

The Speaker has certified that the Sovereign Grant Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

CORRECTION**11 Monday 14 October 2026**

The following item should have appeared before item 27 (General Committees: Appointments)

() Immigration and Asylum Bill

Chairs: Gill Furniss and Christine Jardine

() Sporting Events Bill;

Chairs: Dr Rosena Allin-Khan and Sir Alec Shelbrooke

() First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Human Rights Act 1998 (Remedial) Order 2026)

Chair: Sir Desmond Swayne

() Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (Calculation of CBAM Rate and Determination of Carbon Price Relief) Regulations 2026)

Chair: Graham Stringer

() Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Modification of the Law (British Steel Limited Property Transfer) Regulations 2026)

Chair: Peter Dowd

() Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Railways (Interoperability in Northern Ireland) (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) (Amendment) Regulations 2026)

Chair: Sir Desmond Swayne

() Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Overseas Prudential Requirements Regime (Credit Institutions and Investment Firms) Regulations 2026), (draft Over the Counter Derivatives (Intragroup Transactions) Regulations 2026) and (draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Assimilation to Company Law and Changes to Funding Limit) Order 2026)

Chair: Andrew Murrison

() Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on Access and Unfair Practices During the Recognition and Derecognition Process);

Chair: Peter Dowd

() Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Withdrawal Agreement (Windsor Framework and Governance) (Amendment) Regulations 2026);

Chair: Clive Efford

() Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Boiler Upgrade Scheme (Amendment to the Energy Act 2008 etc.) Regulations 2026)

Chair: Wera Hobhouse