



# House of Commons

Tuesday 21 September 2021

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**
- 2 Urgent Question: Data breach exposing ARAP applicants in Afghanistan (Secretary Ben Wallace)**
- 3 Statement: Criminal justice update (Secretary Priti Patel)**
- 4 Unauthorised Development (Offences): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make unauthorised development without planning permission an offence; to prohibit retrospective planning applications; and for connected purposes;

That Gareth Bacon, Lee Anderson, Mr John Baron, Felicity Buchan, Gareth Davies, Ben Everitt, Jonathan Gullis, Tom Hunt, Marco Longhi, Sir Robert Neill, Tom Randall and David Simmonds present the Bill.

Gareth Bacon accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 3 December, and to be printed (Bill 165).

- 5 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (6th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))**

Effect of Government policy on the finances of working people

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House is concerned about the negative impact of Government policy on the finances of working people, with a growing squeeze on living standards caused by the £1,040 per year reduction to Universal Credit, the rise in National Insurance Contributions for low and middle income workers, increases in council tax, the freezing of the personal income tax allowance from April 2022, the increasing cost of household energy bills, the highest petrol prices since 2013 and the potential for the largest rail fare increase in a decade, the fastest rise in private rental prices since 2008, successive above inflation increases in childcare costs, and rising prices resulting from the supply chain disruption caused by worker and supply shortages; and calls on the Government to change the direction of its policies on these issues because they have created an avoidable and unacceptable burden on working people.—(*Bridget Phillipson.*)

Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out from 'House' to the end of the Question and add "welcomes the £400 billion package of support the Government has put in place to protect jobs, incomes and livelihoods throughout this COVID-19 pandemic, including a

temporary cut to VAT, generous cash grants for businesses, a business rates holiday, and the furlough scheme which protected 11 million people at its peak; notes the launching of the Plan For Jobs to help people back into work and gain the right skills to succeed in the jobs of tomorrow through schemes such as Kickstart for young people, Restart for the long-term unemployed, the Lifetime Skills Guarantee and additional funding for apprenticeships, traineeships and work coaches; further notes the measures taken by the Government to keep costs down for working people, such as introducing and increasing the National Living Wage in 2016 so that a full-time worker is £4,000 a year better off than before, doubling personal tax thresholds giving individuals an extra £1,200 per year, protecting local taxpayers from excessive council tax increases, introducing an energy price cap which protects 15 million households by around £100 a year, and freezing fuel duty for 11 consecutive years which has saved drivers £1,600 compared to 2010; and believes that this plan is working, as evidenced by unemployment forecast to be 2 million lower than previously expected, job vacancies at record highs, household incomes protected, consumer confidence back to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, and GDP recovering rapidly, with the IMF forecasting the UK to have the highest growth in the G7 this year.".—(Mr Simon Clarke.)

Question proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question.

Sir Alan Campbell claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to.

Question accordingly put, That the original words stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Division No. 81

Ayes: 222 (Tellers: Gill Furniss, Mary Glendon)

Noes: 300 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Alan Mak)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question, That the proposed words be there added, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

Question agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, agreed to (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

*Resolved*, That this House welcomes the £400 billion package of support the Government has put in place to protect jobs, incomes and livelihoods throughout this COVID-19 pandemic, including a temporary cut to VAT, generous cash grants for businesses, a business rates holiday, and the furlough scheme which protected 11 million people at its peak; notes the launching of the Plan For Jobs to help people back into work and gain the right skills to succeed in the jobs of tomorrow through schemes such as Kickstart for young people, Restart for the long-term unemployed, the Lifetime Skills Guarantee and additional funding for apprenticeships, traineeships and work coaches; further notes the measures taken by the Government to keep costs down for working people, such as introducing and increasing the National Living Wage in 2016 so that a full-time worker is £4,000 a year better off than before, doubling personal tax thresholds giving individuals an extra £1,200 per year, protecting local taxpayers from excessive council tax increases, introducing an energy price cap which protects 15 million households by around £100 a year, and freezing fuel duty for 11 consecutive years which has saved drivers £1,600 compared to 2010; and believes that this plan is working, as evidenced by unemployment forecast to be 2 million lower than previously expected, job vacancies at record highs, household incomes protected, consumer confidence back to pre-COVID-19 pandemic

levels, and GDP recovering rapidly, with the IMF forecasting the UK to have the highest growth in the G7 this year.

#### **6 Financial Assistance to Industry**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6) and Order, 13 September), That this House authorises the Secretary of State to undertake to pay, and to pay by way of financial assistance under Section 8 of the Industrial Development Act 1982, compensation to digital technology product vendors in respect of a proportion of the costs of providing digital technology product to SMEs as part of the Help to Grow Digital programme up to a limit of £296 million over three years.—(*Marcus Jones*.)

Question agreed to.

#### **7 Adjournment**

Subject: Response to the findings of the Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board Review into Cawston Park Hospital (*Jerome Mayhew*)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Marcus Jones*.)

Adjourned at 7.37 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **8 Building Safety Bill**

Clive Efford (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### **9 Health and Care Bill Committee**

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

Written evidence to be published.

#### **10 Nationality and Borders Bill Committee**

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### **11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the Draft Organics (Equivalence and Control Bodies Listing) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

#### **12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Rushanara Ali (Chair) reported the Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure (HC 689).

### *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 Elections Bill Committee**

Members: Jane Hunt, David Rutley and Chloe Smith discharged and Kemi Badenoch, Rebecca Harris and Danny Kruger nominated in substitution.

#### **14 Nationality and Borders Committee**

Members: Mrs Helen Grant discharged and Mike Wood nominated in substitution.

#### **15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Organics (Equivalence and Control Bodies Listing) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)**

Members: Miss Sarah Dines and Tom Hunt discharged and Dehenna Davison and Mrs Flick Drummond nominated in substitution.

#### **16 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Water and Sewerage Undertakers (Exit from Non-household Retail Market) (Consequential Provision) Regulations 2021)**

Members: Jane Hunt discharged and Dr Luke Evans nominated in substitution.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

#### **17 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 21 September to be published (Ian Mearns).

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

(1) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Industrial Policy in the UK: Government Response to the Committee's First Report: Sixth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 708);

(2) *Net Zero governance*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 486);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility relating to the National Security and Investment Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence relating to AQUIND*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(6) *Pre-legislative scrutiny: Downstream Oil Resilience Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 384)

(Darren Jones).

#### **19 Defence Committee**

(1) *Russia and Ukraine border tensions: Government Response to the Committee's First Report: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 725);

- (2) *The Navy: purpose and procurement*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 168);  
(3) *AJAX: recent developments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 550)  
(Tobias Ellwood).

## 20 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *Economics of music streaming: Government and Competition and Markets Authority Responses to the Committee's Second Report: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 719);  
(2) *The work of the BBC*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 257);  
(3) *Economics of music streaming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 50);  
(4) *Online safety and online harms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 620)  
(Julian Knight).

## 21 Education Committee

- (1) *Prison education*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 86);  
(2) *Education recovery*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 452);  
(3) *Summer results 2021 and arrangements for 2022*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 673)  
(Robert Halfon).

## 22 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *National Food Strategy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 686);  
(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to on-farm biodigesters*: Written evidence, to be published;  
(3) *Moving animals across borders*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 79)  
(Neil Parish).

## 23 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) *Global Health, Global Britain*:  
(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 200);  
(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 200);  
(2) *Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report: The UK Government's Response to the Myanmar Crisis*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 718);  
(3) *Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 202);  
(4) *Government policy on Afghanistan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 685)  
(Tom Tugendhat).

**24 Health and Social Care Committee**

- (1) *Clearing the backlog caused by the pandemic*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 599);
- (2) *Cancer services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551) (Jeremy Hunt).

**25 International Development Committee**

- (1) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to protection of at-risk and marginalised communities in Afghanistan*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Future of UK aid*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 100) (Sarah Champion).

**26 International Trade Committee**

- (1) *Inward Foreign Direct Investment*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 124);
- (2) *COP26 and international trade*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 605);
- (3) *Correspondence from Which?*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *UK-EU trading relationship*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 493) (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

**27 Justice Committee**

- (1) *Covid and the criminal law*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 71);
- (2) *Mental health in prison*:
  - (i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 72);
  - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 72);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Women in prison*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 73) (Sir Robert Neill).

**28 Petitions Committee**

- (1) *Impact of covid-19 on new parents: one year on*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 479);
- (2) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;
- (3) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to dangerous dogs legislation*: Written evidence, to be published (Tonia Antoniazzi).

**29 Science and Technology Committee and Health and Social Care Committee**

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Thursday 23 September 2021 for details

*Coronavirus: lessons learnt*: Third Report of the Science and Technology Committee, and Sixth Report of the Health and Social Care Committee, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 92) (Greg Clark).

**30 Transport Committee**

*Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 683) (Huw Merriman).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

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

**1 Vaccination of children against COVID-19**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of the vaccination of children against COVID-19.—(*Miriam Cates*.)

**2 Project Gigabit and community-led internet service providers**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Project Gigabit and community-led internet service providers.—(*Tim Farron*.)

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

**3 Decarbonising aviation**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of decarbonising aviation.—(*Fleur Anderson*.)

**4 School building conditions**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered school building conditions.—(*Andrew Gwynne*.)

**5 LGBTQ+ Afghan refugees**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of LGBTQ+ Afghan refugees.—(*Kate Osborne*.)

At 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Social Security

Social Security Benefits (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1065), dated 17 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

### Other papers

#### 2 European Union (Withdrawal)

Report of the Bank of England and the Prudential Regulation Authority on the exercise of sub-delegated powers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in the year ended 28 February 2021 (by Act) (John Glen)

#### 3 Government Resources and Accounts

HM Courts and Tribunals Service Trust Statement for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 695) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

#### 4 Health and Social Care

(1) Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Health and Social Care Committee, Session 2021–22, on the safety of maternity services in England (by Command) (CP 513) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Government's response to the Health and Social Care Committee's Expert Panel Evaluation (by Command) (CP 514) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

### Withdrawn papers

#### 5 Exiting the European Union (Trade)

Draft Cat and Dog Fur (Control of Movement etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 12 January)

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### CORRECTION

Monday 20 September 2021

The following items should have appeared before Item 1 (Papers Laid):

*Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17 September 2021 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:*

#### *Papers subject to Negative Resolution*

#### ( ) Agriculture

Direct Payments to Farmers (Inspections) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1057), dated 17 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)



**( ) Exiting the European Union**

United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Maximum Penalty) Regulations (SI, 2021, No. 1056), dated 10 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)