



# House of Commons

Tuesday 14 May 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice**

**2 Urgent Questions: (1) Disapplication of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 in Northern Ireland (Tom Pursglove)**

**(2) WHO Pandemic Agreement and amendments to the International Health Regulations (Andrew Stephenson)**

**3 Bathing waters (monitoring and reporting): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about monitoring and reporting of water quality in bathing water sites in coastal areas; and for connected purposes;

That Selaine Saxby, Caroline Ansell, Mrs Flick Drummond, Anna Firth, Kevin Foster, Sir Liam Fox, Sir Robert Goodwill, Sally-Ann Hart, Simon Jupp, Cherilyn Mackrory and Matt Warman present the Bill.

Selaine Saxby accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 June, and to be printed (Bill 217).

**4 Terms and conditions of employment**

*Resolved*, That the draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amendment of Schedule A2) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 22 April, be approved.—(Kevin Hollinrake.)

**5 Employment (Allocation of tips)**

*Resolved*, That the draft Code of Practice on Fair and Transparent Distribution of Tips, which was laid before this House on 22 April, be approved.—(Kevin Hollinrake.)

**6 Business of the House (Today)**

*Ordered*, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to War Graves Week not later than 7 pm or not later than three hours after their commencement, whichever is the later; proceedings on that Motion may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A

(Deferred divisions) and provisions of Standing Order No. 9(3) relating to motions that this House has considered a specified matter shall not apply.—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra.*)

## 7 War Graves Week

*Resolved*, That this House has considered War Graves Week.—(*Secretary Grant Shapps.*)

## 8 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Dame Andrea Jenkyns be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Brendan Clarke-Smith be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Lee Anderson be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Brendan Clarke-Smith be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Paul Maynard be discharged from the Justice Committee and Andy Carter and Dehenna Davison be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Mrs Natalie Elphicke be discharged from the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee and Steve Tuckwell be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(5) *Ordered*, That Damian Collins be added to the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(6) *Ordered*, That Matt Vickers and Tom Hunt be discharged from the Petitions Committee and Dame Tracey Crouch and Peter Gibson be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

## 9 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to a RBS bank closure was presented and read by Martyn Day.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Newport East relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Jessica Morden.

(3) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Cardiff West relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Kevin Brennan.

(4) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Croydon Central relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Sarah Jones.

## 10 Adjournment

Subject: Crime in Birmingham, Edgbaston constituency (Preet Kaur Gill)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Aaron Bell.*)

Adjourned at 6.37 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

#### **11 Health and Equality Acts (Amendment) Bill**

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 May.

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **12 Football Governance Bill Committee**

Mr Virendra Sharma (Chair) reported that:

(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.

#### **13 Tobacco and Vapes Bill Committee**

Sir Gary Streeter (Chair) reported:

(i) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(ii) the Bill as amended.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow and to be printed (Bill 220).

#### **14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Caroline Nokes (Chair) reported the draft Securitisation (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

### *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).*

#### **15 Football Governance Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)**

Members: Stuart Andrew, Simon Baynes, Rachel Hopkins, Robin Millar, Stephanie Peacock, Jeff Smith and Mike Wood

#### **16 Community and Suspended Sentences (Notification of Details) Bill Committee**

Members: Theo Clarke discharged and Fiona Bruce nominated in substitution.

#### **17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Securitisation (Amendment) Regulations 2024)**

Members: Jane Stevenson discharged and Joy Morrissey nominated in substitution.

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*Select Committees: Reports*

**18 Backbench Business Committee**

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

**19 Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

*Minority languages*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 178) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

**20 Defence Committee**

(1) *Defence in the grey zone*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 50);

(2) *Armed Forces readiness*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 26);

(3) *Correspondence with Boeing relating to the E-7 Wedgetail programme*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Jeremy Quin).

**21 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from Dover Port Health Authority relating to the Border Target Operating Model*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from Thames Water relating to employee resignations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Water and Rural Growth relating to bathing water designations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Fairness in the food supply chain*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 160);

(5) *Flooding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 546);

(6) *UK trade policy: food and agriculture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 162)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

**22 Environmental Audit Committee**

(1) *Climate change and security*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 634);

(2) *Electronic waste and the circular economy: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 675);

(3) *Heat resilience and sustainable cooling*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 279);

(4) *Sustainability of the fashion sector: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 722);

(5) *Water quality and water infrastructure: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 721)

(Philip Dunne).

**23 Finance Committee**

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 14 May, to be published (Mrs Sharon Hodgson).

**24 Foreign Affairs Committee**

(1) *The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 300);

(2) *The UK Government's support of education for Overseas Territories students*: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee on the Overseas Territories, to be published (HC 773)

(Alicia Kearns).

## 25 Justice Committee

(1) *Work of the Serious Fraud Office*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 743);

(2) *Correspondence from HM Chief Inspector of Prisons relating to HMP Wandsworth*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Director of Public Prosecutions relating to hate crimes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister for Victims and Safeguarding relating to increases to Qualified Legal Representatives fees*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Probate*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520);

(8) *The use of pre-recorded cross-examination under section 28 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 267)

(Sir Robert Neill).

## 26 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *ECHR*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 720);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland relating to the Common Travel Area (CTA) agreement*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Buckland).

## 27 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) *Public engagement on e-petitions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 188)

(Cat Smith).

## 28 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Membership of the House of Lords*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 199);

(2) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House of Commons relating to the creation of a Sifting Committee for International Agreements*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to the appointment of the new Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions relating to the Government's response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report into communication of state pension age changes*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Jackie Doyle-Price).

**29 Transport Committee**

(1) *Scrutiny of the draft Rail Reform Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 584);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport relating to historic and classic car vehicle registration*: Written evidence, to be published (Iain Stewart).

**30 Treasury Committee**

(1) *Sexism in the City: HM Treasury, Prudential Regulation Authority and Financial Conduct Authority Responses to the Committee's Sixth Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 764);

(2) *Are the UK's Russian financial sanctions working?*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 604)

(Dame Harriett Baldwin).

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

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

**1 Impact of smartphones and social media on children**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the impact of smartphones and social media on children.—(*Miriam Cates.*)

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 impact of smartphones and social media on children.

**2 Potential merits of an innovation centre for energy transition in Peterborough**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the potential merits of an innovation centre for energy transition in Peterborough.—(*Paul Bristow.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Prevention of sexual violence in conflict**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the prevention of sexual violence in conflict.—(*Mrs Sharon Hodgson.*)

**4 Royal Bank of Scotland branch closures**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Royal Bank of Scotland branch closures.—(*Deidre Brock.*)

**5 World Species Congress**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the World Species Congress.—(*Sarah Champion.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.27 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Education

Draft Students' Unions (Freedom of Speech) (Monetary Penalties) (England) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Johnston)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 2 Energy

Green Gas Support Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 642), dated 14 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

#### 3 Financial Services

Markets in Financial Instruments (Equivalence) (United States of America) (Commodity Futures Trading Commission) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 638), dated 13 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

#### 4 Financial Services and Markets

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Overseas Funds Regime) (Equivalence) (European Economic Area) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 635), dated 13 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

### Other papers

#### 5 Law Commissions

Report of the Law Commission 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 686) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

#### 6 Treaty Series No. 27 (2024)

Agreement, done at Oslo on 24 January 2024, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway on International Road Transport, with Protocol (by Command) (CP 1060) (David Rutley)

**7 Treaty Series No. 28 (2024)**

Rotterdam Convention, done at Geneva on 12 May 2023, on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade – Amendments to Annex III (by Command) (CP 1063) (David Rutley)