

No.182



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 2 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs**
- 2 Urgent Question: Levels of funding in aid to Yemen (James Cleverly)**
- 3 Statement: COVID-19 update (Secretary Matt Hancock)**
- 4 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of

the Exchequer, Secretary Matt Hancock, Secretary Oliver Dowden, Secretary Ben Wallace, Secretary Grant Shapps and Amanda Solloway, presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the establishment of the Advanced Research and Invention Agency.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 264) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 264–EN).

5 Banking Services (Post Offices): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place a duty on major high street banks to provide banking services in post offices; to make associated provision about access to post office services, including for elderly and vulnerable people; and for connected purposes;

That Duncan Baker, Sir David Evennett, Sir Graham Brady, Sir John Hayes, Jeremy Hunt, Alan Brown, Marion Fellows, Esther McVey, Robert Halfon, Mr Steve Baker, Kevin Hollinrake and George Freeman present the Bill.

Duncan Baker accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 265).

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 1 February, be approved.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Mayoral and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Coronavirus,

Nomination of Candidates) (Amendment) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 8 February, be approved.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Estimates (Liaison Committee Recommendation)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 145(3)), That this House agrees with the Report of the Liaison Committee of 1 March 2021:

That a day not later than 18 March 2021 be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for financial year 2020—21:

The spending of the Cabinet Office insofar as it relates to the 26th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26); and the spending of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and support for the DCMS Sectors during the COVID-19 recovery.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Social Security

(1) *Resolved*, That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 14 January, be approved.—(*Justin Tomlinson.*)

(2) *Resolved*, That the draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 14 January, be approved.—(*Justin Tomlinson.*)

9 COVID-19 and the cultural and entertainment sectors

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered COVID-19 and the cultural and entertainment sectors.—(*Caroline Dinenage.*)

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

At 7.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

10Adjournment

Subject: Statutory sick pay and the COVID-19 outbreak (Richard Burgon)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Leo Docherty*.)

Adjourned at 7.23 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

11Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Dame Angela Eagle (Chair) reported the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Designated Area) Regulations 2021.

Reports from Select Committees

12Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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

(2) *Businesses and Brexit preparedness*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1001);

(3) *Decarbonising heat in homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 851);

(4) *Forced labour in UK value chains*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 810);

(5) *Net zero and UN climate summits*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 144);

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

(Darren Jones).

13Defence Committee

(1) *NATO, US and UK defence relations*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1187);

(2) *armed forces and veterans mental health: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1133);

(3) *Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Schemes Supplementary Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Ministry of Defence Supplementary Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Women in the armed forces: from recruitment to civilian life*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1047)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

14 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Sport in our communities*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 869);

(2) *Economics of music streaming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 868);

(3) *The future of UK music festivals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 886)

(Julian Knight).

15 Education Committee

(1) *The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 254);

(2) *Correspondence from the outgoing Children's Commissioner relating to a further submission to the impact of COVID-19 on*

education and children's services inquiry:
Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Funding and financial management of schools:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1237);

(4) *Home education:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 839);

(5) *Prison education:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1007)

(Robert Halfon).

16 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Seafood and meat exports to the EU:*
Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1189);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to the trade and agriculture commission and free trade agreements:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Environmental land management and the agricultural transition:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1064)

(Neil Parish).

17European Statutory Instruments Committee

Twentieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1137) (Andrew Jones).

18Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 2 March, to be published (Lilian Greenwood).

19Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Xinjiang detention camps*: Oral evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 800);

(2) *The FCDO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 296);

(3) *Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary relating to the FCDO response to the Committee's Twenty-first Report of Session 2017–19*": Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the International Agreements Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(Tom Tugendhat).

20Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *White paper on health and social care*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1274);

(2) *Treatment of autistic people and individuals with learning disabilities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1195)

(Jeremy Hunt).

21International Development Committee

(1) *UK aid to Pakistan*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 216);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for European Neighbourhood and the Americas relating to the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sarah Champion).

22Justice Committee

- (1) *Private prosecutions: safeguards: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report: Tenth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1238);
 - (2) *Court capacity*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 284);
 - (3) *The future of legal aid*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 289);
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State* : Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Ministry of Justice Supplementary Estimates 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Sir Robert Neill).

23Liaison Committee

Correspondence with the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to the scrutiny of Common Frameworks: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

24 Petitions Committee

- (1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;
 - (2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published
- (Catherine McKinnell).

25 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *Common Frameworks*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1261);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to the Representation of the People (Proxy Vote Applications) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Data transparency and accountability: COVID-19*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 803);
- (4) *Government preparations and contingency planning for local elections in May 2021*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1199)

(Mr William Wragg).

26 Science and Technology Committee

(1) *A new UK research funding agency:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 778);

(2) *UK science, research and technology capability and influence in global disease outbreaks:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 136)

(Greg Clark).

27 Standards (Committee on)

Code of Conduct: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 671) (Chris Bryant).

28 Transport Committee

(1) *Department for Transport Supplementary Estimate 2020–21:* Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Office of Rail and Road Supplementary Estimate 2020–21:* Written evidence, to be published

(Huw Merriman).

29 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Unequal impact? Coronavirus and BAME people: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report*: Third Special Report, to be published (HC 1286);
 - (2) *Reform of the Gender Recognition Act*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 884);
 - (3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Equalities relating to the Second quarterly report on addressing COVID-19 health disparities and the Committee's Third Report*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to the publication date for the LGBT Action Plan*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Schools relating to the impact of coronavirus on children's education*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 211), dated 26 February 2021 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

2 Capital Gains Tax

UK Property Rich Collective Investment Vehicles (Amendment of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 213), dated 1 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

3 Petroleum

Oil and Gas Authority (Levy and Fees) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 206), dated

24 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

4 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 223), dated 2 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

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

5 Exiting the European Union (Criminal Law)

Proposal for an instrument titled Criminal Justice (Electronic Commerce) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Alex Chalk)

Other papers

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Employment Rights (Increase of Limits)
Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 208), dated 26
February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory
Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary
Kwasi Kwarteng)

CORRECTION

Monday 1 March 2021

Item 17 should have read:

Liaison Committee

Estimates Days: Sir Bernard Jenkin reported, That, following the recommendation of the Backbench Business Committee on applications considered at its meeting of 1 March, the Liaison Committee recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on the third allotted day in the present session (Standing Order No. 145) is as follows:

That a day not later than 18 March be allotted for the consideration of the

following Estimates for financial year 2020-21:

Cabinet Office, insofar as it relates to the 26th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) (on the application of Philip Dunne);

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and support for the DCMS Sectors during the Covid-19 recovery (on the application of Julian Knight)