

Order Paper: Business Today

Summary Agenda: Chamber

9.30am	Prayers
Afterwards	<p>Urgent Question:</p> <p>Financial redress for sub-postmasters and outstanding issues relating to the Post Office Horizon scandal (Secretary of State for Business and Trade)</p> <p>Business Question</p> <p>Ministerial Statements, including on:</p> <p>Prison Capacity (Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice)</p> <p>Clean energy superpower mission (Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero)</p>
No debate	Presentation of Bills
Until 5.00pm	King's Speech (Motion for an Address) (proposed subject for debate: Foreign affairs and defence)
Until any hour*	Business of the House (Today) (Motion) (*if the 5.00pm Business of the House motion is agreed to)
Up to one hour from the start of proceedings on the Business of the House (Today) motion**	Sittings of the House (Friday 19 and 26 July) (Motion) (**if the Business of the House (Today) motion is agreed to)
No debate after 5.00pm	Notice of Questions (24 July) (Motion)
Until 5.30pm or for half an hour	Adjournment Debate: Adequacy of the Scotland Act 1998 (David Davis)

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BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER**9.30am Prayers****Followed by**

URGENT QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**Urgent Question:**

To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade if he will make a statement on financial redress for sub-postmasters and outstanding issues relating to the Post Office Horizon scandal (Kevin Hollinrake)

Business Question to the Leader of the House

Ministerial Statements, including on:

Prison Capacity (Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice)

Clean energy superpower mission (Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero)

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

No debate ([Standing Order No. 57](#))

Budget Responsibility

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

Bill to impose duties on the Treasury and the Office for Budget Responsibility in respect of the announcement of fiscally significant measures.

Holocaust Memorial

Secretary Angela Rayner

Bill to make provision for expenditure by the Secretary of State and the removal of restrictions in respect of certain land for or in connection with the construction of a Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

Notes:

An Order to carry over the Holocaust Memorial Bill was made on [22 May 2024](#), in the last Session of Parliament.

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership)

Secretary Louise Haigh

Bill to make provision for passenger railway services to be provided by public sector companies instead of by means of franchises.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

1. King's Speech (Motion for an Address): Adjourned Debate [17 July]

Until 5.00pm ([Standing Order No. 9\(3\)](#))

Proposed subject for debate: Foreign affairs and defence

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Amendment (a)

Carla Denyer

Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

Ellie Chowns

Jeremy Corbyn

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

Ann Davies

Llinos Medi

At end add 'while welcoming the commitment to provide stability and restore public service in Government, respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech did not deliver an urgent transformative programme to tackle multiple challenges including the climate and nature emergencies, rebuilding crumbling public services, the crisis in social housing, and inequality; believe the Government's positive plan for GB Energy will be undermined by oil and gas extraction from Rosebank; call for a clear plan for meeting legally binding 2030 nature targets and ending river and sea pollution; also call for water utilities to be brought back into public ownership; welcome the scrapping of the Rwanda scheme; further call for new safe and legal routes for refugees; call for an end to arms sales where there is a serious risk of use in breach of international law; urge the Government to fund councils to buy and build new energy-efficient council housing stock; also call for new powers for local authorities to control rents; further call for more investment in health and social care, NHS dentistry, schools, local government, and active and sustainable transport; also urge the Government to introduce legislation to create a fair electoral system and protect the NHS from privatisation; and call on the Government to scrap the two-child benefit limit immediately.'

Amendment (b)**Shockat Adam****Ayoub Khan****Iqbal Mohamed****Mr Adnan Hussain****Carla Denyer****Adrian Ramsay**

At end add ‘but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech does not contain measures to properly address child poverty by failing to reverse the two-child benefit limit; note that the limit results in affected families not receiving £3,455 a year in Universal Credit for any third or subsequent child born after 5 April 2017 and that it has been estimated that by the end of this Parliament another 670,000 children will be affected if the limit is not lifted; recognise that half of affected families are headed by a single parent; further recognise that relative and absolute poverty has risen for poorer families with three or more children since the limit was introduced, which particularly affects Bangladeshi and Pakistani families; acknowledge that ending the two-child limit would remove an estimated half a million children from relative poverty and that, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, doing so is a relatively inexpensive option equivalent to just 3 per cent of the working-age benefit budget, or approximately the same as continuing to freeze fuel duty for this Parliament; and call on the Government to bring forward proposals to end the limit as soon as possible to show its intent to end child poverty in the UK.’

Amendment (c)**Zarah Sultana****Imran Hussain****Ms Apsana Begum****Richard Burgon****John McDonnell****Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

Ms Diane Abbott

Grahame Morris

Brendan O’Hara

Kim Johnson

Ayoub Khan

Ellie Chowns

Ian Byrne

Nadia Whittome

Jeremy Corbyn

Ian Lavery

Shockat Adam

Rebecca Long Bailey

Mary Kelly Foy

Carla Denyer

Claire Hanna

Adrian Ramsay

At end add ‘and submit that this House must work to uphold international law in Israel and Palestine; express horror at the deaths of more than 38,000 people in Gaza and 1,200 in Israel; note the widespread recognition of serious violations of international law in the conflict and the ruling from the International Court of Justice that Israel’s assault is plausibly in breach of the Genocide Convention; also note that United Nations experts have said that arms exports to Israel must stop, that countries such as Spain, Canada and the Netherlands have suspended arms exports, and that 56 per cent of the UK public support an arms sales ban; further note ongoing British arms exports to Israel; recall that previous governments, including those headed by Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, suspended arms exports to Israel; and therefore call on the Government to support an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and release of all hostages, to immediately recognise the state of Palestine, to

restore funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, to drop the challenge to the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction in Gaza, and to immediately suspend export licences for arms transfers to Israel.'

Amendment (d)

Stephen Flynn

Liz Saville Roberts

Jeremy Corbyn

Colum Eastwood

Carla Denyer

Kirsty Blackman

Pete Wishart

Chris Law

Seamus Logan

Ann Davies

Adrian Ramsay

Brendan O'Hara

Dave Doogan

Ben Lake

Siân Berry

Stephen Gethins

Graham Leadbitter

Llinos Medi

Ellie Chowns

At end add 'but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech fails to include immediate measures to abolish the two-child limit to Universal Credit; recognise that this policy is pushing children into poverty; further recognise that 1.6 million children are currently impacted and maintaining this policy will result in 670,000 additional children suffering poverty by the end of this Parliament; believe that eradicating child poverty must be a primary priority for the newly-elected Government; and therefore call on the Government, as a vital first step in tackling child poverty, to immediately abolish the two-child limit.'

Amendment (e)

Ben Lake

At end add 'but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech fails to include measures to reform Wales's fiscal framework; call for the replacement of the Barnett Formula with a needs-based formula to account for factors such as Wales's poverty levels, levels of ill health and the percentage of children and retired people in the population; also call for the introduction of multi-year funding settlements for the Welsh Government in order to move away from the ad-hoc funding of public services and towards a framework which provides consistent, transparent, and fair funding for Wales; further call for a reformed fiscal framework to ensure that Wales receives full consequential funding from HS2 and other English infrastructure projects by mandating that Wales's funding comparability factor for these and future projects is set at 100 per cent; call for an increase to the Welsh budget by £700 million to restore it to the level set during the 2021 spending review; and further call on the Government to outline how it will fulfil its manifesto promise of not returning to austerity given that its current spending plans could lead to real term cuts of £683 million in day-to-day spending in Wales and a five per cent cut in the Welsh Government's capital budget by 2029.'

Amendment (f)**Kim Johnson****John McDonnell****Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck****Zarah Sultana****Mary Kelly Foy****Ian Lavery**

Nadia Whittome

Kate Osborne

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ms Apsana Begum

Rosie Duffield

Rebecca Long Bailey

Jon Trickett

Richard Burgon

Imran Hussain

Grahame Morris

Add at end ‘but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech does not include measures to remove the two-child cap on benefits; note that it is widely considered by economists and civil society organisations that removing the two-child cap on benefits would be the single most cost effective and impactful policy to immediately alleviate child poverty levels in this country; and call on the Government to abolish the two-child cap on benefits, which would immediately lift 300,000 children out of relative poverty.’

BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN AT 5.00PM**Business of the House****No debate** ([Standing Orders Nos. 15](#) and [41A\(3\)](#))**The Prime Minister**

That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of Lucy Powell relating to Business of the House (Today) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour, and [Standing Order No. 41A](#) (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY**2. Business of the House (Today)****Until any hour** (if the 5.00pm Business of the House motion is agreed to)**Lucy Powell**

That at today’s sitting the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Lucy Powell relating to Sittings of the House (Friday 19 and 26 July) not later than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings on that Motion may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and [Standing Order No. 41A](#) (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.

3. Sittings of the House (Friday 19 and 26 July)

Up to one hour from the start of proceedings on the Business of the House (Today) motion (if that motion is agreed to)

Lucy Powell

That the House shall sit on

- (i) Friday 19 July at 9.30am and
- (ii) Friday 26 July at 9.30am

and notwithstanding the provisions of [Standing Order No. 11\(4\)](#) the Speaker may interrupt proceedings to permit statements to be made by Ministers at any time during the sitting; and the provisions of [Standing Order No. 14\(1\)](#) shall apply.

4. Notice of Questions (24 July)

No debate after 5.00pm ([Standing Order No. 9\(6\)](#))

Lucy Powell

That, notwithstanding the provisions of [Standing Order No. 22\(5\)\(a\)](#), the questions for oral answer to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland circulated on Wednesday 17 July shall be put down for answer at the question time on Wednesday 24 July.

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Until 5.30pm or for half an hour (whichever is later) ([Standing Order No. 9\(7\)](#))

Adequacy of the Scotland Act 1998: **David Davis**

WRITTEN STATEMENTS**STATEMENTS TO BE MADE TODAY****Secretary of State for Business and Trade**

1. Update on UK Steel Safeguard Extension
2. Update on the Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-engagement

Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

3. Energy Infrastructure Planning Projects

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

4. First steps to reform water sector

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

5. Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immunisation Programmes

Secretary of State for Justice

6. 2024 Personal Injury Discount Rate Review

Leader of the House

7. The Government's Legislative Programme 2024

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

8. The Government's Legislative Programme: Northern Ireland

Prime Minister

9. 2024 NATO Summit
10. UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1 Report

Secretary of State for Scotland

11. The Government's Legislative Programme: Scotland

Secretary of State for Wales

12. The Government's Legislative Programme: Wales

Notes:

Texts of Written Statements are available from the Vote Office and on the internet at <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING END OF DAY ADJOURNMENT DEBATES

Subjects that will be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment of the House up to Monday 22 July:

Monday 22 July	Jim Shannon	Government support for the aerospace industry in Northern Ireland
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Tuesday 23 to Tuesday 30 July (ballot closed)

The ballot for Tuesday 23 to Tuesday 30 July is closed and will take place today.

Arrangements for end-of-day adjournment debates beyond Tuesday 30 July will be made available once arrangements for the Summer Adjournment are published. Members will then be able to submit their applications via MemberHub.

DEBATES IN WESTMINSTER HALL

There will be no Westminster Hall debates in the new Parliament until the debate on the King's Speech has concluded ([Standing Order No. 10\(2\)\(a\)](#)). The new rota for answering Departments will be published in the Order Paper as soon as it is available, and Members will be able to submit applications when that rota is published.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS

The ballot will take place on Tuesday 23 July between 10am and 1.30pm in Committee Room 8.

Nominations must be submitted in the Table Office between 10am and 5pm on Monday 22 July. Nomination forms are available in the Table Office and from the Vote Office but need not be used provided that the criteria in [Standing Order No. 2A](#) are met. To be valid, nominations must contain a brief signed statement made by the candidate declaring willingness to stand. This statement must be accompanied by the signatures of not fewer than six nor more than 10 Members. There are no requirements as to the party affiliations of these sponsoring Members.

No Member may sign more than three such statements of nomination. If any Member does so, that Member's signature will be invalidated for all nominations.

Candidates have the option of providing a 500-word supporting statement, which will be published online and in a booklet of candidates. These statements should be submitted by email to pbohoc@parliament.uk.

FURTHER INFORMATION

MEMBERS' GUIDE TO CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS

The [Members' Guide](#) to Chamber proceedings is available on the Parliamentary website

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

Documents and reports relating to the business being held in the Chamber are available on the Commons Business Briefings webpage: www.parliament.uk/business/publications/research/commons-business-briefings/

WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Text of today's Written Statements: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/>

SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees Webpage: <https://committees.parliament.uk/>

STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO PUBLIC BUSINESS

Text of Standing Orders relating to public business: https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5901/cmstords/so_829_05072024/so-2024i.pdf

CHAMBER ENGAGEMENT

Information about engaging the public with debates is available on the parliamentary website: <https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/have-your-say-on-laws/chamber-engagement/>.

All business papers are available via the HousePapers app on mobile devices

Order Paper: Future Business

A. Calendar of Business

Business in either Chamber may be changed, and further business added, up to the rising of the House on the day before it is to be taken, and is therefore provisional.

Government items of business in this section have nominally been set down for today, but are expected to be taken on the dates stated.

B. Remaining Orders and Notices

Business in this section has not yet been scheduled for a specific date. It has been nominally set down for today but is not expected to be taken today.

A. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**FRIDAY 19 JULY****Chamber**

King's Speech (Motion for an Address): Adjourned Debate

Proposed subject for debate: Planning, the greenbelt and rural affairs

Note:

The House will only meet if the Sittings of the House (Friday 19 and 26 July) motion on Thursday 18 July is agreed to.

MONDAY 22 JULY**Chamber**

King's Speech (Motion for an Address): Adjourned Debate

Proposed subject for debate: Economy, welfare and public services

Presentation of Public Petitions

Water bills in Lancaster and Wyre: **Cat Smith**

Adjournment Debate

Government support for the aerospace industry in Northern Ireland: **Jim Shannon**

TUESDAY 23 JULY**Chamber**

Questions

11.30am [Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care](#)

12.15pm [Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care](#)

King's Speech (Motion for an Address): Adjourned Debate

Proposed subject for debate: Immigration and home affairs

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY

Chamber

Questions

11.30am [Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland](#)

12 noon Questions to the Prime Minister

THURSDAY 25 JULY

Chamber

Questions

9.30am Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

10.15am Topical Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

MONDAY 29 JULY

Chamber

Questions

2.30pm Questions to the Secretary of State for the Home Department

3.15pm Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for the Home Department

TUESDAY 30 JULY

Chamber

Questions

11.30am Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

12.15pm Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

B. REMAINING ORDERS AND NOTICES

Business in this section has not yet been scheduled for a specific date. It has therefore been set down formally to be taken in the Chamber today but is not expected to be taken today.

1. Criminal Law

Secretary Shabana Mahmood

That the draft [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods\) Order 2024](#), which was laid before this House on 17 July, be approved.

Notes:

The Instrument has not yet been considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.