



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 21 January 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
(2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, the right hon. Member representing the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body, and the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission**
- 2 **Urgent Question: COVID-19 vaccine roll-out (Secretary Matt Hancock)**
- 3 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Statement: Skills for Jobs White Paper (Secretary Gavin Williamson)**
- 5 **Backbench Business**

(1) Errors in payments made to victims of the Equitable Life scandal

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House expresses grave concern regarding the Government's continued inaction with respect to the injustice suffered by Equitable Life policyholders, the vast majority of whom have only received partial compensation compared to the confirmed losses directly attributed to regulatory failures despite the Government's acceptance of the Parliamentary Ombudsman's findings to compensate victims in full in relation to the maladministration of Equitable Life; notes the concern previously expressed by the Public Accounts Committee on the transparency and accuracy of the payments being made to victims; further notes the Government's failure to fulfil the Committee's request to publish an intelligible and transparent explanation to policyholders on how to verify the correctness of the compensation they have received; notes examples of grossly inaccurate payments, adjusted only when identified by policyholders, gathered by the Equitable Members Action Group (EMAG); notes the Government's continued insistence that there have been no mistakes in the methodology for calculating payments to policyholders; and therefore calls on the Public Accounts Committee and the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee to establish a joint inquiry into the accuracy of the payments made to victims of the Equitable Life scandal.—(*Bob Blackman.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Operation of the Child Maintenance Service during the COVID-19 outbreak

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the operation of the Child Maintenance Service during the COVID-19 outbreak.—(*Marion Fellows.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

6 Adjournment

Subject: Operation of the Extradition Act 2003 (Mr David Davis)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Monday 25 January.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

7 Telecommunications (Security) Bill Committee

Steve McCabe (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

8 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the Customs Miscellaneous Non-Fiscal Provisions and Amendments Etc. (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1624).

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).

9 Register of Births and Deaths Bill Committee

Chair: Esther McVey

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection) (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1654))

Chair: Mark Pritchard

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Drivers' Hours and Tachographs (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1658))

Chair: David Mundell

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1661) and the Organic Production (Organic Indications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1669))

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Public Health (Coronavirus) (Protection from Eviction) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 15))

Chair: Ian Paisley

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

14 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 4 February in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

15 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of the BBC: Written evidence, to be published (HC 99) (Julian Knight).

16 Fixed-term Parliaments Act (Joint Committee on)

Fixed-term Parliaments Act: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1046) (John Spellar).

17 Petitions Committee

(1) *Child food poverty*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1112);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to arrangements for UK musicians in the EU*: Written evidence, to be published (Catherine McKinnell).

18 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Lessons from major projects and programmes*: Thirty-ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 694);

(2) *Achieving government's long-term environmental goals*: Fortieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 927);

(3) *UK Border 2021: Update*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1154);

(4) *UK Border 2020: Preparedness*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 691)

(Meg Hillier).

19 Science and Technology Committee

5G market diversification and wider lessons for critical and emerging technologies: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 450) (Order of 24 March 2020) (Greg Clark).

20 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Welfare policy in Scotland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 889);

(2) *Universities and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 673) (Pete Wishart).

21 Welsh Affairs Committee

Railway infrastructure in Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1044) (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Customs

Customs Tariff (Establishment and Suspension of Import Duty) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 63), dated 21 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

2 Electricity

Draft Electricity Supplier Payments (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Education

School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 59), dated 19 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Gibb)

4 Exiting the European Union (Road Traffic)

Drivers' Hours and Tachographs (Temporary Exceptions) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 58), dated 20 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

5 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries

(1) Broads Authority (Transfer of Mutford Lock) Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 31), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(2) Mersey Docks and Harbour Company (Liverpool Cruise Terminal Extension) Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 45), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(3) Port of Lowestoft (Transfer of Mutford Lock) Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 32), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(4) Shoreham Port Authority Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 41), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(5) Weymouth Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 43), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

6 Partnership

Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 60), dated 15 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

7 Road Traffic

Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 3) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 62), dated 20 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

8 Social Security

Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 65), dated 20 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Other papers

9 Education

(1) Government response to the Independent Review of the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF): Report to the Secretary of State for Education (by Command) (CP 359) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

(2) Interim Conclusion of the Review of Post-18 Education and Funding (by Command) (CP 358) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

(3) Post-Qualification Admissions Reform: Government Consultation (by Command) (CP 340) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

(4) Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth (by Command) (CP 338) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

10 Financial Guidance and Claims

Report and Accounts of the Money and Pensions Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1146) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

11 Gangmasters (Licensing)

Report and Accounts of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1099) (Secretary Priti Patel)

12 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the Submarine Delivery Agency for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1107) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

13 Higher Education and Research

Independent Review of the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF): Report to the Secretary of State for Education (Volumes I and II) (by Act) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

14 Local Government

Report and Accounts of the Valuation Tribunal Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1108) (Clerk of the House)

15 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2019–20 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1074) (Clerk of the House)

16 Parliamentary Standards

Report and Accounts of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1109) (The Speaker)

17 Social Security Administration

Account of the Great Britain National Insurance Fund for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1100) (Clerk of the House)

18 Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland)

Account of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1101) (Clerk of the House)

19 Trunk Road Charging Schemes

Accounts of the Dartford–Thurrock River Crossing Charging Scheme for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1103) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Voting by proxy

1. New pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, that the Members listed in the table below are eligible to have a proxy vote cast on their behalf by the nominated proxies listed in the table below, starting on the dates specified below and ending on Tuesday 30 March 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Marcus Jones	25 January 2021	Stuart Andrew
Maria Caulfield	25 January 2021	Stuart Andrew
Angela Richardson	25 January 2021	Stuart Andrew
David TC Davies	25 January 2021	Stuart Andrew
Bambos Charalambous	25 January 2021	Mark Tami
Michael Tomlinson	25 January 2021	Stuart Andrew
Sarah Olney	25 January 2021	Wendy Chamberlain
Jeff Smith	25 January 2021	Mark Tami

2. Variation of existing pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, that the following Members have given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 25 January 2021 the nominated proxy for the following will be Wendy Chamberlain instead of Sarah Olney: Ed Davey, Munira Wilson, Daisy Cooper, Layla Moran, Wera Hobhouse, Alistair Carmichael, Jamie Stone, Christine Jardine, Tim Farron, Stephen Farry.

From 25 January 2021 the nominated proxy for the following members will be Mark Tami instead of Sir Alan Campbell:

Debbie Abrahams	Mike Kane
Tahir Ali	Barbara Keeley
Rushanara Ali	Liz Kendall
Rosena Allin-Khan	Afzal Khan
Mike Amesbury	Stephen Kinnock
Fleur Anderson	Peter Kyle

Tonia Antoniazzi	David Lammy
Jonathan Ashworth	Emma Lewell-Buck
Paula Barker	Clive Lewis
Margaret Beckett	Tony Lloyd
Hilary Benn	Holly Lynch
Clive Betts	Justin Madders
Olivia Blake	Khalid Mahmood
Paul Blomfield	Shabana Mahmood
Tracy Brabin	Seema Malhotra
Ben Bradshaw	Rachael Maskell
Kevin Brennan	Chris Matheson
Lyn Brown	Steve McCabe
Chris Bryant	Kerry McCarthy
Karen Buck	Siobhain McDonagh
Liam Byrne	Andy McDonald
Ian Byrne	Pat McFadden
Ruth Cadbury	Conor McGinn
Dan Carden	Alison McGovern
Sarah Champion	Catherine McKinnell
Feryal Clark	Jim McMahon
Rosie Cooper	Anna McMorris
Yvette Cooper	Ed Miliband
Neil Coyle	Navendu Mishra
Stella Creasy	Jessica Morden
Jon Cruddas	Stephen Morgan
John Cryer	Grahame Morris
Judith Cummins	James Murray
Alex Cunningham	Ian Murray
Janet Daby	Lisa Nandy
Wayne David	Charlotte Nichols
Geraint Davies	Alex Norris
Alex Davies-Jones	Chi Onwurah
Thangam Debbonaire	Abena Opong-Asare
Tan Dhesi	Taiwo Owatemi
Anneliese Dodds	Sarah Owen

Stephen Doughty	Stephanie Peacock
Peter Dowd	Matthew Pennycook
Jack Dromey	Toby Perkins
Rosie Duffield	Jess Phillips
Maria Eagle	Bridget Phillipson
Angela Eagle	Luke Pollard
Clive Efford	Lucy Powell
Julie Elliott	Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Elmore	Angela Rayner
Florence Eshalomi	Steve Reed
Bill Esterson	Christina Rees
Chris Evans	Ellie Reeves
Yvonne Fovargue	Rachel Reeves
Vicky Foxcroft	Jonathan Reynolds
Barry Gardiner	Marie Rimmer
Preet Kaur Gill	Matt Rodda
Mary Glendon	Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Kate Green	Naz Shah
Margaret Greenwood	Mr Virendra Sharma
Lilian Greenwood	Mr Barry Sheerman
Nia Griffith	Tulip Siddiq
Andrew Gwynne	Andy Slaughter
Louise Haigh	Nick Smith
Fabian Hamilton	Cat Smith
Emma Hardy	Karin Smyth
Harriet Harman	Alex Sobel
Carolyn Harris	Keir Starmer
Helen Hayes	Jo Stevens
John Healey	Wes Streeting
Sir Mark Hendrick	Graham Stringer
Mike Hill	Sam Tarry
Meg Hillier	Gareth Thomas
Margaret Hodge	Nick Thomas-Symonds
Mrs Sharon Hodgson	Emily Thornberry
Kate Hollern	Stephen Timms

Rachel Hopkins	Karl Turner
Sir George Howarth	Derek Twigg
Rupa Huq	Catherine West
Dan Jarvis	Matt Western
Dame Diana Johnson	Alan Whitehead
Kim Johnson	Mick Whitley
Gerald Jones	Nadia Whittome
Ruth Jones	Beth Winter
Sarah Jones	Mohammad Yasin
Darren Jones	Daniel Zeichner

From 25th January 2021 the nominated proxy for the following members will be Stuart Andrew instead of Marcus Jones:

Nigel Adams	Alister Jack
Bim Afolami	Sajid Javid
Imran Ahmad Khan	Ranil Jayawardena
Nickie Aiken	Bernard Jenkin
Peter Aldous	Mark Jenkinson
Lucy Allan	Andrea Jenkyns
David Amess	Robert Jenrick
Stuart Anderson	Dr Caroline Johnson
Stuart Andrew	Gareth Johnson
Caroline Ansell	Boris Johnson
Edward Argar	David Johnston
Sarah Atherton	Fay Jones
Victoria Atkins	David Jones
Mr Richard Bacon	Andrew Jones
Gareth Bacon	Simon Jupp
Kemi Badenoch	Daniel Kawczynski
Shaun Bailey	Alicia Kearns
Siobhan Baillie	Gillian Keegan
Duncan Baker	Sir Greg Knight
Steve Baker	Julian Knight
Harriett Baldwin	Danny Kruger

Stephen Barclay	Kwasi Kwarteng
Mr John Baron	John Lamont
Simon Baynes	Robert Langan
Aaron Bell	Andrea Leadsom
Scott Benton	Sir Edward Leigh
Sir Paul Beresford	Ian Levy
Jake Berry	Andrew Lewer
Saqib Bhatti	Brandon Lewis
Bob Blackman	Dr Julian Lewis
Crispin Blunt	Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger
Peter Bone	Mark Logan
Andrew Bowie	Marco Longhi
Karen Bradley	Julia Lopez
Ben Bradley	Jack Lopresti
Suella Braverman	Mr Jonathan Lord
Jack Brereton	Tim Loughton
Andrew Bridgen	Craig Mackinlay
Steve Brine	Cherilyn Mackrory
Paul Bristow	Rachel Maclean
Sara Britcliffe	Alan Mak
James Brokenshire	Kit Malthouse
Anthony Browne	Scott Mann
Felicity Buchan	Julie Marson
Robert Buckland	Theresa May
Alex Burghart	Jerome Mayhew
Conor Burns	Paul Maynard
Rob Butler	Jason McCartney
Alun Cairns	Karl McCartney
Andy Carter	Stephen McPartland
James Cartlidge	Esther McVey
Bill Cash	Mark Menzies
Miriam Cates	Johnny Mercer
Alex Chalk	Huw Merriman
Rehman Chishti	Stephen Metcalfe
Jo Churchill	Robin Millar

Greg Clark	Mrs. Maria Miller
Theo Clarke	Amanda Milling
Simon Clarke	Nigel Mills
Brendan Clarke-Smith	Mr Andrew Mitchell
Chris Clarkson	Gagan Mohindra
James Cleverly	Damien Moore
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Penny Mordaunt
Therese Coffey	David Morris
Elliot Colburn	Anne Marie Morris
Damian Collins	Joy Morrissey
Alberto Costa	Wendy Morton
Robert Courts	Holly Mumby-Croft
Claire Coutinho	David Mundell
Geoffrey Cox	Sheryll Murray
Stephen Crabb	Andrew Murrison
Virginia Crosbie	Sir Robert Neill
Tracey Crouch	Lia Nici
James Daly	Caroline Nokes
Mims Davies	Jesse Norman
Gareth Davies	Neil O'Brien
Philip Davies	Dr Matthew Offord
James Davies	Guy Opperman
David Davis	Neil Parish
Caroline Dinenage	Priti Patel
Sarah Dines	Owen Paterson
Jonathan Djanogly	Mark Pawsey
Michelle Donelan	Sir Mike Penning
Nadine Dorries	John Penrose
Steve Double	Andrew Percy
Oliver Dowden	Chris Philp
Richard Drax	Christopher Pincher
Flick Drummond	Dr Dan Poulter
James Duddridge	Rebecca Pow
David Duguid	Victoria Prentis
Philip Dunne	Mark Pritchard

Mark Eastwood	Jeremy Quin
Ruth Edwards	Will Quince
Jonathan Edwards	Dominic Raab
Michael Ellis	Tom Randall
Mr Tobias Ellwood	John Redwood
Natalie Elphicke	Nicola Richards
George Eustice	Rob Roberts
Luke Evans	Laurence Robertson
Sir David Evennett	Mary Robinson
Michael Fabricant	Andrew Rosindell
Laura Farris	Douglas Ross
Simon Fell	Lee Rowley
Margaret Ferrier	Dean Russell
Katherine Fletcher	David Rutley
Nick Fletcher	Selaine Saxby
Mark Fletcher	Paul Scully
Vicky Ford	Bob Seely
Kevin Foster	Andrew Selous
Dr Liam Fox	Grant Shapps
Mark Francois	Alok Sharma
Lucy Frazer	Alec Shelbrooke
George Freeman	David Simmonds
Mike Freer	Chris Skidmore
Richard Fuller	Chloe Smith
Marcus Fysh	Royston Smith
Sir Roger Gale	Julian Smith
Mark Garnier	Henry Smith
Nusrat Ghani	Greg Smith
Nick Gibb	Amanda Solloway
Peter Gibson	Ben Spencer
Jo Gideon	Alexander Stafford
Dame Cheryl Gillan	Andrew Stephenson
John Glen	Jane Stevenson
Robert Goodwill	John Stevenson
Michael Gove	Iain Stewart

Richard Graham	Bob Stewart
Mrs Helen Grant	Sir Gary Streeter
James Gray	Mel Stride
Chris Grayling	Graham Stuart
Damian Green	Julian Sturdy
Andrew Griffith	Rishi Sunak
Kate Griffiths	James Sunderland
James Grundy	Derek Thomas
Jonathan Gullis	Edward Timpson
Robert Halfon	Kelly Tolhurst
Luke Hall	Justin Tomlinson
Stephen Hammond	Craig Tracey
Matt Hancock	Anne-Marie Trevelyan
Greg Hands	Laura Trott
Rebecca Harris	Liz Truss
Trudy Harrison	Tom Tugendhat
Simon Hart	Shailesh Vara
Sally-Ann Hart	Martin Vickers
John Hayes	Theresa Villiers
Oliver Heald	Robin Walker
James Heapey	Ben Wallace
Chris Heaton-Harris	Dr Jamie Wallis
Gordon Henderson	David Warburton
Darren Henry	Matt Warman
Antony Higginbotham	Giles Watling
Damian Hinds	Suzanne Webb
Simon Hoare	Helen Whately
Kevin Hollinrake	Heather Wheeler
Adam Holloway	Craig Whittaker
Paul Holmes	John Whittingdale
Paul Howell	Bill Wiggin
John Howell	James Wild
Nigel Huddleston	Craig Williams
Dr Neil Hudson	Gavin Williamson
Eddie Hughes	Mike Wood
Jane Hunt	Jeremy Wright
Jeremy Hunt	Jacob Young
Nadhim Zahawi	

3. Ending pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, that the following Members have given notice that they wish to end their proxy voting arrangement with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the dates specified below:

Member	From
Leo Docherty	25 January 2021
James Morris	25 January 2021
Wendy Chamberlain	25 January 2021
Mark Tami	25 January 2021