



House of Commons

Thursday 31 March 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

2 Urgent Questions: (1) Ukraine: Rape as a weapon of war (Vicky Ford)

3 Royal Assent

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

Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Act 2022

Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety) Act 2022

Nuclear Energy (Financing) Act 2022

National Insurance Contributions (Increase of Thresholds) Act 2022

4 Urgent Questions: (2) Ukraine refugee visas (Kevin Foster)

(3) Homes for Ukraine scheme (Eddie Hughes)

5 Business Question (Leader of the House)

6 Backbench Business

(1) Impact of long covid on the UK workforce

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of long covid on the UK workforce.—(*Layla Moran.*)

(2) Matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment.—(*Bob Blackman.*)

At 5.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3))

7 Adjournment

Subject: Ambulance response times in Shropshire (Helen Morgan)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Tuesday 19 April (Resolution, 1 December 2021).

Other Proceedings

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).

- 8 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games) Regulations 2022, draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Finals) Regulations 2022 and draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (Finalissima Football Match) Regulations 2022)**

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

Members: Stuart Anderson discharged and Sarah Atherton nominated in substitution.

- 9 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Universal Credit and Jobseeker's Allowance (Work Search and Work Availability Requirements - limitations) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 108))**

Chair: Julie Elliott

Members: Gareth Bacon discharged and Andy Carter nominated in substitution.

- 10 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Judicial Pensions Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 319))**

Chair: Clive Efford

Reports from Select Committees

- 11 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 21 April in the Chamber and Thursday 21 and Tuesday 26 April in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

- 12 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

Pre-appointment hearing for Chair of Ofcom:

i) Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 48);

ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 48)

(Julian Knight).

- 13 International Trade Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Investment relating to the latest publications by UK National Contact Point (UK NCP):* Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with Australia:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1002)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

14 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

Correspondence with the National Security Adviser relating to the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund: Part of written evidence, to be published (Margaret Beckett).

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 Future funding of urban transport

Resolved, That this House has considered the future funding of urban transport.—(*Clive Betts*.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.37 pm and 3.00 pm.

2 Food security

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered food security.—(*Deidre Brock*.)

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 food security.

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

Adjourned at 4.28 pm until Tuesday 19 April (Resolution, 1 December 2021).

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Electricity

Draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Customs

Trade Remedies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 414), dated 29 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Penny Mordaunt)

Other papers

3 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Minute, dated 31 March 2022, concerning notification of a contingent liability in respect of the Energy Supply Company Special Administration Regime: Bulb Energy Limited (by Command) (Greg Hands)

4 Financial Services and Markets

Technical Standards (Markets in Financial Instruments) (Transaction Reporting) Instrument 2022 (by Act) (John Glen)

5 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Minute, dated 31 March 2022, concerning a contingent liability relating to Ukraine Guarantee (by Command) (James Cleverly)

6 Government Annuities

Report and Accounts of the Government Annuities Investment Fund for 2021, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1185) (John Glen)

7 Levelling up, Housing and Communities

(1) Intergovernmental Relations Annual Report 2021 (by Command) (CP 655) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(2) Report of the Supporting Families programme (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

8 National Health Service

(1) The Government's 2022–23 mandate to NHS England (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) The Government's revised 2021–22 mandate to NHS England and NHS Improvement (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

9 Police Reform

Report and Accounts of the Independent Office for Police Conduct for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1237) (Secretary Priti Patel)

10 Work and Pensions

Workless households and educational attainment statutory indicators (by Act) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)