



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 24 September 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Contingencies Fund 2019–20

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Contingencies Fund 2019–20, showing:

(1) A Statement of Financial Position;

(2) A Statement of Cash Flows; and

(3) Notes to the Accounts; together with the Certificate and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(*Maria Caulfield*.)

**2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
(2) the Attorney General**

3 Urgent Question: Government response to the consultation on the Gender Recognition Act 2004 (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

4 Business Question (Leader of the House)

**5 Statements: (1) Economy: update (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)
(2) Government response to the presidential elections in Belarus (Secretary Dominic Raab)**

6 Personal Statement: David Morris

7 Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Priti Patel, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Dominic Raab, Secretary Robert Buckland, Secretary Brandon Lewis, the Attorney General and James Brokenshire, presented a Bill to make provision for, and in connection with, the authorisation of criminal conduct in the course of, or otherwise in connection with, the conduct of covert human intelligence sources.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 188) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 188–EN).

8 Backbench Business**(1) Situation in Yemen**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the situation in Yemen.—(*Tim Loughton*.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Settlement and annexation of the Occupied Palestinian territories

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered settlement and annexation of the Occupied Palestinian territories.—(*Stephen Kinnock*.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

9 Business of the House (30 September)

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 30 September, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents) and Standing Order No. 17 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure))—

(1) debate on the Motions in the name of Keir Starmer relating to Town and Country Planning (SI, 2020, Nos. 632, 755 & 756) may continue for up to one and a half hours, after which the Speaker shall put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of each Motion;

(2) proceedings may continue, though opposed, beyond the moment of interruption; and

(3) Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*David Duguid*.)

10 Adjournment

Subject: NHS hysteroscopy treatment (Ms Lyn Brown)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*David Duguid*.)

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

11 Internet Access (Children Eligible for Free School Meals) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 30 October.

12 Border Control Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15 January 2021.

13 Foreign Nationals (Criminal Offender and Prisoner Removal) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15 January 2021.

14 National Health Service (Co-Funding and Co-Payment) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15 January 2021.

*General Committees: Reports***15 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Insolvency and Dissolution) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 856).

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).

16 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Insolvency and Dissolution) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 856))

Chair: Mr Philip Hollobone in place of Christina Rees.

*Reports from Select Committees***17 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 8 October in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

18 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Industrial Strategy*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 674);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to British Airways*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Climate Change and Corporate Responsibility relating to the Corporate Transparency and Register Reform*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth relating to the Green Homes Grant scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Labour Markets relating to an SI on Employment Tribunals*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Delivering Audit Reform*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 266);

(7) *Post-pandemic economic growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 393);

(8) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Levelling up – local and regional structures and the delivery of economic growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 675);

(9) *The impact of coronavirus on businesses and workers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 219)

(Darren Jones).

19 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Broadband and the road to 5G: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 153) (Julian Knight).

20 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Greening the post-Covid recovery*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 347);

(2) *Correspondence with NHS England relating to disposal of single-use PPE*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Electronic waste and the circular economy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 220);

(5) *Energy efficiency of existing homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 346);

(6) *One-off session with the Secretary of State for Defra*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 319);

(7) *Sustainability of the Ministry of Defence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 533) (Philip Dunne).

21 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Twenty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 229-xviii);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 229) (Sir William Cash).

22 Health and Social Care Committee

Delivering core NHS and care services during the pandemic and beyond: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 320) (Jeremy Hunt).

23 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications: Written evidence, to be published (HC 265) (Ms Harriet Harman).

24 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *DWP's Accounts 2019-20*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 681);

(2) *Correspondence from the Department for Transport relating to the announcement of funding to support bus and light rail services*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Home Office relating to the Emergency Services Network*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Home Office relating to the Windrush compensation scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Tackling the tax gap*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 650) (Meg Hillier).

25 Welsh Affairs Committee

Implications of the Parliamentary Constituencies Bill for Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 734) (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Criminal Law)

Draft Taking Account of Convictions (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

2 Exiting the European Union (Electronic Communications)

Draft Communications Act (e-Commerce) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr John Whittingdale)

3 Insolvency

Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Extension of the Relevant Period) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1031), dated 23 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

4 Public Health

(1) Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1029), dated 23 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1028), dated 23 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Social Security

Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Funding of Employers' Liabilities) (Amendment) Regulations and the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Funding of Employers' Liabilities) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1030), dated 24 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

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

6 Exiting The European Union (Environmental Protection)

Proposal for an instrument titled Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

Other papers

7 Budget Responsibility and National Audit

Office for Budget Responsibility: OECD Independent Fiscal Institutions Review (by Act) (Kemi Badenoch)

8 Coal Industry

Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 743) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

9 Contingencies Fund

Accounts of Contingencies Fund for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (pursuant to Order, today), to be printed (HC 764) (Jesse Norman)

10 Defence

The Iraq Fatality Investigations: Report into the death of Saeed Radhi Shabram Wawi Al-Bazooni (by Command) (CP 290) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

11 European Union (Withdrawal)

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

12 Exchange Equalisation Account

Report and Accounts of the Exchange Equalisation Account for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 761) (John Glen)

13 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 708) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 779) (Clerk of the House)

14 House of Commons Members' Fund

Account of the House of Commons Members' Fund for 2018–19, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 837) (Clerk of the House)

15 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

16 Sovereign Grant

Report and Accounts of the Sovereign Grant and Sovereign Grant Reserve for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 774) (Kemi Badenoch)

17 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, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations (SI, 2020, No. 1029) (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, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1028) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

18 Treasury

Winter Economy Plan (by Command) (CP 297) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES
Voting by proxy
1. New proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified that, under the terms of the Standing Order (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Order of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic), 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 3 November 2020, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Stewart Malcolm McDonald	25 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Mr Toby Perkins	25 September 2020	Chris Elmore
Julian Knight	25 September 2020	Stuart Andrew
Martin Docherty-Hughes	28 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Paul Holmes	28 September 2020	Stuart Andrew
Brendan O'Hara	28 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Preet Kaur Gill	28 September 2020	Chris Elmore
Tommy Sheppard	28 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Neale Hanvey	28 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Carol Monaghan	28 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Debbie Abrahams	28 September 2020	Chris Elmore

2. Variation of existing proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified that, under the terms of the Standing Order (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Order of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic), the following Member has given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement.

From 28 September, the nominated proxy for Imran Hussein will be Mohammad Yasin instead of Chris Elmore.

3. Ending proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified that, under the terms of the Standing Order (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Order of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic), 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
Allan Dorrans	28 September 2020
Peter Dowd	25 September 2020
Gill Furniss	28 September 2020
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck	28 September 2020
Julia Lopez	25 September 2020
Rachel Maclean	25 September 2020
Paul Maynard	25 September 2020