



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 25 February 2021

# Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Electoral Commission (Answer to Address)**

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of 18 November 2020, praying that Her Majesty will re-appoint Dame Susan Bruce DBE as an Electoral Commissioner with effect from 1 January 2021 for the period ending on 31 December 2023; and Dame Elan Closs Stephens DBE as an Electoral Commissioner with effect from 13 March 2021 for the period ending on 12 March 2025, was presented to Her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to comply with the request.

**2 Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (Answer to Address)**

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of 16 December 2020, praying that Her Majesty will appoint Helen Jones to the office of ordinary member of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority with effect from 1 January 2021 for the period ending on 31 December 2025; and that Her Majesty will re-appoint Sir Robert Owen to the office of ordinary member of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority with effect from 1 January 2021 for the period ending on 31 December 2023, was presented to Her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to comply with the request.

**3 Electoral Commission (Answer to Address)**

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of 20 January 2021, praying that Her Majesty will appoint Alexander Attwood as an Electoral Commissioner with effect from 1 February 2021 for the period ending on 31 January 2024, was presented to Her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to comply with the request.

**4 Questions to the Secretary of State for International Trade**

**5 Business Question (Leader of the House)**

**6 Statements: (1) Education return and the awarding of qualifications in 2021 (Secretary Gavin Williamson)**

**(2) Rough sleeping (Secretary Robert Jenrick)**

**7 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)**

Publication of the Third Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, Growing back better: putting nature and net zero at the heart of the economic recovery, HC 347 (Philip Dunne)

**8 Backbench Business**

(1) Proposal for a national education route map for schools and colleges in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the proposal for a national education route map for schools and colleges in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.—(*Steve Brine.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Welsh affairs

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Welsh affairs.—(*Kevin Brennan.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

**9 Sittings in Westminster Hall during the pandemic**

*Ordered*, That the following provisions shall be made and have effect from 8 March until 30 March:

(1) The Order of the House of 23 September 2020 (Sittings in Westminster Hall (Resumption)) is hereby rescinded.

(2) Sittings in Westminster Hall shall be held in a Committee Room designated for the purpose by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

(3) Members may participate in proceedings in Westminster Hall by electronic means under arrangements approved by the Chairman of Ways and Means, and such arrangements may include provision about the arrangement and timing of debates, including alteration of the times referred to in Standing Order No. 10 (Sittings in Westminster Hall) at which sittings are scheduled to begin or end.

(4) The Chair of a sitting in Westminster Hall may direct that a sitting be suspended to enable the necessary technical arrangements for virtual participation to be made or on public health grounds; the time taken for any such suspension shall be added to the period of three hours mentioned in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 10 (Sittings in Westminster Hall) in the same manner as a suspension under paragraph (3) of that Standing Order.

(5) The Chair of a sitting in Westminster Hall may limit the number of Members present at a sitting of the House in Westminster Hall at any one time.

(6) No sitting of the House in Westminster Hall shall take place on a day when a public bill committee is expected to meet for the purpose of hearing oral evidence under the provisions of Standing Order No. 84A(3) (Public bill committees) in the Committee Room designated under paragraph (2) of this Order.—(*Mike Freer.*)

**10 Adjournment**

Subject: UK alcohol duty system (Douglas Ross)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mike Freer.)

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until Monday 1 March.

## Other Proceedings

### *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).*

**11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2021)**

Members: Andy McDonald discharged and Imran Hussain nominated in substitution.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

**12 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 11 March in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

**13 Petitions Committee and Women and Equalities Committee**

*Black history and cultural diversity in the curriculum*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 893) (Catherine McKinnell).

**14 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Ministry of Defence: Improving single living accommodation for service personnel*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 940);

(2) *Correspondence from The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and The Department for Health and Social Care relating to COVID-19 Vaccine Indemnities*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the National Audit Office relating to the Kickstart scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *COVID-19: Planning for a vaccine (part 1)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 930) (Meg Hillier).

**15 Scottish Affairs Committee**

(1) *Universities and Scotland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 673);

(2) *Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland Supplementary Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Welfare policy in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 889) (Pete Wishart).

**16 Welsh Affairs Committee**

- (1) *Railway infrastructure in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1044);
- (2) *Renewable energy in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1021);
- (3) *Wales Office Supplementary Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published (Stephen Crabb).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Damages**

Draft Whiplash Injury Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

**2 Electronic Communications**

Draft Audiovisual Media Services (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr John Whittingdale)

**3 Exiting the European Union (Climate Change)**

Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Kyoto Protocol Registry) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

**4 Exiting the European Union (Nuclear Safeguards)**

Draft Nuclear Safeguards (Fissionable Material and Relevant International Agreements) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

**5 Food**

Draft Food and Drink (Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Food and Wine Composition, Information and Labelling) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**6 Employment**

Restriction of Public Sector Exit Payments (Revocation) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 197), dated 25 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Barclay)

**7 Immigration**

Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 184), dated 23 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

**8 Plant Health**

Official Controls and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 187), dated 24 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

**9 Senior Courts of England and Wales**

Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 196), dated 24 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

**10 Social Security**

Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 188), dated 23 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

**11 Town and Country Planning**

(1) High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) (Fees for Requests for Planning Approval) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 183), dated 22 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(2) High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) (Planning Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 182), dated 22 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**Other papers****12 Supply Estimates, 2021–22**

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the House of Commons: Administration for 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1167) (The Speaker)

**13 Civil List**

List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 (by Act) (Kemi Badenoch)

**14 Health and Social Care**

Report of Healthwatch England for 2019–20 (by Act) (Ms Nadine Dorries)

**15 Northern Ireland**

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2019–20 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1207) (Secretary Brandon Lewis)

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## Withdrawn papers

### 16 Supply Estimates, 2021–22

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the House of Commons:  
Administration for 2021–22 (laid 22 February)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

### Voting by proxy

#### 1. New parental proxy voting arrangement

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the Order of 3 November 2020, that Suella Braverman is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on her behalf, starting on Monday 1 March and finishing on Wednesday 1 September. The nominated proxy is Stuart Andrew.

#### 2. 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.

<b>Member</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Maria Caulfield	1 March	Stuart Andrew
Jeff Smith	1 March	Mark Tami
Sir Alan Campbell	1 March	Mark Tami

#### 3. 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 1 March

the nominated proxy for Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson and Paul Girvan will be Sammy Wilson instead of Jim Shannon; and

the nominated proxy for the following members will be Chris Elmore instead of Sir Alan Campbell:

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Debbie Abrahams	Mike Kane
Tahir Ali	Barbara Keeley
Rushanara Ali	Liz Kendall
Dr Rosena Allin-Khan	Afzal Khan
Mike Amesbury	Stephen Kinnock
Fleur Anderson	Peter Kyle
Tonia Antoniazzi	David Lammy
Jonathan Ashworth	Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Paula Barker	Clive Lewis
Margaret Beckett	Tony Lloyd
Hilary Benn	Holly Lynch
Mr Clive Betts	Justin Madders
Olivia Blake	Mr Khalid Mahmood
Paul Blomfield	Shabana Mahmood
Tracy Brabin	Seema Malhotra
Mr Ben Bradshaw	Rachael Maskell
Kevin Brennan	Christian Matheson
Ms Lyn Brown	Steve McCabe
Chris Bryant	Kerry McCarthy
Ms 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 McMahan
Rosie Cooper	Anna McMorris
Yvette Cooper	Edward 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

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Wayne David	Charlotte Nichols
Geraint Davies	Alex Norris
Alex Davies-Jones	Chi Onwurah
Thangam Debbonaire	Abena Opong-Asare
Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi	Taiwo Owatemi
Anneliese Dodds	Sarah Owen
Stephen Doughty	Stephanie Peacock
Peter Dowd	Matthew Pennycook
Jack Dromey	Mr Toby Perkins
Rosie Duffield	Jess Phillips
Maria Eagle	Bridget Phillipson
Ms Angela Eagle	Luke Pollard
Clive Efford	Lucy Powell
Julie Elliott	Yasmin Qureshi
Florence Eshalomi	Angela Rayner
Bill Esterson	Steve Reed
Chris Evans	Christina Rees
Yvonne Fovargue	Ellie Reeves
Vicky Foxcroft	Rachel Reeves
Gill Furniss	Jonathan Reynolds
Barry Gardiner	Ms 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
Ms 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
Dame Margaret Hodge	Gareth Thomas
Mrs Sharon Hodgson	Nick Thomas-Symonds
Kate Hollern	Emily Thornberry
Rachel Hopkins	Stephen Timms
Sir George Howarth	Karl Turner
Dr Rupa Huq	Derek Twigg
Dan Jarvis	Catherine West
Dame Diana Johnson	Dr Alan Whitehead
Kim Johnson	Mick Whitley
Gerald Jones	Nadia Whittome
Ruth Jones	Beth Winter
Sarah Jones	Mohammad Yasin
Darren Jones	Daniel Zeichner
Mr Kevan Jones	

#### 4. 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:

<b>Member</b>	<b>From</b>
Suella Braverman	26 February
Chris Elmore	1 March
Maggie Throup	1 March
Mark Tami	1 March
Colleen Fletcher	1 March
Liz Twist	1 March