

Thursday 21 January 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 - (2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, the right hon. Member representing the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body, and the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission

- 2 Urgent Question: COVID-19 vaccine roll-out (Secretary Matt Hancock)
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 4 Statement: Skills for Jobs White Paper (Secretary Gavin Williamson)
- 5 Backbench Business
 - (1) Errors in payments made to victims of the Equitable Life scandal

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House expresses grave concern regarding the Government's continued inaction with respect to the injustice suffered by Equitable Life policyholders, the vast majority of whom have only received partial compensation compared to the confirmed losses directly attributed to regulatory failures despite the Government's acceptance of the Parliamentary Ombudsman's findings to compensate victims in full in relation to the maladministration of Equitable Life; notes the concern previously expressed by the Public Accounts Committee on the transparency and accuracy of the payments being made to victims; further

notes the Government's failure to fulfil the Committee's request to publish an intelligible and transparent explanation to policyholders on how to verify the correctness of the compensation they have received; notes examples of grossly inaccurate payments, adjusted only when identified by policyholders, gathered by the Equitable Members Action Group (EMAG); notes the Government's continued insistence that there have been no mistakes in the methodology for calculating payments to policyholders; and therefore calls on the Public Accounts Committee and the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee to establish a joint inquiry into the accuracy of the payments made to victims of the Equitable Life scandal.—(Bob Blackman.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Operation of the Child Maintenance Service during the COVID-19 outbreak

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the operation of the Child Maintenance Service during the COVID-19 outbreak.—(*Marion Fellows*.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

6 Adjournment

Subject: Operation of the Extradition Act 2003 (Mr David Davis)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Tom Pursglove.)

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Monday 25 January.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

7 Telecommunications (Security) Bill Committee

Steve McCabe (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

8 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the Customs Miscellaneous Non-Fiscal Provisions and Amendments Etc. (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1624).

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).

9 Register of Births and Deaths Bill Committee

Chair: Esther McVey

10First Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection) (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1654))

Chair: Mark Pritchard

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

11Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Drivers' Hours and Tachographs

(Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1658))

Chair: David Mundell

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

12Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1661) and the Organic Production (Organic Indications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1669))

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

13Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Public Health (Coronavirus) (Protection from Eviction) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 15))

Chair: Ian Paisley

Members: David T C Davies discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

14Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 4 February in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

15Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of the BBC: Written evidence, to be published (HC 99) (Julian Knight).

16Fixed-term Parliaments Act (Joint Committee on)

Fixed-term Parliaments Act: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1046) (John Spellar).

17Petitions Committee

- (1) Child food poverty: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1112);
- (2) Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to arrangements for UK musicians in the EU: Written evidence, to be published

(Catherine McKinnell).

18Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Lessons from major projects and programmes: Thirty-ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 694);
- (2) Achieving government's long-term environmental goals: Fortieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 927);
- (3) *UK Border 2021: Update*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1154);
- (4) *UK Border 2020: Preparedness*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 691) (Meg Hillier).

19Science and Technology Committee

5G market diversification and wider lessons for critical and emerging technologies: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 450) (Order of 24 March 2020) (Greg Clark).

20Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) Welfare policy in Scotland: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 889);
- (2) *Universities and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 673) (Pete Wishart).

21Welsh Affairs Committee

Railway infrastructure in Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1044) (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Customs

Customs Tariff (Establishment and Suspension of Import Duty) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021,

No. 63), dated 21 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

2 Electricity

Draft Electricity Supplier Payments (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Education

School and Early Years Finance (England)
Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 59), dated 19
January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory
Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Gibb)

4 Exiting the European Union (Road Traffic)

Drivers' Hours and Tachographs (Temporary Exceptions) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 58), dated 20 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

5 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries

- (1) Broads Authority (Transfer of Mutford Lock) Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 31), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)
- (2) Mersey Docks and Harbour Company (Liverpool Cruise Terminal Extension) Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 45), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)
- (3) Port of Lowestoft (Transfer of Mutford Lock) Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 32), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)
- (4) Shoreham Port Authority HarbourRevision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No.41), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command)(Secretary Grant Shapps)
- (5) Weymouth Harbour Revision Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 43), dated 14 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory

Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

6 Partnership

Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 60), dated 15 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

7 Road Traffic

Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 3) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 62), dated 20 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

8 Social Security

Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 65), dated 20 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Other papers

9 Education

- (1) Government response to the Independent Review of the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF): Report to the Secretary of State for Education (by Command) (CP 359) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)
- (2) Interim Conclusion of the Review of Post-18 Education and Funding (by Command) (CP 358) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)
- (3) Post-Qualification Admissions Reform: Government Consultation (by Command) (CP 340) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)
- (4) Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth (by Command) (CP 338) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

10Financial Guidance and Claims

Report and Accounts of the Money and Pensions Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1146) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

11Gangmasters (Licensing)

Report and Accounts of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1099) (Secretary Priti Patel)

12Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the Submarine Delivery Agency for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1107) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

13Higher Education and Research

Independent Review of the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF): Report to the Secretary of State for Education (Volumes I and II) (by Act) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

14Local Government

Report and Accounts of the Valuation Tribunal Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1108) (Clerk of the House)

15National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2019– 20 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1074) (Clerk of the House)

16Parliamentary Standards

Report and Accounts of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for 2019– 20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1109) (The Speaker)

17Social Security Administration

Account of the Great Britain National Insurance Fund for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1100) (Clerk of the House)

18Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland)

Account of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1101) (Clerk of the House)

19Trunk Road Charging Schemes

Accounts of the Dartford–Thurrock River Crossing Charging Scheme for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1103) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

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.

Member	From	Proxy
Marcus Jones	25 January	Stuart
	2021	Andrew
Maria	25 January	Stuart
Caulfield	2021	Andrew
Angela	25 January	Stuart
Richardson	2021	Andrew
David TC	25 January	Stuart
Davies	2021	Andrew
Bambos	25 January	Mark Tami
Charalambous	2021	
Michael	25 January	Stuart
Tomlinson	2021	Andrew

Sarah Olney 25 January Wendy 2021 Chamberlain Jeff Smith 25 January Mark Tami 2021

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 25 January 2021 the nominated proxy for the following will be Wendy Chamberlain instead of Sarah Olney: Ed Davey, Munira Wilson, Daisy Cooper, Layla Moran, Wera Hobhouse, Alistair Carmichael, Jamie Stone, Christine Jardine, Tim Farron, Stephen Farry.

From 25 January 2021 the nominated proxy for the following members will be Mark Tami instead of Sir Alan Campbell:

Debbie Abrahams Mike Kane

Tahir Ali Barbara Keeley

Rushanara Ali Liz Kendall

Rosena Allin-Khan Afzal Khan

Mike Amesbury Stephen Kinnock

Fleur Anderson Peter Kyle

Tonia Antoniazzi David Lammy

Jonanthan Ashworth Emma Lewell-Buck

Paula Barker Clive Lewis

Margaret Beckett Tony Lloyd

Hilary Benn Holly Lynch

Clive Betts Justin Madders

Olivia Blake Khalid Mahmood

Paul Blomfield Shabana Mahmood

Tracy Brabin Seema Malhotra

Ben Bradshaw Rachael Maskell

Kevin Brennan Chris Matheson

Lyn Brown Steve McCabe

Chris Bryant Kerry McCarthy

Karen Buck Siobhain McDonagh

Liam Byrne Andy McDonald

Ian Byrne Pat McFadden

Ruth Cadbury Dan Carden Sarah Champion Feryal Clark Rosie Cooper **Yvette Cooper Neil Coyle** Stella Creasy Jon Cruddas John Cryer **Judith Cummins** Alex Cunningham Janet Daby Wayne David **Geraint Davies** Alex Davies-Jones Thangam **Debbonaire** Tan Dhesi **Anneliese Dodds Stephen Doughty** Peter Dowd Jack Dromey Rosie Duffield Maria Eagle

Conor McGinn Alison McGovern Catherine McKinnell Jim McMahon Anna McMorrin Ed Miliband Navendu Mishra Jessica Morden Stephen Morgan **Grahame Morris** James Murray Ian Murray Lisa Nandy **Charlotte Nichols Alex Norris** Chi Onwurah Abena Oppong-Asare Taiwo Owatemi Sarah Owen Stephanie Peacock Matthew Pennycook **Toby Perkins Jess Phillips Bridget Phillipson**

Angela Eagle Clive Ffford Julie Elliott Chris Elmore Florence Eshalomi Bill Esterson **Chris Evans** Yvonne Fovargue Vicky Foxcroft **Barry Gardiner** Preet Kaur Gill Mary Glindon Kate Green Margaret Greenwood Lilian Greenwood Nia Griffith Andrew Gwynne Louise Haigh **Fabian Hamilton** Emma Hardy Harriet Harman Carolyn Harris Helen Hayes

John Healey

Luke Pollard
Lucy Powell
Yasmin Qureshi
Angela Rayner
Steve Reed
Christina Rees
Ellie Reeves
Rachel Reeves
Jonathan Reynolds
Marie Rimmer
Matt Rodda
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Naz Shah
Mr Virendra Sharma

Mr Barry Sheerman
Tulip Siddiq
Andy Slaughter
Nick Smith
Cat Smith
Karin Smyth
Alex Sobel
Keir Starmer
Jo Stevens
Wes Streeting

Sir Mark Hendrick Graham Stringer

Mike Hill Sam Tarry

Meg Hillier Gareth Thomas

Margaret Hodge Nick

Thomas-Symonds

Mrs Sharon Hodgson Emily Thornberry

Kate Hollern Stephen Timms

Rachel Hopkins Karl Turner

Sir George Howarth Derek Twigg

Rupa Huq Catherine West

Dan Jarvis Matt Western

Dame Diana Alan Whitehead

Johnson

Kim Johnson Mick Whitley

Gerald Jones Nadia Whittome

Ruth Jones Beth Winter

Sarah Jones Mohammad Yasin

Darren Jones Daniel Zeichner

From 25th January 2021 the nominated proxy for the following members will be Stuart Andrew instead of Marcus Jones:

Nigel Adams

Alister Jack

Bim Afolami Imran Ahmad Khan Nickie Aiken Peter Aldous Lucy Allan David Amess Stuart Anderson Stuart Andrew Caroline Ansell **Edward Argar** Sarah Atherton Victoria Atkins Mr Richard Bacon Gareth Bacon Kemi Badenoch Shaun Bailey Siobhan Baillie Duncan Baker Steve Baker Harriett Baldwin Stephen Barclay Mr John Baron Simon Baynes **Aaron Bell** Scott Benton

Sajid Javid Ranil Jayawardena Bernard Jenkin Mark Jenkinson Andrea Jenkyns Robert Jenrick Dr Caroline Johnson Gareth Johnson **Boris Johnson David Johnston** Fay Jones **David Jones Andrew Jones** Simon Jupp Daniel Kawczynski Alicia Kearns Gillian Keegan Sir Greg Knight Julian Knight Danny Kruger Kwasi Kwarteng John Lamont Robert Largan Andrea Leadsom Sir Edward Leigh

Sir Paul Beresford Jake Berry Saqib Bhatti Bob Blackman Crispin Blunt

Peter Bone **Andrew Bowie** Karen Bradley Ben Bradley Suella Braverman Jack Brereton Andrew Bridgen Steve Brine Paul Bristow Sara Britcliffe James Brokenshire **Anthony Browne Felicity Buchan** Robert Buckland **Alex Burghart Conor Burns** Rob Butler **Alun Cairns Andy Carter**

Ian Levy **Andrew Lewer Brandon Lewis** Dr Julian Lewis Mr lan Liddell-Grainger Mark Logan Marco Longhi Julia Lopez Jack Lopresti Mr Jonathan Lord Tim Loughton Craig Mackinlay Cherilyn Mackrory Rachel Maclean Alan Mak Kit Malthouse Scott Mann Julie Marson Theresa May Jerome Mayhew Paul Maynard Jason McCartney Karl McCartney Stephen McPartland James Cartlidge Bill Cash Miriam Cates Alex Chalk Rehman Chishti Jo Churchill **Greg Clark** Theo Clarke Simon Clarke Brendan Clarke-Smith Chris Clarkson James Cleverly Geoffrey Clifton-Brown Therese Coffey Elliot Colburn **Damian Collins** Alberto Costa **Robert Courts** Claire Coutinho **Geoffrey Cox** Stephen Crabb Virginia Crosbie Tracey Crouch

Esther McVey
Mark Menzies
Johnny Mercer
Huw Merriman
Stephen Metcalfe
Robin Millar
Mrs. Maria Miller
Amanda Milling
Nigel Mills
Mr Andrew Mitchell

Gagan Mohindra Damien Moore Penny Mordaunt

David Morris
Anne Marie Morris
Joy Morrissey
Wendy Morton
Holly Mumby-Croft
David Mundell
Sheryll Murray
Andrew Murrison
Sir Robert Neill
Lia Nici

James Daly Mims Davies Gareth Davies **Philip Davies James Davies David Davis** Caroline Dinenage Sarah Dines Jonathan Djanogly Michelle Donelan **Nadine Dorries** Steve Double Oliver Dowden Richard Drax Flick Drummond James Duddridge **David Duguid** Philip Dunne Mark Eastwood Ruth Edwards Jonathan Edwards Michael Ellis Mr Tobias Ellwood Natalie Elphicke **George Eustice**

Caroline Nokes Jesse Norman Neil O'Brien Dr Matthew Offord **Guy Opperman Neil Parish** Priti Patel Owen Paterson Mark Pawsey Sir Mike Penning John Penrose **Andrew Percy** Chris Philp **Christopher Pincher** Dr Dan Poulter Rebecca Pow Victoria Prentis Mark Pritchard Jeremy Quin Will Quince **Dominic Raab** Tom Randall John Redwood Nicola Richards **Rob Roberts**

Luke Evans

Sir David Evennett

Michael Fabricant

Laura Farris

Simon Fell

Margaret Ferrier

Katherine Fletcher

Nick Fletcher

Mark Fletcher

Vicky Ford

Kevin Foster

Dr Liam Fox

Mark Francois

Lucy Frazer

George Freeman

Mike Freer

Richard Fuller

Marcus Fysh

Sir Roger Gale

Mark Garnier

Nusrat Ghani

Nick Gibb

Peter Gibson

Jo Gideon

Dame Cheryl Gillan

Laurence Robertson

Mary Robinson

Andrew Rosindell

Douglas Ross

Lee Rowley

Dean Russell

David Rutley

Selaine Saxby

Paul Scully

Bob Seely

Andrew Selous

Grant Shapps

Alok Sharma

Alec Shelbrooke

David Simmonds

Chris Skidmore

Chloe Smith

Royston Smith

Julian Smith

Henry Smith

Greg Smith

Amanda Solloway

Ben Spencer

Alexander Stafford

Andrew Stephenson

John Glen Robert Goodwill Michael Gove Richard Graham Mrs Helen Grant **James Gray Chris Grayling** Damian Green Andrew Griffith Kate Griffiths James Grundy Jonathan Gullis Robert Halfon Luke Hall Stephen Hammond Matt Hancock

Greg Hands
Rebecca Harris
Trudy Harrison
Simon Hart
Sally-Ann Hart
John Hayes
Oliver Heald
James Heappey

Jane Stevenson John Stevenson lain Stewart **Bob Stewart** Sir Gary Streeter Mel Stride **Graham Stuart** Julian Sturdy Rishi Sunak James Sunderland **Derek Thomas Edward Timpson Kelly Tolhurst Justin Tomlinson** Craig Tracey Anne-Marie Trevelyan Laura Trott Liz Truss Tom Tugendhat Shailesh Vara Martin Vickers Theresa Villiers Robin Walker Ben Wallace

Chris Heaton-Harris Gordon Henderson Darren Henry Antony Higginbotham **Damian Hinds** Simon Hoare Kevin Hollinrake Adam Holloway **Paul Holmes** Paul Howell John Howell Nigel Huddleston Dr Neil Hudson **Eddie Hughes** Jane Hunt Jeremy Hunt

Nadhim Zahawi

Dr Jamie Wallis David Warburton Matt Warman Giles Watling

Suzanne Webb
Helen Whately
Heather Wheeler
Craig Whittaker
John Whittingdale
Bill Wiggin
James Wild
Craig Williams
Gavin Williamson
Mike Wood
Jeremy Wright
Jacob Young

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:

Member	From
Leo Docherty	25 January 2021
James Morris	25 January 2021
Wendy Chamberlain	25 January 2021
Mark Tami	25 January 2021