



House of Commons

Tuesday 14 June 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Fortieth anniversary of the end of the Falklands War**
- 2 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care**
- 3 **Business Statement (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Personal Statement (Patrick Grady)**
- 5 **Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (2nd allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))**

(1) HM Passport Office backlog

Motion made and Question put, That this House censures the Minister for Safe and Legal Migration, the hon. Member for Torbay, for his handling of the crisis at Her Majesty's Passport Office; and directs him to come to the House, no later than 20 June 2022, to apologise for the tens of thousands of people who have waited more than six weeks for their passport.—(*Stephen Kinnock.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 13

Ayes: 198 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 295 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Gareth Johnson)

Question accordingly negatived.

(2) Channel 4 privatisation

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House supports the UK's much loved cultural institutions, which are celebrated around the world while creating jobs and growth across the country; in the Jubilee year supports world-renowned British broadcasting which brings the country together in celebration; believes that the Government should reverse its decision to sell Channel 4 as it will undermine the UK's world leading creative industries and the delicate ecosystem of companies that support them; and calls on the Government to ensure that, if the sale does go ahead, Channel 4's headquarters continue to be based in Leeds and its remit ensures that it continues as a public service publisher-broadcaster, commissions over 50 per cent of its content outside London, continues its significant investment in new independent British films and funds quality news content which is aired at prime time.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House supports the UK's much loved cultural institutions, which are celebrated around the world while creating jobs and growth across the country; in the Jubilee year supports world-renowned British broadcasting which brings the country together in celebration; believes that the Government should reverse its decision to sell Channel 4 as it will undermine the UK's world leading creative industries and the delicate ecosystem of companies that support them; and calls on the Government to ensure that, if the sale does go ahead, Channel 4's headquarters continue to be based in Leeds and its remit ensures that it continues as a public service publisher-broadcaster, commissions over 50 per cent of its content outside London, continues its significant investment in new independent British films and funds quality news content which is aired at prime time.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 11 May, be approved.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Examining Officers and Review Officers) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 11 May, be approved.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Chris Bryant be discharged from the Committee of Privileges and Ms Harriet Harman be added.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Future of Portishead railway (Dr Liam Fox)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Adjourned at 7.24 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 Online Safety Bill

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

10 Public Order Bill Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

11 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 2022.

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) and Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) (Law of the Sea Convention) Amendment Order 2022.

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).

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) and Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) (Law of the Sea Convention) Amendment Order 2022)

Members: Cherilyn Mackrory discharged and Tom Randall nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***14 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 14 June to be published (Bob Blackman).

15 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Flight cancellations and compensation*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 370);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change relating to an energy review into Storm Arwen*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Help to Grow schemes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Competition and Markets Authority relating to a pre-appointment hearing*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility relating to EU corporate sustainability due diligence*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change relating to the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy: Critical National Infrastructure and climate adaptation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Energy pricing and the future of the energy market*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 236);

(8) *The semiconductor industry in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 291) (Darren Jones).

16 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Reimagining where we live: cultural placemaking and the levelling up agenda*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 155);

(2) *Correspondence with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Sustainability of local journalism*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 153);

(4) *The work of Channel 4*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 381);

(5) *What next for the National Lottery?*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 154)
(Julian Knight).

17 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Australia Free Trade Agreement: Food and Agriculture*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 23);

(2) *Tree Planting: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2021–22*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 323)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

18 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *The cost of complacency: illicit finance and the war in Ukraine*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 168);

(2) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive of the British Council relating to the report Freedom from Torture*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 172);

(4) *The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 166);

(5) *Wagner Group and beyond: Proxy private military companies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 167)

(Tom Tugendhat).

19 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *The future of General Practice*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 113);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to clearing the backlog caused by the pandemic*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the recruitment of the Chair of the Health Service Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB)*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *The impact of body image on mental and physical health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 114)

(Jeremy Hunt).

20 International Development Committee

(1) *Racism in the aid sector*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 150);

- (2) *Debt relief in low-income countries*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 146);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to UK aid to Myanmar*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Promoting dialogue and preventing atrocities: the UK government approach*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 149)
- (Sarah Champion).

21 Justice Committee

- (1) *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Victims Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 304);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister of Justice and Tackling Illegal Migration relating to Criminal Injuries Compensation*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister of Justice and Tackling Illegal Migration relating to immigration legal aid fees*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to Section 28 rollout and the commencement of a new offence of non-fatal strangulation or suffocation*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *COVID-19 and the criminal law*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 338)
- (Sir Robert Neill).

22 Petitions Committee

- (1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;
- (2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence with the the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to the use of snares*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Catherine McKinnell).

23 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- The Independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 316)
- (Mr William Wragg).

24 Standards (Committee on)

- (1) *Code of Conduct consultation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 227);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Director of the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme (ICGS) relating to oversight of the ICGS*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Chris Bryant).

25 Transport Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State, Department for Transport, relating to the launch of the Great British Railways consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Roads, Buses and Places, relating to M56 junctions 6 to 8 Statutory Instruments*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Maritime 2050: objectives, implementation and effects*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 160)
- (Huw Merriman).

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 Inshore fishing fleet

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the inshore fishing fleet.—(*Anthony Mangnall.*)

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 inshore fishing fleet.

2 Driving licences and dangerous drivers

Resolved, That this House has considered driving licences and dangerous drivers.—(*Siobhain McDonagh.*)

The sitting was suspended between 11.17 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Potential merits of introducing new wealth taxes

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the potential merits of introducing new wealth taxes.—(*Richard Burgon.*)

The sitting was suspended between 3.43 pm and 3.55 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of introducing new wealth taxes.

4 Plans for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

Resolved, That this House has considered plans for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange.—(*Alberto Costa.*)

5 The future hydrogen economy

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the future hydrogen economy.—(*Jacob Young.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.40 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Other papers

1 Independent Expert Panel

Report by the Independent Expert Panel: The Conduct of Mr Patrick Grady MP (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 368) (Clerk of the House)

2 Justice

Prisons Strategy White Paper – Response to Consultation Questions (by Command) (CP 686) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

3 Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal)

Report of the Joint Committee on the Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster: a new mandate (by Act), to be printed (HC 399) (The Speaker)