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HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 18 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
(2) the Attorney General**
- 2 Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 3 Statements: (1) Independent Review of Administrative Law Update (Secretary Robert Buckland)
(2) Department of Health and Social Care Update (Secretary Matt Hancock)**
- 4 Select Committee statement (Standing Order No. 22D)
Publication of the Eighth Report of the Public Administration and Constitutional**

Affairs Committee, Data Transparency and Accountability, COVID-19: the data underpinning decisions, HC 803 (Mr William Wragg)

5 UK's commitment to reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes with concern the reports of a systematic attack in Sri Lanka on democratic governance, the rule of law and human rights including renewed discrimination against the Tamil and Muslim communities; is profoundly concerned that the Sri Lankan Government has refused to investigate accusations of war crimes including by key members of the current government and has withdrawn from the UN Human Rights Council Resolution 30/1; welcomes the significant leadership role played by successive UK Governments at the Human Rights Council and urges the Government to provide clear policy direction and leadership to ensure a new substantive resolution is passed at the upcoming Council session in March 2021 that will enable continued monitoring by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human

Rights and mandate a mechanism to gather, preserve and analyse evidence of violations for future investigations and prosecutions; and calls upon the Government to develop a consistent and coherent policy to assist the Sri Lankan people through its trade, investment and aid programmes, and in its diplomatic and military relations.—(*Siobhain McDonagh.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes with concern the reports of a systematic attack in Sri Lanka on democratic governance, the rule of law and human rights including renewed discrimination against the Tamil and Muslim communities; is profoundly concerned that the Sri Lankan Government has refused to investigate accusations of

war crimes including by key members of the current government and has withdrawn from the UN Human Rights Council Resolution 30/1; welcomes the significant leadership role played by successive UK Governments at the Human Rights Council and urges the Government to provide clear policy direction and leadership to ensure a new substantive resolution is passed at the upcoming Council session in March 2021 that will enable continued monitoring by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and mandate a mechanism to gather, preserve and analyse evidence of violations for future investigations and prosecutions; and calls upon the Government to develop a consistent and coherent policy to assist the Sri Lankan people through its trade, investment and aid programmes, and in its diplomatic and military relations.

6 World Water Day 2021

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered World Water Day 2021.—(*Navendu Mishra.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Review of public landmarks in response to recent cultural debates on historical British figures (Gareth Bacon)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

At 5pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Monday 22
March.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Ian Paisley (Chair) reported the draft Direct Payments to Farmers (Reductions and Simplifications) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and the draft Agriculture (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2021.

Reports from Select Committees

8 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Wednesday 24 March in the Chamber and Thursday 25 March in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

9 Defence Committee

Women in the armed forces: from recruitment to civilian life: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1047) (Sarah Atherton).

10 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Cladding Remediation – Follow up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1249);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to confidentiality clauses in funding agreements*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The future of the planning system in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 858)

(Mr Clive Betts).

11 International Development Committee

Humanitarian crises monitoring: Ethiopia's Tigray region: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1289) (Sarah Champion).

12 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Key challenges facing the Ministry of Justice*: Fifty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1190);

(2) *COVID-19: Local government finance:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 945)

(Meg Hillier).

13 Scottish Affairs Committee

Welfare policy in Scotland: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 889) (Pete Wishart).

14 Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill

Armed Forces Bill: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1281) (James Sunderland).

15 Welsh Affairs Committee

Renewable energy in Wales: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1021) (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders Nos. 10(7) and 14(4))

1 Social care reform and the social care workforce

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered social care reform and the social care workforce.—(*Barbara Keeley.*)

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 Social care reform and the social care workforce.

The sitting was suspended between 2.59 pm and 3.15 pm (Order, 25 February).

2 World Social Work Day 2021

Resolved, That this House has considered World Social Work Day 2021.—(*David Simmonds*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.08 pm until Monday 22
March.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Energy

Draft Combined Heat and Power Quality Assurance (Temporary Modifications) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

2 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Civil Liability Act 2018 (Financial Conduct Authority) (Whiplash) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

3 Exiting The European Union (Energy)

Proposal for an instrument titled Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Motor Fuel Emissions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Damages

Civil Liability (Specification of Authorised Persons) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 326), dated 15 March 2021 (by Act), with an

Explanatory Memorandum (by Command)
(John Glen)

5 Energy

Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme
(Temporary Modification) Regulations
2021 (SI, 2021, No. 346), dated 17 March
2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory
Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary
Kwasi Kwarteng)

6 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International
Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 10)
Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 348), dated
18 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory
Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary
Matt Hancock)

Other papers

7 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

(1) Department for Business, Energy and
Industrial Strategy Minute, dated 18
March 2021, concerning the notification

of indemnification to CGI IT UK Limited
(by Command) (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

(2) Restoring trust in audit and corporate
governance: Consultation on the
government's proposals (by Command)
(CP 382) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

8 Energy

Strategy of the Nuclear Decommissioning
Authority for 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi
Kwarteng)

9 European Union (Withdrawal)

Report on the European Union (Withdrawal)
Act and Common Frameworks for the period
26 September to 25 December 2020 (by Act)
(Chloe Smith)

10 Government Annuities

Report and Accounts of the Government
Annuities Investment Fund for 2020, with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1252)
(John Glen)

11 Government Resources and Accounts

Account of Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1148) (Jesse Norman)

12 Government Trading Funds

Treasury Minute, dated 18 March 2021, for the Patent Office Trading Fund (by Act) (Steve Barclay)

13 Health and Social Care

Annual Report of the National Guardian's Office for 2020 (by Command) (CP 375) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

14 Justice

(1) Judicial Review Reform: The Government Response to the Independent Review of Administrative Law (by Command) (CP 408) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

(2) The Independent Review of Administrative Law (by Command) (CP 407) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

15 Parliamentary Standards

Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority: The Scheme of MPs' Staffing and Business Costs 2021–22 (thirteenth edition) (by Act), to be printed (HC 1262) (The Speaker)

16 Treasury

Treasury Minute, dated 18 March 2021, concerning the Transfer of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Contingent Callable Capital Liability (by Command) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

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
Colleen Fletcher	22 March	Sir Alan Campbell
Mark Tami	22 March	Sir Alan Campbell
Gill Furniss	22 March	Sir Alan Campbell
Richard Holden	22 March	Stuart Andrew
Tom Pursglove	22 March	Stuart Andrew

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 22 March the nominated proxy for the following members will be Sir Alan Campbell instead of Mark Tami:

Debbie Abrahams	Mary Glendon	Jessica Morden
Tahir Ali	Kate Green	Stephen Morgan
Rushanara Ali	Margaret Greenwood	Grahame Morris
Dr Rosena Allin-Khan	Lilian Greenwood	James Murray
Mike Amesbury	Nia Griffith	Ian Murray
Fleur Anderson	Andrew Gwynne	Lisa Nandy
Tonia Antoniazzi	Louise Haigh	Charlotte Nichols
Jonanthan Ashworth	Fabian Hamilton	Alex Norris

Paula Barker	Emma Hardy	Chi Onwurah
Margaret Beckett	Ms Harriet Harman	Abena Opong-Asare
Hilary Benn	Carolyn Harris	Taiwo Owatemi
Mr Clive Betts	Helen Hayes	Sarah Owen
Olivia Blake	John Healey	Stephanie Peacock
Paul Blomfield	Sir Mark Hendrick	Matthew Pennycook
Tracy Brabin	Dame Margaret Hodge	Mr Toby Perkins
Mr Ben Bradshaw	Mrs Sharon Hodgson	Jess Phillips
Kevin Brennan	Kate Hollern	Bridget Phillipson
Ms Lyn Brown	Rachel Hopkins	Luke Pollard
Chris Bryant	Sir George Howarth	Lucy Powell
Ms Karen Buck	Dr Rupa Huq	Yasmin Qureshi

Liam Byrne	Dan Jarvis	Angela Rayner
Ian Byrne	Dame Diana Johnson	Steve Reed
Ruth Cadbury	Kim Johnson	Christina Rees
Dan Carden	Gerald Jones	Ellie Reeves
Sarah Champion	Ruth Jones	Rachel Reeves
Feryal Clark	Sarah Jones	Jonathan Reynolds
Rosie Cooper	Darren Jones	Ms Marie Rimmer
Yvette Cooper	Mr Kevan Jones	Matt Rodda
Neil Coyle	Mike Kane	Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Stella Creasy	Barbara Keeley	Naz Shah
Jon Cruddas	Liz Kendall	Mr Virendra Sharma
John Cryer	Afzal Khan	Mr Barry Sheerman
Judith Cummins	Stephen Kinnock	Tulip Siddiq

Alex Cunningham	Peter Kyle	Andy Slaughter
Janet Daby	David Lammy	Nick Smith
Wayne David	Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck	Cat Smith
Geraint Davies	Clive Lewis	Jeff Smith
Alex Davies-Jones	Tony Lloyd	Karin Smyth
Thangam Debbonaire	Holly Lynch	Alex Sobel
Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi	Justin Madders	Keir Starmer
Anneliese Dodds	Mr Khalid Mahmood	Jo Stevens
Stephen Doughty	Shabana Mahmood	Wes Streeting
Peter Dowd	Seema Malhotra	Graham Stringer
Jack Dromey	Rachael Maskell	Sam Tarry
Rosie Duffield	Christian Matheson	Gareth Thomas
Maria Eagle	Steve McCabe	Nick Thomas- Symonds

Ms Angela Eagle	Kerry McCarthy	Emily Thornberry
Clive Efford	Siobhain McDonagh	Stephen Timms
Julie Elliott	Andy McDonald	Karl Turner
Chris Elmore	Pat McFadden	Derek Twigg
Florence Eshalomi	Conor McGinn	Catherine West
Bill Esterson	Alison McGovern	Matt Western
Chris Evans	Catherine McKinnell	Dr Alan Whitehead
Yvonne Fovargue	Jim McMahon	Mick Whitley
Vicky Foxcroft	Anna McMorrin	Nadia Whittome
Barry Gardiner	Edward Miliband	Mohammad Yasin
Preet Kaur Gill	Navendu Mishra	Daniel Zeichner

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
Maria Caulfield	22 March
Sir Alan Campbell	22 March
David Rutley	22 March
Michael Tomlinson	22 March
Bambos Charalambous	22 March
Chris Loder	22 March

CORRECTION

Tuesday 9 March 2021

Item 26 (Other Proceedings) should have read:

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Government transparency and accountability during COVID-19: The data underpinning decisions:*

(i) Eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 803);

(ii) Written evidence to be published (HC 803);

(2) *The Work of the Electoral Commission: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 488);*

(3) *Correspondence from Ed Humpherson relating to Statistical models for awarding grades in 2020: Written evidence, to be published;*

(4) *Correspondence from Simon Case relating to Cabinet Manual: Written evidence to be published;*

(5) *Government preparations and contingency planning for local elections in May 2021: Written evidence to be published (HC 1199);*

(6) *Security and Intelligence Account
Supplementary Estimate 2020–21: Written
evidence, to be published*

(Mr William Wragg).