



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 18 January 2021

# Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Education**
- 2 **Statement: Update on the Police National Computer (Kit Malthouse)**
- 3 **Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (14th allotted day (Standing Order No.14))**

(1) Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House believes that the Government should stop the planned cut in Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit in April and give certainty today to the six million families for whom it is worth an extra £1,000 a year.—*(Jonathan Reynolds.)*

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 197

Ayes: 278 (Tellers: Bambos Charalambous, Jeff Smith)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: John Spellar, Gill Furniss)

Question accordingly agreed to.

*Resolved*, That this House believes that the Government should stop the planned cut in Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit in April and give certainty today to the six million families for whom it is worth an extra £1,000 a year.

(2) Access to remote education and the quality of free school meals

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House believes that families need more support during school and college closures and that those eligible should be guaranteed to receive the full value of free school meals for the duration of the school year, including during all holidays; and calls on the Secretary of State for Education to set a deadline to ensure that every learner has the resources required to learn remotely, and provide a weekly update to Parliament on implementing this.—*(Kate Green.)*

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 198

Ayes: 272 (Tellers: Jeff Smith, Bambos Charalambous)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: John Spellar, Gill Furniss)

Question accordingly agreed to.

*Resolved*, That this House believes that families need more support during school and college closures and that those eligible should be guaranteed to receive the full value of free school meals for the duration of the school year, including during all holidays; and calls on the Secretary of State for Education to set a deadline to ensure that every learner has the resources required to learn remotely, and provide a weekly update to Parliament on implementing this.

#### 4 Changes to membership of select committees

*Ordered*, That Fiona Bruce be discharged from the Backbench Business Committee and Imran Ahmad Khan be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

#### 5 Adjournment

Subject: Effect of the COVID-19 outbreak on schools (Derek Thomas)

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

Adjourned at 10.37 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

#### 6 Trade Bill

The Lords agree to the Trade Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

### *Printing of Lords Amendments*

#### 7 Trade Bill

Lords Amendments to the Trade Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 239) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 239-EN).

*Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137*

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#### 8 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

*Pre-appointment hearing for Chair of the BBC*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1119) (Clerk of the House).

**9 Future Relationship with the European Union (Committee on the)**

*Preparing for the end of the Transition Period, and The UK-EU future relationship: the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Government Response to the Committee's Third and Fourth Reports: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 1159) (Order, 24 March 2020) (Clerk of the House).*

**10 Home Affairs Committee**

(1) *Correspondence with the Home Office relating to the Police National Computer: Written evidence, to be published;*

(2) *Home Office preparedness for COVID-19 (coronavirus): Written evidence, to be published (HC 232)*

(Clerk of the House).

**11 Treasury Committee**

*Correspondence from Chief Executive, Financial Conduct Authority, relating to the ruling by the Supreme Court on 15 January 2021 relating to business interruption insurance: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).*

*Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 18 January*

**12 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 18 January, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

**13 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

(1) *The impact of COVID-19 on homelessness and the private rented sector: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 309);*

(2) *Correspondence from the Housing Ministers relating to the private rented sector: Written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to non-disclosure agreements: Written evidence, to be published*

(Mr Clive Betts).

**14 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)**

*Session with former Chief Executive of the National Cyber Security Centre: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1151) (Margaret Beckett).*

**15 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol: Written evidence, to be published (HC 767) (Simon Hoare).*

**16 Procedure Committee**

*Procedure under coronavirus restrictions: Written evidence, to be published (HC 300) (Karen Bradley).*

**17 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Managing colleges' financial sustainability: Thirty-eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 692);*

(2) *COVID-19: Test, track and trace (part 1)*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 932);

(3) *COVID-19: Free school meals voucher scheme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 689);

(4) *COVID-19: Government procurement and supply of personal protective equipment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 928);

(5) *Defence Equipment Plan 2020–2030*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 693) (Meg Hillier).

#### 18 Treasury Committee

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

(2) *Economic crime*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 917);

(3) *Economic impact of coronavirus*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 882) (Mel Stride).

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

*Monday 18 January 2021*

#### 1 Children and Young Persons

Draft Electronic Commerce Directive (Education, Adoption and Children) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Vicky Ford)

#### 2 Defence

Draft Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Johnny Mercer)

#### 3 Pensions

Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

#### 4 Public Services Pension

Draft Judicial Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

#### 5 Social Security

Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

#### 6 Social Security

Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

**7 Social Security**

Draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Barclay)

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution**

*Friday 15 January 2021*

**8 Agriculture**

Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 42), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

**9 Public Health**

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 47), dated 15 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**10 Senior Courts of England and Wales**

Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 40), dated 11 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

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**11 Moldova No. 1 (2021)**

Strategic Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement, done at Chisinau on 24 December 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Moldova (CP 370), dated (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

**12 Public Health**

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 49), dated 15 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**13 Public Service Pensions**

Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (Judicial Offices) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 36), dated 11 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

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

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**14 Exiting the European Union (Limited Liability Partnerships)**

Proposal for an instrument titled European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation and Limited Liability Partnerships etc. (Revocations and Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

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## Other papers

*Friday 15 January 2021*

### **15 Statutory Instruments (Notification)**

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) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 47) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

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### **16 Health and Social Care**

Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 18 January 2021, concerning a contingent liability arising from a temporary indemnity for designated care home settings (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

### **17 Health and Social Care**

Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 18 January 2021, concerning a contingent liability arising from indemnity for clinical negligence liabilities incurred by pharmacists supporting the COVID-19 vaccination programme (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

### **18 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on BBC: The BBC's strategic financial management (by Act), to be printed (HC 1128) (Clerk of the House)

### **19 Social Security**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Claimants previously entitled to a severe disability premium) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 4) (by Command) (Will Quince)

### **20 Social Security Administration**

Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2021 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2021 (by Act) (Jesse Norman)

### **21 Statutory Instruments (Notification)**

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### **22 Tax Credits**

Report from the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs to the Treasury on Tax Credits under Section 40 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 for 2019-20 (by Act) (Steve Barclay)

**23 Tax Credits**

Review of certain tax credits monetary amounts under Section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 for the tax year 2021–22 (by Act) (Steve Barclay)

*Withdrawn papers*

**24 Social Security**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Claimants previously entitled to a severe disability premium) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 4) (laid 6 January 2021)

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**SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**
**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>
Andrew Jones	18 January	Stuart Andrew
David Rutley	18 January	Stuart Andrew
Meg Hillier	18 January	Sir Alan Campbell
Jim Shannon	18 January	Sammy Wilson
Ian Paisley	18 January	Sammy Wilson
Liz Twist	18 January	Sir Alan Campbell
Sir Bernard Jenkin	19 January	Stuart Andrew
Leo Docherty	19 January	Stuart Andrew
James Sunderland	19 January	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 Members have given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 18 January the nominated proxy for Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson, Mr Gregory Campbell and Gavin Robinson will be Sammy Wilson instead of Ian Paisley.

From 19 January the nominated proxy for Bob Seely will be Ms Nusrat Ghani instead of Stuart Andrew.

From 19 January the nominated proxy for Rehman Chishti will be Sir Iain Duncan Smith instead of Stuart Andrew.

### 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>
Maria Caulfield	18 January
Jeff Smith	18 January
Gill Furniss	18 January
Bambos Charalambous	18 January
Henry Smith	19 January
Mr Kevan Jones	19 January
David T C Davies	19 January
Greg Smith	19 January