



# House of Commons

Tuesday 8 June 2021

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care**

**2 Urgent Questions: (1) Ajax programme (Jeremy Quin)**

**(2) British Council closures (Nigel Adams)**

**3 Statement: Upholding Employment Rights (Paul Scully)**

**4 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary George Eustice, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Michael Gove, Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary Simon Hart and Victoria Prentis, presented a Bill to make provision about the welfare of certain kept animals that are in, imported into, or exported from Great Britain.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 13) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 13–EN).

**5 Emergency Debate (Standing Order No. 24)**

0.7% official development assistance target

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the 0.7% official development assistance target.—(*Mr Andrew Mitchell.*)

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

After three hours, the motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 24(3)).

**6 Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill: Second Reading**

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

Bill read a second time.

**7 Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill:

*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 17 June.

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

*Proceedings on 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 proceedings on Consideration 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.—(*Alan Mak.*)

Question agreed to.

**8 Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill: Money**  
Queen'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 Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(a) expenditure incurred by the Treasury for, or in connection with, the payment of compensation to customers of London Capital & Finance plc; and

(b) loans by the Secretary of State to the Board of the Pension Protection Fund.—(*Alan Mak.*)

Question agreed to.

**9 Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill (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 Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill, it is expedient to authorise such levying of charges under section 189 of the Pensions Act 2004 and Article 171 of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 as may arise by virtue of that Act.—(*Alan Mak.*)

Question agreed to.

**10 House of Commons Commission (External Members)**

*Resolved*, That, in pursuance of section 1(2B) of the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978, as amended, Louise Wilson be appointed to the House of Commons Commission for a period of three years with immediate effect; and Shrinivas Honap be appointed to the House of Commons Commission for a period of three years commencing on 1 October 2021.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

**11 Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission**

*Resolved*, That Lilian Greenwood be discharged as a member of the Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission and Mr Nicholas Brown be confirmed as a member under Schedule 3 to the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019.—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

**12 Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority**

*Resolved*, That Thangam Debbonaire be appointed to the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority in place of Valerie Vaz, until the end of the present Parliament, in pursuance of paragraph 1(d) of Schedule 3 to the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, as amended.—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

**13 House of Commons Members' Fund**

*Resolved*, That Sir Alan Campbell be removed as a Trustee of the House of Commons Members' Fund and Mr Nicholas Brown and Craig Whittaker be appointed as Trustees in pursuance of section 2 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 2016.—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

**14 Information Commissioner (Remuneration)**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6) and Order, 25 May), That, from 1 November 2021—

(1) the Information Commissioner shall be paid a salary of £200,000 per annum and pension benefits in accordance with the standard award for the civil service pension scheme;

(2) all previous resolutions relating to the salary and pension of the Information Commissioner shall cease to have effect.—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

**15 Changes to membership of select committees**

(1) *Ordered*, That John Howell be discharged from the Justice Committee and Laura Farris be added.—(*Mike Freer, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(2) *Ordered*, That Ben Bradley and Peter Gibson be discharged from the Women and Equalities Committee and Lee Anderson and Philip Davies be added.—(*Mike Freer, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

**16 Adjournment**

Subject: Redevelopment of Kettering General Hospital (Mr Philip Hollobone)

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

Adjourned at 7.49 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Dame Angela Eagle (Chair) reported the draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information Regulations 2021.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

#### **18 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

(1) *Uyghur forced labour in Xinjiang and UK value chains: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2019–21:*

(i) Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 241);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 241);

(2) *Decarbonising heat in homes:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 110);

(3) *Correspondence relating to employment practices at Hermes:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Findings of the Report of Climate Assembly UK Inquiry:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 117);

(5) *Liberty Steel and the future of the UK Steel Industry:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 118)

(Darren Jones).

#### **19 Defence Committee**

(1) *The Navy: purpose and procurement:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 168);

(2) *Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Schemes Supplementary Estimate 2021–22:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence relating to Carrier Strike Group:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Ministry of Defence Supplementary Estimate 2021–22:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Women in the armed forces: from recruitment to civilian life:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 154)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

#### **20 Education Committee**

(1) *Prison education:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 86);

(2) *The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 87)

(Robert Halfon).

**21 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

(1) *Moving animals across borders*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 79);

(2) *Environmental land management and the agricultural transition*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 78)

(Neil Parish).

**22 Finance Committee**

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 8 June, to be published (Mr Nicholas Brown).

**23 Foreign Affairs Committee**

(1) *In the room: the UK's role in multilateral diplomacy*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 199);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for BEIS relating to Newport Wafer Fab and the National Security and Investment Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence relating to Ukraine*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Tech and the future of UK foreign policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 201);

(5) *The Myanmar crisis*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 203)

(Tom Tugendhat).

**24 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Food Standards Agency*:

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 232);

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 232);

(2) *Expert Panel: evaluation of the Government's commitments in the area of maternity services in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 18)

(Jeremy Hunt).

**25 Justice Committee**

(1) *Mental health in prison*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 72);

(2) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

**26 Petitions Committee**

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published;

(3) *Public engagement on e-petitions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 243)

(Catherine McKinnell).

**27 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

(1) *Propriety of governance in light of Greensill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 59);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) relating to the CMA's update on work to establish the Office for the Internal Market*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary relating to the Independent Adviser on Ministers Interests*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the PHSO Commissioner appointment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *The work of the Cabinet Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 41)

(Mr William Wragg).

**28 Women and Equalities Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities relating to giving oral evidence to the inquiry into the Reform of the Gender Recognition Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities relating to the third quarterly report on addressing COVID-19 health disparities*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Equalities relating to giving oral evidence to the inquiry into the Reform of the Gender Recognition Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Reform of the Gender Recognition Act*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 129);

(5) *The role of the GEO: embedding equalities across Government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 133)

(Caroline Nokes).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.25 am (Orders, 25 February and 25 March).

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

**1 World Ocean Day 2021**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered World Ocean Day 2021.—(*Selaine Saxby*.)

**2 Social distancing restrictions and support for the night-time economy**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered social distancing restrictions and support for the night-time economy.—(*Lloyd Russell-Moyle*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.28 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Community renewal fund and levelling up fund in Wales**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the community renewal fund and levelling up fund in Wales.—(*Ruth Jones.*)

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 the community renewal fund and levelling up fund in Wales.

**4 Delivery charges in Highlands and Islands**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered delivery charges in Highlands and Islands.—(*Jamie Stone.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.23 pm and 4.50 pm (Orders, 25 February and 25 March).*

**5 Future of the learned societies at Burlington House**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of the learned societies at Burlington House.—(*Tim Loughton.*)

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)).

At 5.50 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

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

Adjourned at 5.50 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Constitutional Law**

Draft Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alister Jack)

**2 Exiting the European Union (Road Traffic)**

Draft Road Vehicle Carbon Dioxide Emission Performance Standards (Cars and Vans) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**3 Highways**

Draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Christopher Pincher)

**4 Licences and Licensing**

Draft Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

**5 Pensions**

Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Climate Change Governance and Reporting) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution****6 Agriculture**

Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 681), dated 8 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

**7 Climate Change Levy**

Climate Change Levy (General) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 675), dated 7 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

**8 Excise**

Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Reliefs for Electricity Generation) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 676), dated 7 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

**9 Government Trading Funds**

Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Trading Fund (Variation) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 666), dated 4 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Eddie Hughes)

**10 Housing**

Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 665), dated 4 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Eddie Hughes)

**11 Insolvency**

(1) Insolvency (England and Wales) (Amendment) Rules 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 672), dated 4 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(2) Insolvency Proceedings (Monetary Limits) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 673), dated 4 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

**12 Public Health**

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Testing Requirements and Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 682), dated 7 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)



**13 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge**

Statute, dated 23 February 2021, made by the Governing Body of Exeter College in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

## Other papers

**14 Energy**

Corporate Plan of the Office for Nuclear Regulation (by Act) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

**15 Higher Education and Research**

Report and Accounts of the Office for Students for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 156) (Michelle Donelan)

**16 Treaty Series No. 13 (2021)**

Extradition Treaty, done at Kuwait City on 15 December 2016, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the State of Kuwait (by Command) (CP 440) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

## 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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, 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 21 June 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

<b>Member</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Mr Andrew Mitchell	8 June	Stuart Andrew
Kirsty Blackman	9 June	Owen Thompson
John Spellar	9 June	Chris Elmore
Steve Double	9 June	Stuart Andrew
Theo Clarke	9 June	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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, that the following Members have given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 8 June the nominated proxy for Bob Seely will be Stuart Andrew instead of Mr Andrew Mitchell.

### 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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, 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>
Johnny Mercer	8 June
Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	9 June