



House of Commons

Monday 28 April 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

2 Selection

Ordered, That Charlie Maynard and Joy Morrissey be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Paul Holmes and Tom Morrison be added.—(*Chris Elmore*.)

3 Speaker's Statement: Headingley incident

**4 Urgent Questions: (1) Headingley incident (Dame Diana Johnson)
(2) Child rape gangs (Jess Phillips)**

5 Football Governance Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Football Governance Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'That this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Football Governance Bill [Lords], because, notwithstanding the need for financial sustainability in the English football league pyramid, the Regulator proposed to be established by the Bill will damage the independence of English football, particularly given the Government's proposed choice for the Chair and because the Bill will increase the regulatory burden and costs on all English football clubs—particularly lower league clubs—leading to increased ticket prices for fans and will in turn reduce the international competitiveness of, and increase the risks to, English football.'—(*Stuart Andrew*.)

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

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 178

Ayes: 74 (Tellers: Rebecca Smith, Rebecca Paul)

Noes: 337 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Kate Dearden)

Question negatived.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 62(2)), That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 179

Ayes: 342 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Kate Dearden)

Noes: 70 (Tellers: Rebecca Smith, Rebecca Paul)

Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

6 Football Governance Bill [Lords]: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Football Governance Bill [Lords]:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 26 June 2025.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Football Governance Bill [Lords]: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Football Governance Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Football Governance Bill [Lords]: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Football Governance Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the charging of a levy by the Independent Football Regulator in connection with the exercise of its functions under the Act; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Medical Devices (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 3 March, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Joe Morris be discharged from the Administration Committee and Kirsteen Sullivan be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Adjournment

Subject: Community health in Manchester Rusholme constituency (Afzal Khan)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Adjourned at 10.52 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

12 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Desmond Swayne (Chair) reported the Forensic Science Regulator Draft Code of Practice 2025 (Version 2).

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 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Forensic Science Regulator Draft Code of Practice 2025 (Version 2))

Members: Katie Lam discharged and David Simmonds nominated in substitution.

14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health and Social Care Information Standards (Procedure) Regulations 2025)

Members: Alison Griffiths and Taiwo Owatemi discharged and Jack Rankin and Jeff Smith nominated in substitution.

15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) (England and Wales) Order 2025)

Members: Dame Diana Johnson discharged and Seema Malhotra nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***16 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)**

- (1) *UK strategic posture*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 851);
 - (2) *Defending democracy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 720);
 - (3) *The work of the National Security Adviser*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 679);
 - (4) *Undersea cables*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 723)
- (Matt Western).

17 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*:
 - (i) Twenty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 639);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 639);
 - (2) *The future of the Equipment Plan*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 716);
 - (3) *Tackling violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 644);
 - (4) *Work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 818)
- (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petitions (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Use of dogs in scientific and regulatory procedures

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 705384 relating to the use of dogs in scientific and regulatory procedures.—(*Irene Campbell*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.02 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani
Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Payment Services and Payment Accounts (Contract Termination) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

Other papers

2 Air Force (Constitution)

King's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Seventh Edition) (Amendment List 4) (by Act) (Luke Pollard)

3 Domestic Abuse

Report of the Domestic Abuse Commissioner: Victims in their own right? Babies, children and young people's experiences of domestic abuse (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Education: Teacher workforce: secondary and further education (by Act), to be printed (HC 854) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

(Variations to existing arrangements appear in **bold**.)

Member	From	To	Proxy
Andrew Gwynne	1 April	1 September	Chris Elmore

CORRECTION

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Item 14 (General Committees: Appointments) should have read:

Crime and Policing Bill Committee

Chairs: Dr Rosena Allin-Khan, Sir Roger Gale, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck and Mark Pritchard