

No. 21



House of Commons

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs**
- 2 War Pension Scheme and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (Public Inquiry) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Owen Thompson presented a Bill to establish an independent public inquiry into the administration of the War Pension Scheme and of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme by Veterans UK; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 16 September, and to be printed (Bill 51).

3 Ministerial Code (Enforcement) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Owen Thompson presented a Bill to make provision about the enforcement of the Ministerial Code; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 16 September, and to be printed (Bill 112).

4 Ministerial Interests (Public Appointments) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Owen Thompson presented a Bill to require a Minister to make an oral statement to Parliament if a person is appointed to a paid post by them, in whom, or a company in which, that Minister has a personal, political or financial interest.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 16 September, and to be printed (Bill 113).

5 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (3rd allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Access to GP Services and NHS Dentistry

Resolved, That this House notes that primary care is in crisis, with people across the country struggling to access GP services and dental treatment; believes that everyone should be able to get an appointment to see a doctor when they need to and has the right to receive dental treatment when they need it; is concerned by the Government's failure to remain on track to deliver 6,000 additional GPs by 2024–25; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to urgently bring forward a plan to fix the crisis in primary care, meet the Government's GP target and ensure everyone who needs an NHS dentist can access one.—(*Wes Streeting*.)

(2) Adviser on Ministers' Interests

Motion made, and Question put, That the following Standing Order be made:

“(1) Following any two month period in which the role of Independent Adviser to the Prime Minister on Ministers' Interests remains unfilled, the Public Administration

and Constitutional Affairs Committee shall appoint a specialist adviser, entitled the Adviser on Ministers' Interests, whose role shall be to advise the Committee on the effectiveness of the Ministerial Code and on any potential breaches of that Code.

(2) The Adviser may initiate consideration of a potential breach of the Ministerial Code, and shall consider any such potential breach referred to him by the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

(3) When considering potential breaches of the Ministerial Code, the Adviser may advise the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on the appropriate use of its powers to send for persons, papers and records in order to secure the information needed to consider any such potential breaches.

(4) The Adviser shall submit a memorandum to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee reporting conclusions relating to a potential breach of the Ministerial Code.

(5) The Adviser shall have leave to publish any memorandum submitted to the

Committee under paragraph (4) which has not been published in full and has been in the Committee's possession for longer than 30 sitting days.".—(*Angela Rayner.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 17

Ayes: 161 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Liz Twist)

Noes: 252 (Tellers: Alan Mak, Michael Tomlinson)

Question accordingly negatived.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Local Government (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) (England) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 25 May, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (Amendment) Regulations 2022,

which were laid before this House on 11 May, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Matt Vickers be discharged from the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee and Sara Britcliffe be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Katherine Fletcher be discharged from the Petitions Committee and Scott Benton be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

8 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow East relating to Universal Credit deductions was presented and read by David Linden.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Battersea funfair disaster and child trauma support services (Marsha De Cordova)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Miss Sarah Dines.*)

Adjourned at 7.23 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

10 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill Committee

Mr Ian Paisley (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.

11 Online Safety Bill Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

12 Public Order Bill Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 8).

Select Committees: Reports

13 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *The work of the Investment Security Unit*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 437);

(2) *Flight cancellations and compensation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 370);

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

14 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Major cultural and sporting events: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2021–22: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 452);*

(2) *Promoting Britain abroad: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 856)*
(Julian Knight).

15 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Labour shortages in the food and farming sector: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2021–22:*

(i) *Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 412);*

(ii) *Written evidence, to be published (HC 412);*

(2) *Rural mental health*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 248);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Nature Recovery and the Domestic Environment relating to the draft Environmental Principles Policy Statement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to Defra's Main Estimate for 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the CF Fertiliser and UK Food Security*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *UK Seafood Fund*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 290)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

16 Justice Committee

(1) *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Victims Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 304);

(2) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State relating to pre-legislative scrutiny of a Bill of Rights Bill: Written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to improving the criminal justice system response to rape: Written evidence, to be published;*

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to the Prisons Strategy White Paper: Written evidence, to be published;*

(5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice and Assistant Government Whip relating to court and tribunal reforms: Written evidence, to be published;*

(6) *Prisons update: Written evidence, to be published (HC 233)*

(Sir Robert Neill).

17 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's past: The UK Government's new*

proposals: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 284);

(2) *Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 285) (Simon Hoare).

18 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *The scrutiny of international treaties and other international agreements in the 21st century*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 214);

(2) *Correspondence from Lord Geidt relating to the clarification of his resignation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to Covid-19 polling*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the National Statistician relating to census response rates in Scotland and implications for the integrity of UK-wide data*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *The work of the Electoral Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 462)

(Mr William Wragg).

19 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 Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to employment rights for new parents*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to breed specific legislation*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Public engagement on e-petitions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 73)
- (Catherine McKinnell).

20 Transport Committee

National Bus Strategy: one year on: Written evidence, to be published (HC 161) (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 World Press Freedom Day 2022

Resolved, That this House has considered World Press Freedom Day 2022.—(*Damian Collins*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.52 am and 11.00 am.

2 SEND services in Carshalton and Wallington

Resolved, That this House has considered SEND services in Carshalton and Wallington.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.19 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1) (b)).

3 Sentencing of repeat offenders

Resolved, That this House has considered sentencing of repeat offenders.—(*Grahame Morris.*)

The sitting was suspended between 3.55 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Increasing equality of economic opportunities in south east Wakefield

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of increasing equality of economic opportunity in south east Wakefield.—(*Jon Trickett.*)

5 Future of community pharmacies

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of community pharmacies.—(*Peter Dowd.*)

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 tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Civil Aviation

Draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

2 Merchant Shipping

Draft Merchant Shipping (Additional Safety Measures for Bulk Carriers) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Road Traffic

Civil Enforcement of Moving Traffic Contraventions Designations and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 686), dated 20 June 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Other papers

4 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Towards Fusion Energy - The UK Government's response to the consultation on its proposals for a regulatory framework for fusion energy (by Command) (CP 694) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

5 Justice

Report and Accounts of the Press Recognition Panel for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 298) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

6 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2021–22 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Report and Accounts of West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust for 2021–22 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)