

No.153



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 16 December 2020

## **Votes and Proceedings**

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

### **1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales**

**(2) the Prime Minister**

### **2 Urgent Questions: (1) Effect of changes to the immigration rules on number of asylum seekers in supported accommodation (Chris Philp)**

**(2) Government response to evidence of the Chinese Government's use of Uyghur slave labour in Xinjiang (Nigel Adams)**

### **3 Arms (Exports and Remote Warfare): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about enabling arms exports oversight by the United Kingdom Parliament and the devolved Parliaments and Assemblies; to prohibit the use of lethal autonomous weapons; to make requirements about transparency in arms exports and the use of drones and other remote weapons; and for connected purposes;

That Alyn Smith, Kirsty Blackman, Deidre Brock, Amy Callaghan, Stewart Hosie, Caroline Lucas, Chris Law, Stewart Malcolm McDonald, Kirsten Oswald, Liz Saville Roberts, Tommy Sheppard and Hywel Williams present the Bill.

Alyn Smith accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 March 2021, and to be printed (Bill 235).

#### **4 Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill: Business of the House**

*Ordered*, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill:

##### *Timetable*

(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Proceedings on Second Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(c) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

*Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put*

(2) When the Bill has been read a second time:

(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

(b) the Speaker shall leave the chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(3) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chair or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions

in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

(a) any Question already proposed from the chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;

(d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (15)(a) of this Order.

(5) On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chair or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(6) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chair or Speaker

shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chair shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause of or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

### *Consideration of Lords Amendments*

(8) (a) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under subparagraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(9) Paragraphs (2) to (7) of Standing Order No. 83F (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords

amendments) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (8) of this Order.

### *Subsequent stages*

(10) (a) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under subparagraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(11) Paragraphs (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (10) of this Order.

### *Reasons Committee*

(12) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders:

reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

### *Miscellaneous*

(13) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

(14) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(15) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(16) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(17) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall be postponed until the conclusion of any government business of a kind referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of Standing

Order No. 14(6) (Arrangement of public business) on that day; and Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings in respect of any such debate.

(18) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House—  
(*Greg Hands.*)

## **5 Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill: Second Reading**

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House (Order, today).

## **6 Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill: Committee of the whole House**

The House forthwith resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6 agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, today).

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The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Tom Pursglove reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no Amendment.

## **7 Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill: Third Reading**

Bill read the third time, and passed.

## **8 United Kingdom Internal Market Bill: Consideration of Lords Message**

The House proceeded to consider the Lords Message received on 15 December relating to the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill.

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 8P, 8Q, 8R, 8S, 8T and 8U.—  
*(Paul Scully.)*

## 9 Suspension of a Member

Drew Hendry, Member for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, was named by the Speaker for wilfully disregarding the authority of the Chair (Standing Order No. 44).

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 44), That Drew Hendry be suspended from the service of the House.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

*Ordered,* That Drew Hendry be suspended from the service of the House.

## 10 United Kingdom Internal Market Bill: Consideration of Lords Message (resumed)

Question again proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 8P, 8Q, 8R, 8S, 8T and 8U.

Question put and agreed to.

Lords Amendments 8P, 8Q, 8R, 8S, 8T and 8U accordingly agreed to.

## **11 Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority**

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will appoint Helen Jones to the office of ordinary member of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority with effect from 1 January 2021 for the period ending on 31 December 2025; and that Her Majesty will re-appoint Sir Robert Owen to the office of ordinary member of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority with effect from 1 January 2021 for the period ending on 31 December 2023.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

## **12 Public Petitions**

A public petition from the residents of North Staffordshire relating to a railway between Stoke and Leek was presented and read by Jonathan Gullis.

## **13 Adjournment**

Subject: Carbon border adjustment tariffs and decarbonisation (Jerome Mayhew)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—  
(*David T C Davies.*)

Adjourned at 6.07 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

#### **14 United Kingdom Internal Market Bill**

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

#### **15 Taxation (Post-transition) Period Bill**

The Lords agree to the Taxation (Post-transition) Period Bill without amendment.

## *Printing of Lords Amendments*

### **16 United Kingdom Internal Market Bill**

United Kingdom Internal Market Bill, to be considered today, and to be printed pursuant to Standing Order Nos. 78 and 57A (Bill 234) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 234-EN).

#### *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).*

### **17 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation and Linked Households) (England) Regulations 2020 (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020,**

**No. 1518) and the Health Protection  
(Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers)  
(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020  
(SI, 2020, No. 1533))**

Members: Rushanara Ali, Edward Argar, Chris Bryant, Gareth Davies, Steve Double, Jo Gideon, Mr Robert Goodwill, Kim Johnson, Ian Levy, Justin Madders, Navendu Mishra, Joy Morrissey, Lee Rowley, Royston Smith, John Spellar, Maggie Throup and Matt Western

**18Second Delegated Legislation Committee  
(Corporate Insolvency and Governance  
Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Extension of the  
Relevant Period) (No. 2) Regulations 2020  
(SI, 2020, No. 1483))**

Members: Anthony Browne, Miriam Cates, Chris Clarkson, Gill Furniss, Jo Gideon, Patrick Grady, Richard Graham, Meg Hillier, Siobhain McDonagh, Robbie Moore, Lucy Powell, Christina Rees, Selaine Saxby, Paul Scully, Alexander Stafford, Sam Tarry and Michael Tomlinson

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### **19 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Tax Credits Reviews and Appeals (Amendment) Order 2020)**

Members: Bim Afolami, Paula Barker, Claire Coutinho, Dr James Davies, Dr Luke Evans, Sir Mark Hendrick, Jack Lopresti, Steve McCabe, Dr Kieran Mullan, Jesse Norman, Abena Oppong-Asare, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, David Rutley, Jeff Smith, Owen Thompson, Mike Wood and Jacob Young

### **20 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Airports Slot Allocation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021)**

Members: Fleur Anderson, Liam Byrne, Robert Courts, Patrick Grady, James Grundy, Christine Jardine, Mike Kane, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Mark Logan, Marco Longhi, Julie Marson, Huw Merriman, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Ms Marie Rimmer, Maggie Throup, Matt Vickers and James Wild

### **21 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act**

## **2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2020)**

Members: Nickie Aiken, Scott Benton, Rob Butler, Claire Coutinho, Mrs Flick Drummond, Nick Fletcher, Barry Gardiner, John Glen, Sally-Ann Hart, Christine Jardine, Simon Jupp, Mr Pat McFadden, David Rutley, Jeff Smith, Owen Thompson, Stephen Timms and Mick Whitley

### *Reports from Select Committees*

## **22 Education Committee**

(1) *A plan for an adult skills and lifelong learning revolution: Third Report*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 278);

(2) *Appointment of the Children's Commissioner for England: Written evidence*, to be published (HC 1030)

(Robert Halfon).

## **23 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Environmental Audit Committee**

*Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair-Designate of the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP):*

(i) First Joint Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and the Environmental Audit Committee, being the Second Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and the Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1042);

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1042)

(Neil Parish).

## **24 Environmental Audit Committee**

(1) *Fixing fashion: follow up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 874);

(2) *Biodiversity and ecosystems*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 636);

(3) *Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice relating to Environmental Sustainability*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

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

(6) *Technological innovations and Climate Change: Heat Pumps*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 896)

(Philip Dunne).

## **25 European Scrutiny Committee**

(1) Thirty-third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 229-xxix);

(2) *Brexit: The future operation of the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1062);

(3) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 229)

(Sir William Cash).

## **26 Health and Social Care Committee**

*Delivering core NHS and care services during the pandemic and beyond: Written evidence, to be published (HC 320) (Jeremy Hunt).*

## **27 Home Affairs Committee**

*Channel crossings, migration and asylum-seeking routes through the EU: Written evidence, to be published (HC 705) (Yvette Cooper).*

## **28 Liaison Committee**

*Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the Government Skills and Curriculum Unit: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).*

## **29 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

*(1) Data Transparency and Accountability: COVID-19: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 803);*

(2) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 843);

(3) *The work of the Cabinet Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 118);

(4) *The work of the Electoral Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 488)

(Mr David Jones).

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

*Coronavirus: Lessons Learnt*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 877) (Clerk of the House).

### **31 Scottish Affairs Committee**

(1) *Welfare policy in Scotland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 889);

(2) *Problem drug use in Scotland: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 845)

(Pete Wishart).

### **32 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)**

Thirty-fifth Report, to be printed (HC 75-xxxv) (Jessica Morden).

### **33 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)**

Twenty-eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 73-xxviii) (Jessica Morden).

### **34 Transport Committee**

*Coronavirus: transport network pressures over Christmas:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1076) (Huw Merriman).

### **35 Treasury Committee**

(1) *Tax after coronavirus:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 664);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chancellor relating to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Debt Management Office relating*

*to syndications*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Work of the Financial Ombudsman Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 968)

(Mel Stride).

### **36 Women and Equalities Committee**

*Changing the perfect picture: an inquiry into body image*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 274) (Caroline Nokes).

### **37 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 178);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion relating to the AEA Technology pension scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Protecting pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Pension scams*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 648)

(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 Tree Strategy**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the National Tree Strategy—(*Dan Jarvis.*)

### **2 NHS's role in the eviction of the Walthamstow Toy Library**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the NHS's role in the eviction of the Walthamstow Toy Library.—(*Stella Creasy.*)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

*The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1) (b)).*

### **3 Breast cancer screening**

*Resolved, That this House has considered breast cancer screening.—(Robert Largan.)*

### **4 Defence manufacturing and procurement in Shropshire**

*Resolved, That this House has considered defence manufacturing and procurement in Shropshire.—(Mark Pritchard.)*

### **5 Support for the homeless during the winter months**

*Resolved, That this House has considered support for the homeless during the winter months.—(Nickie Aiken.)*

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### **1 Exiting the European Union (Customs)**

(1) Taxation Cross-border Trade (Special Procedures Supplementary and General Provision etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1439), dated 15 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

(2) Customs Tariff (Establishment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1430), dated 15 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### **2 Environmental Protection**

Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1531), dated 14 December 2020 (by Act), with an

Explanatory Memorandum (by Command)  
(Christopher Pincher)

### **3 Exiting the European Union (Customs)**

(1) Customs (Amendment) (EU Exit)  
Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1552), dated  
16 December 2020 (by Act), with an  
Explanatory Memorandum (by Command)  
(Jesse Norman)

(2) Customs (Import Duty Variation) (EU Exit)  
Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1437), dated  
15 December 2020 (by Act), with an  
Explanatory Memorandum (by Command)  
(Greg Hands)

(3) Customs (Origin of Chargeable Goods)  
(EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020,  
No. 1433), dated 15 December 2020 (by  
Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by  
Command) (Jesse Norman)

(4) Customs (Origin of Chargeable Goods:  
Trade Preference Scheme) (EU Exit)  
Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1436), dated  
15 December 2020 (by Act), with an  
Explanatory Memorandum (by Command)  
(Jesse Norman)

(5) Customs (Reliefs from a Liability to Import Duty and Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1431), dated 15 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

(6) Customs (Tariff Quotas) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1432), dated 15 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

(7) Customs (Tariff-free Access for Goods from British Overseas Territories) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1434), dated 15 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

(8) Customs Tariff (Preferential Trade Arrangements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1457), dated 16 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

(9) Customs Tariff (Suspension of Import Duty Rates) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1435), dated 15 December 2020

(by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

(10) Trade Preference Scheme (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1438), dated 15 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Greg Hands)

#### **4 Government Resources and Accounts**

Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1530), dated 14 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Barclay)

#### **5 Infrastructure Planning**

Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1534), dated 14 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Christopher Pincher)

## **6 Miscellaneous Series No. 8 (2020)**

Agreement, done at London on 8 December 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on Trade in Goods (CP 328) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

## **7 Town and Country Planning**

Improving planning performance - criteria for designation (updated 2020) (by Act) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

Other papers

## **8 Criminal Justice and Court Services**

Report and Accounts of Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 735) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

## **9 Development of Tourism**

Report and Accounts of VisitBritain and VisitEngland for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 964) (Nigel Huddleston)

## **10 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Client Funds Account of the 1993 and 2003 Child Maintenance Schemes for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1034) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

(2) Client Funds Account of the 2012 Child Maintenance Scheme for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1033) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

(3) Report and Accounts of Defence Equipment and Support for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 823) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

(4) Report and Accounts of the Commission for Local Administration in England (Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman)

for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1019) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

## **11 Museums and Galleries**

Report and Accounts of the National Maritime Museum for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1052) (Caroline Dinenage)

## **12 Petroleum**

The Oil and Gas Authority Strategy (by Act) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

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### 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 Order of 22

October 2020, 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 Tuesday 30 March 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

<b>Member</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Anthony Mangnall	17 December 2020	Chris Loder
Tim Farron	17 December 2020	Wendy Chamberlain
Sajid Javid	17 December 2020	Stuart Andrew
Jonathan Djanogly	17 December 2020	Stuart Andrew
John Healey	17 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Bim Afolami	17 December 2020	Rebecca Harris
Gavin Robinson	17 December 2020	Sammy Wilson
David T C Davies	17 December 2020	Stuart Andrew

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Nia Griffith	17 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Jessica Morden	17 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	21 December 2020	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 Order of 22 October 2020, that the following Member has given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 17 December 2020 the nominated proxy for Mr Gregory Campbell will be Sammy Wilson instead of Gavin Robinson.

## 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 Order of 22 October 2020, 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>
James Morris	17 December 2020
Mr Nicholas Brown	17 December 2020
Shaun Bailey	17 December 2020
Dr James Davies	17 December 2020