



House of Commons

Thursday 21 April 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for International Trade

2 Business Question (Leader of the House)

3 Privilege

Resolved, That this House—

(1) notes that, given the issue of fixed penalty notices by the police in relation to events in 10 Downing Street and the Cabinet Office, assertions the Rt hon Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip has made on the floor of the House about the legality of activities in 10 Downing Street and the Cabinet Office under Covid regulations, including but not limited to the following answers given at Prime Minister's Questions: 1 December 2021, that "all guidance was followed in No. 10", Official Report vol. 704, col. 909; 8 December 2021 that "I have been repeatedly assured since these allegations emerged that there was no party and that no Covid rules were broken", Official Report vol. 705, col. 372; 8 December 2021 that "I am sickened myself and furious about that, but I repeat what I have said to him: I have been repeatedly assured that the rules were not broken", Official Report vol. 705, col. 372 and 8 December 2021 that "the guidance was followed and the rules were followed at all times", Official Report vol. 705, col. 379, appear to amount to misleading the House; and

(2) orders that this matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges to consider whether the Rt hon Member's conduct amounted to a contempt of the House, but that the Committee shall not begin substantive consideration of the matter until the inquiries currently being conducted by the Metropolitan Police have been concluded.—(*Keir Starmer*.)

4 Adjournment

Subject: Digital persecution (Fiona Bruce)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Michael Tomlinson*.)

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Michael Tomlinson*.)

Adjourned at 5.11 pm until Monday 25 April.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

5 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the Judicial Pension Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 319).

Reports from Select Committees

6 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Tuesday 26 April in the Chamber and Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 April in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

7 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Reimagining where we live: cultural placemaking and the levelling up agenda*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1040);

(2) *Another pre-appointment hearing for Chair of the Charity Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1200);

(3) *Influencer culture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 258);

(4) *Pre-appointment hearing for Chair of Ofcom*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 48);

(5) *Russian disinformation and sporting sanctions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1201)

(Julian Knight).

8 International Development Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to food insecurity following Russia's invasion of Ukraine: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

9 Liaison Committee

Correspondence from the Leader of the House relating to the timeliness of Government responses to Committee Reports: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

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).

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 393))

Members: Sir Oliver Heald discharged and Ian Levy nominated in substitution.

- 11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 395) and Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 452))**

Members: John Lamont discharged and Laura Farris nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Victoria Atkins, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger and Mr Marcus Fysh discharged and James Cartlidge, Andrew Lewer and Craig Mackinlay nominated in substitution.

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 Two child limit of working tax credits and Universal Credit**

Resolved, That this House has considered the two child limit of working tax credits and Universal Credit.—(*Alison Thewliss*.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.55 pm and 3.00 pm.

- 2 Recruitment and retention of foster carers**

Resolved, That this House has considered the recruitment and retention of foster carers.—(*Kate Osborne*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.28 pm until Monday 25 April.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

- 1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism**

(1) Proscribed Organisations (Applications for Deproscription etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 460), dated 19 April 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

(2) Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (Polygraph) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 462), dated 19 April 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

2 Social Security

(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Habitual Residence and Past Presence) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1034) (by Command) (Will Quince)

(2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Habitual Residence and Past Presence) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 344) (by Command) (David Rutley)

Withdrawn papers

3 Social Security

(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Habitual Residence and Past Presence) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1034) (laid 14 September 2021)

(2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Habitual Residence and Past Presence) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 344) (laid 21 March 2022)