



# House of Commons

Wednesday 15 December 2021

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Royal Assent**

The Speaker reported that the Queen had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Critical Benchmarks (References and Administrators' Liability) Act 2021

Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Act 2021

Armed Forces Act 2021

**2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Scotland**

**(2) the Prime Minister**

**3 Urgent Questions: (1) Preparations for school openings in 2022 (Alex Burghart)**

**(2) Asylum seeker accommodation Manston barracks (Tom Pursglove)**

**4 Statements: (1) Ajax noise and vibration review (Jeremy Quin)**

**(2) Postmasters with overturned convictions: Settlement funds (Paul Scully)**

**5 Speaker's Statement: Election of the Chair of the Home Affairs Committee**

The Speaker announced that Dame Diana Johnson had been elected as Chair of the Home Affairs Committees (Standing Order No. 122B).

**6 Child Criminal Exploitation: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make involvement in child criminal exploitation an aggravating factor in sentencing for drug supply, drug production, drug importation and money laundering offences; to make being a victim of child criminal exploitation a mitigating factor in sentencing for such offences; to establish reviews of sentencing guidelines in relation to the prevention of child criminal exploitation and criminal liability in relation to child criminal exploitation for organised criminal offenders; to amend the Modern Slavery Act 2015 to include a statutory definition of child criminal exploitation; to create a register of child criminal exploitation offenders; to place duties on public bodies to make plans to prevent, and collaborate in preventing, child criminal exploitation; to make provision about the reporting of the scale of child criminal exploitation and the inclusion of such exploitation in child, domestic, and offensive weapons homicide reviews; to require criminal justice agencies to publish information on their responses to child criminal exploitation; to make provision about the training

of professionals in responding to child criminal exploitation; to make provision about the content and national oversight of local serious violence strategies in relation to child criminal exploitation; and for connected purposes;

That Ms Lyn Brown, Florence Eshalomi, Robert Halfon, Catherine McKinnell, Charlotte Nichols, Janet Daby, Stephen Timms, Kate Osamor, Sir Mike Penning, Ms Karen Buck, Marsha De Cordova and Stella Creasy present the Bill.

Ms Lyn Brown accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022 and to be printed (Bill 220).

#### **7 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords]: Second Reading**

Bill read a second time.

#### **8 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords]: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords]:

##### *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 20 January 2022.

(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.—(*Andrea Jenkyns.*)

Question agreed to.

#### **9 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords]: 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 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a Minister of the Crown; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Andrea Jenkyns.*)

Question agreed to.

**10 Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill: Money**

Queen's Recommendation signified.

*Resolved*, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

- (1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State; and
- (2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

**11 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (2005 Hague Convention and 2007 Hague Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 16 November, be approved.—(*Andrea Jenkyns*.)

Question agreed to.

**12 Adjournment**

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Andrea Jenkyns*.)

Adjourned at 3.56 pm until tomorrow.

## 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).*

**13 Dormant Assets Bill [Lords] Committee**

Members: Bim Afolami, Caroline Ansell, Shaun Bailey, Damian Collins, Alex Davies-Jones, Peter Grant, James Grundy, Nigel Huddleston, Dame Diana Johnson, Clive Lewis, Jessica Morden, Mary Robinson, Jeff Smith, Kelly Tolhurst, Mrs Heather Wheeler, Beth Winter and Jacob Young

**14 Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) Bill Committee**

Chair: Rushanara Ali

Members: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Peter Bone, Alex Davies-Jones, Philip Davies, James Duddridge, Trudy Harrison, Sir Greg Knight, Nigel Mills, Ian Paisley, Nicola Richards, Jim Shannon, Greg Smith, John Spellar, Graham Stringer, Stephen Timms, Theresa Villiers and Mr William Wragg

**15 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords] Committee**

Chairs: Hannah Bardell and Mark Pritchard

**16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Flags (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Mr Virendra Sharma

Members: Rushanara Ali, Stuart Anderson, Tonia Antoniazzi, Mr Steve Baker, Conor Burns, James Daly, Mark Eastwood, Nick Fletcher, Barry Gardiner, James Grundy, Jonathan Gullis, Luke Hall, Andrea Jenkyns, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Siobhain McDonagh, Taiwo Owatemi and Jim Shannon

**17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (Legal Capacities) Order 2022)**

Chair: Mrs Sheryll Murray

Members: Gareth Bacon, Steven Bonnar, Sara Britcliffe, Sarah Champion, Robert Courts, Virginia Crosbie, Dame Angela Eagle, Lilian Greenwood, Sir Mark Hendrick, Mr Richard Holden, Mike Kane, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Steve McCabe, Dr Matthew Offord, Nicola Richards, Martin Vickers and Craig Whittaker

**18 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments) Order 2022)**

Members: Dr Mattew Offord discharged and Gary Sambrook nominated in substitution.

*General Committees: Reports*

**19 Approved Premises (Substance Testing) Bill Committee**

David Mundell (Chair) reported the Bill without Amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 21 January 2022.

**20 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee**

James Gray (Chair) reported the draft Companies (Strategic Report) (Climate-related Financial Disclosure) Regulations 2021.

**21 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the draft Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments) Order 2022.

*Reports from Select Committees*

**22 European Scrutiny Committee**

(1) *The institutional framework of the UK/EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 450);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 121)

(Sir William Cash).

**23 Home Affairs Committee**

(1) *Investigation and prosecution of rape*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 193);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Safe and Legal Migration on changes to the Immigration Rules for the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP)*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tim Loughton).

**24 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

(1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Nationality and Borders Bill (Part 5) – Modern slavery*: Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 964);

(2) *Legislative Scrutiny: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (Parts 7 and 8): Sentencing and Remand of Children and Young People: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2021–22*: Eighth Special Report, to be printed (HC 983);

(3) *The right to family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949–1976*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 748)

(Ms Harriet Harman).

**25 International Trade Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to strategic export licensing*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *The work of the Department for International Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 128);

(3) *UK trade negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 127)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

**26 Petitions Committee**

*Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Vaccines and Public Health relating to the Committee's inquiry into the impact of COVID-19 on new parents: one year on*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 479) (Catherine McKinnell).

**27 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *NHS backlogs and waiting times*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 747);

(2) *COVID-19 cost tracker update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 173);

(3) *DWP accounts – fraud and error in the benefits system*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 633);

(4) *Financial sustainability of schools in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 650)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

**28 Science and Technology Committee**

(1) *Reproducibility and research integrity*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 606);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, relating to the roll out of COVID-19 treatments*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The role of technology, research and innovation in the COVID-19 recovery*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 95);

(4) *UK space strategy and UK satellite infrastructure*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 98)

(Greg Clark).

**29 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)**

Nineteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 56-xix) (Jessica Morden).

**30 Transport Committee**

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

**31 Treasury Committee**

(1) *Appointment of Professor David Miles to the Budget Responsibility Committee of the Office for Budget Responsibility*

(i) Ninth Report to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 966);

(ii) Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 966);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to appointments to the Bank of England Financial Policy Committee*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to debt advice and the Money and Pensions Service*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to the Securitisation Regulation Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Work of HM Treasury*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 912)

(Mel Stride).

**32 Welsh Affairs Committee**

*One-off session on the Union Connectivity Review*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 917) (Stephen Crabb).

**33 Women and Equalities Committee**

(1) *Reform of the of the Gender Recognition Act*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 977);

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

(3) *Gender sensitive Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 131);

(4) *The Government's consultation on conversion therapy*: Written evidence to be published (HC 878);

(5) *Pre-employment hearing for the Chair of the Social Mobility Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 782);

(6) *The rights of cohabiting partners*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 130) (Caroline Nokes).

#### **34 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Pension Stewardship and COP26: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2021–22*: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 968);

(2) *Bereavement Support Payment: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2019–21*: Seventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 972);

(3) *Health and Safety Executive's approach to asbestos management*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 560);

(4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to fraud, error and debt funding*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to the PIP administration exercise*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions relating to Post Office card accounts*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to the Guaranteed Minimum Pension*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(9) *Health assessments for benefits*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 604) (Stephen Timms).

*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 National Food Strategy and public health**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the National Food Strategy and public health.—*(Jo Gideon.)*

### **2 Application of European Entry and Exit System requirements to the Port of Dover**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the application of European Entry and Exit System requirements to the Port of Dover.—*(Mrs Natalie Elphicke.)*

*The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Securing a veterinary agreement in the Northern Ireland Protocol**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of securing a veterinary agreement in the Northern Ireland Protocol.—(*Tony Lloyd*.)

**4 Extension of the free period product scheme for schools**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the extension of the free period product scheme for schools.—(*Ruth Cadbury*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.29 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Wednesday 5 January 2022 for details

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Dangerous Drugs**

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

**2 Public Health**

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1435), dated 14 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**3 Animals**

Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1443), dated 15 December 2021 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

**4 Building and Buildings**

(1) Building Regulations etc. (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1392), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessments (by Command) (Eddie Hughes)

(2) Building Regulations etc. (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1391), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Eddie Hughes)



**5 Dangerous Drugs**

Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (England, Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1427), dated 10 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

**6 Exiting the European Union (Customs and Excise)**

Taxation (Cross-border Trade) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1444), dated 15 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

**7 Government Resources and Accounts**

Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1441), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Clarke)

**8 Landlord and Tenant**

Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (England) (No. 2) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1440), dated 14 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

**9 Merchant Shipping**

Merchant Shipping (Polar Code) (Safety) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1401), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an accompanying report (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**10 Public Health**

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1434), dated 14 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

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

**11 Exiting the European Union (Northern Ireland)**

Proposal for an instrument titled Representation of the People (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Brandon Lewis)

Other papers

**12 Armed Forces**

Report on the Armed Forces Covenant and Veterans for 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

**13 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons**

Report on progress in Government-funded research and development work relating to assistive technology for 2020–21 (by Act) (Maria Caulfield)

**14 Fire and Rescue Services**

Report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services on State of Fire and Rescue: Annual Assessment of Fire and Rescue Services in England 2021 (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

**15 Higher Education and Research**

Office for Students: Fee information for new entrants in 2022–23 (by Act) (Michelle Donelan)

**16 Home Office**

Home Office and Police data sharing arrangements on migrant victims and witnesses of crime with insecure immigration status (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

**17 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on BBC: BBC savings and reform (by Act), to be printed (HC 958) (Clerk of the House)

**18 National Lottery etc.**

Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 906) (Nigel Huddleston)

**19 Statutory Instruments (Notification)**

(1) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 24) Regulations (SI, 2021, No. 1434) Regulations 2021 (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

(2) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) (Amendment) (SI, 2021, No. 1435) Regulations 2021 (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

(3) Notification to Parliament of a published draft instrument pursuant to Paragraph 14 of Schedule 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: Food and Feed Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2021 (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

**20 Treasury**

Memorandum to the Treasury Committee on Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Financial Services Act 2012, the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 and the Bank of England and Financial Services Act 2016 (by Command) (CP 582) (John Glen)