



# House of Commons

Thursday 23 September 2021

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 09.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office**

**2 Urgent Questions: (1) Gas prices and energy suppliers (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)  
(2) Coronavirus: Education setting attendance and support for pupils (Alex Burghart)**

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

**4 Backbench Business**

(1) Baby Loss Awareness Week

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Baby Loss Awareness Week.—(*Cherilyn Mackrory*.)

(2) Human rights in Kashmir

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes with grave concern the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan, two nuclear powers, following the revocation of Articles 370 and 35A from the Indian Constitution in August 2019; further notes the United Nations reports of 14 June 2018 and 8 July 2019 on human rights violations in Indian-administered Kashmir and Pakistan-administered Kashmir; and calls on the Government to work with the United Nations, Commonwealth and wider international community to help ensure that international law is upheld and human rights are protected throughout India, Kashmir and Pakistan.—(*Debbie Abrahams*.)

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

At 5.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

**5 Independent Expert Panel recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015**

Objection taken (Standing Order No. 9(6)).

**6 Environmental Audit Committee (Virtual Participation)**

*Resolved*, That, on 13 October 2021, members of the Environmental Audit Committee may participate in meetings of that Committee through such electronic means of communication as have been approved by the Speaker, providing a quorum of the Committee is physically present at any such meeting.—(*Rebecca Harris*.)

**7 Adjournment**

Subject: Contribution of horse racing to the economy (Matt Hancock)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Rebecca Harris*.)

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until Monday 18 October (Resolution, 23 June).

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

**8 Building Safety Bill Committee**

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 written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

### *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 Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Bill Committee**

Chair: Mr Clive Betts

**12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Internal Markets Information System Regulation (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Graham Stringer

**13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) (No. 2) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Geraint Davies

**14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Charities Act 2011 (Exempt Charities) (British Council) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

Members: Rebecca Harris discharged and Michael Tomlinson nominated in substitution.

- 15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No.1) (Amendment) Order 2021) and (The Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 988))**

Chair: Andrew Rosindell

- 16 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Monetary Penalties) (Turnover of a Business) Regulations 2021) and (draft National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Notifiable Acquisition) (Specification of Qualifying Entities) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Sir George Howarth

Members: Ben Bradley discharged and Tom Randall nominated in substitution.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

- 17 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 21 October in the Chamber and in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

- 18 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

*Online safety and online harms*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 620) (Julian Knight).

- 19 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)**

*Draft Online Safety Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 609) (Damian Collins).

- 20 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

*Moving animals across borders*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 79) (Neil Parish).

- 21 Home Affairs Committee**

*Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published (Yvette Cooper).

- 22 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *School funding*: Twenty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 183);

(2) *Challenges in implementing digital change*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 637)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

- 23 Science and Technology Committee**

*The role of technology, research and innovation in the COVID-19 recovery*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 95) (Greg Clark).

**24 Welsh Affairs Committee**

(1) *One-off session on Wylfa Newydd*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 622);

(2) *The benefits system in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 337)

(Stephen Crabb).

**25 Women and Equalities Committee**

*Correspondence from Paul Scully MP, Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets relating to flexible working and carers leave*: Written evidence, to be published (Caroline Nokes).

**26 Work and Pensions Committee**

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the publication of NatCen research*: Written evidence, to be published (Stephen Timms).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

**1 Violence against Christians in central African countries**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of violence against Christians in central African countries.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

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

Adjourned at 3.28 pm until Monday 18 October.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)**

Markets in Financial Instruments, Benchmarks and Financial Promotions (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1074), dated 22 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

**2 Income Tax**

Income Tax (Digital Requirements) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1076), dated 23 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Other papers

**3 Independent Expert Panel**

Report by the Independent Expert Panel: The Conduct of Mr Keith Vaz (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 731) (Clerk of the House)

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Monday 18 October 2021 for details

Withdrawn papers

**4 Energy**

Impact Assessment to the draft Green Gas Support Scheme Regulations 2021 (laid 9 September)

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**CORRECTION**

Tuesday 21 September

Item 29 (Other proceedings) should have read:

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

*Coronavirus: lessons learned to date*: 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).