



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 23 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**
- 2 Statement: Future Defence and Security Industrial Strategy (Jeremy Quin)**
- 3 First-Aid (Mental Health): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make mental health first-aid part of first-aid training requirements; and for connected purposes;

That Dean Russell, Jeremy Hunt, Virginia Crosbie, James Sunderland, Dr Luke Evans, Robin Millar, Antony Higginbotham, Jerome Mayhew, Mark Logan, Duncan Baker, Tom Hunt and Jeff Smith present the Bill.

Dean Russell accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 278).

4 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

5 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Carry-over

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 80A(1)(a)), That if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Direct Payments to Farmers (Reductions and Simplifications) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 24 February, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Agriculture (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 1 March, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and Restrictions: All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 247), dated 5 March 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5 March, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Codes of Practice and Transit Code of Practice) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 22 February, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from a teacher and pupils of Knockhall Primary School relating to the banning of pesticides was presented and read by Gareth Johnson.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Enfield Southgate relating to gambling premises licences was presented and read by Bambos Charalambous.

10Adjournment

Subject: Automatic number plate recognition and width restrictions (Dean Russell)

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

Adjourned at 6.49 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

11Desecration of War Memorials Bill

Bill withdrawn.

General Committees: Reports

12First Delegated Legislation Committee

Hannah Bardell (Chair) reported the draft Administration (Restrictions on Disposal etc. to Connected Persons) Regulations 2021.

Reports from Select Committees

13 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

- (1) *Mineworkers' Pension Scheme*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1331);
 - (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Industrial Decarbonisation Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Decarbonising heat in homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 851);
 - (4) *Work of the Department and Government response to coronavirus*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 301)
- (Darren Jones).

14 Defence Committee

- (1) *Defending global Britain in a competitive age*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1333);
- (2) *Women in the Armed Forces: from recruitment to civilian life*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1047)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

15 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Concussion in sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1177);

(2) *Broadband and the road to 5G*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 153)

(Julian Knight).

16 Education Committee

(1) *Home education*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 839);

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

(3) *Accountability hearings*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 262);

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

(5) *Left behind white pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 279)

(Robert Halfon).

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from 12 April 2021 for details

17Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Land based education*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1318);

(2) *Seafood and meat exports to the EU*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1189) (Neil Parish).

18European Statutory Instruments Committee

(1) Twenty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1218), and including the following recommendation:

That the affirmative procedure should apply to the instrument titled The Criminal Justice (Electronic Commerce) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, the proposal for which was laid before this House on 9 March 2021;

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published

(Andrew Jones).

19 Foreign Affairs Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence with the FCDO on the EU Ambassador to the UK*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to autocracies*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the publication of the Integrated Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to visas for South American nationals*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Xinjiang detention camps*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 800)

(Tom Tugendhat).

20Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Children and young people's mental health*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1194);
 - (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Treatment of autistic people and individuals with learning disabilities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1195)
- (Jeremy Hunt).

21Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications of long lockdown: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1004)
(Ms Harriet Harman).

22International Development Committee

- (1) *Progress on tackling the sexual exploitation and abuse of aid beneficiaries: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report*: Seventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 1332);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Foreign and Development Secretary relating to the*

publication of the Integrated review:

Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign and Development Secretary relating to the situation in Tigray:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Foreign and Development Secretary relating to the UK aid spending in Myanmar:* Written evidence, to be published

(Sarah Champion).

23Justice Committee

(1) *Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre:* Seventeenth Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1266);

(2) *The work of the Ministry of Justice:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1267);

(3) *Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Court capacity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 284)

(Sir Robert Neill).

24Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *COVID-9 vaccine certification*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1315);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Independent Review of Administrative Law*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with Rupert McNeil relating to Civil Service churn*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Mr William Wragg).

25Petitions 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).

26 Standards (Committee on)

Sanctions and confidentiality in the House's standards system: revised proposals: Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1340)
(Chris Bryant).

27 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Chair to Highways England relating to the Historic Railways Estate: Written evidence, to be published;*

(2) *The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the aviation sector: Interim report: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1257);*

(3) *Transport Committee attendance for session 2019–21, on 10 March 2021: Written evidence, to be published*

(Huw Merriman).

28Welsh Affairs Committee

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

29Women and Equalities Committee

(1) Changing the perfect picture: an inquiry into body image: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 274);

(2) Reform of the Gender Recognition Act: Written evidence, to be published (HC 884);

(3) The role of the GEO: embedding equalities across Government: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1139);

(4) Correspondence from the Interim Co-Chairs of the Social Mobility Commission relating to its move to the Equality Hub: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) Correspondence to the Minister for Safeguarding relating to the Violence Against Women and Girls and Domestic Abuse strategies: Written evidence, to be published

(6) Correspondence to the Minister for Vaccine Deployment and the Minister for Equalities relating to the take-up of the COVID-19 vaccines in BAME communities and women: Written evidence, to be published

(Caroline Nokes).

30 Science and Technology Committee

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

(2) Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to science funding: Written evidence, to be published

(Greg Clark).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.25 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Government-backed insurance for live events

Resolved, That this House has considered Government-backed insurance for live events.—(*Jamie Stone.*)

The sitting was suspended between 10.38 am and 11.00 am (Order, 25 February).

2 Reduced-risk smoking products and proposals for a smokefree society by 2030

Resolved, That this House has considered reduced-risk smoking products and proposals for a smokefree society by 2030.—(*Mr David Jones.*)

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

3 Proposal for an outer London congestion charge

Resolved, That this House has considered the proposal for an outer London congestion charge.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

The sitting was suspended between 3.45 pm and 4.05 pm (Order, 25 February).

4 550th anniversary of the Battle of Barnet 1471

Resolved, That this House has considered the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Barnet 1471.—(*Theresa Villiers.*)

The sitting was suspended between 4.28 pm and 4.50 pm (Order, 25 February).

5 Improving the education system after the COVID-19 outbreak

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of improving the education system after the COVID-19 outbreak.—(*Bob Seely.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority

of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of improving the education system after the COVID-19 outbreak.

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

Adjourned at 5.48 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Food

Draft Food and Drink (Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Food and Wine Composition, Information and Labelling) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

2 Health and Personal Social Services

Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 365), dated 22 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Brandon Lewis)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Section 55A) (Specified Goods and Services and Excepted Supplies) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 369), dated 18 March 2021 (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

4 Exiting The European Union (Climate Change)

Proposal for an instrument titled Climate and Energy (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Other papers

5 Cabinet Office

Public Procurement Common Framework: Provisional Framework Agreement (by Command) (CP 415) (Julia Lopez)

6 Defence

Defence and Security Industrial Strategy: A strategic approach to the UK's defence and security industrial sectors (by Command) (CP 410) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

7 Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Plan of the Competition and Markets
Authority for 2021–22 (by Act) (Secretary
Kwasi Kwarteng)

8 Food Standards

Food Compositional Standards and
Labelling Provisional Common Framework
(by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

9 Health and Social Care

Blood Safety and Quality Provisional
Common Framework (by Command) (CP 413)
(Secretary Matt Hancock)

10 Health and Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care
Minute, dated 23 March 2021, concerning
the dissolution and reconfiguration of
certain NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts:
Remission of Outstanding Public Dividend
Capital (by Command) (Edward Argar)

11 Health and Social Care

The Organs, Tissues and Cells (apart from
embryos and gametes) Provisional Common

Framework (by Command) (CP 414)
(Secretary Matt Hancock)

12 High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands)

Vocational Qualifications Report under section 66(1) of the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

13 High Speed Rail (Preparation)

Expenditure Report under section 2 of the High Speed Rail (Preparation) Act 2013 for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

14 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Health and Social Care: The adult social care market in England for 2021, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1244) (Clerk of the House)

15 Reserve Forces

Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order to authorise the call out of members

of the Reserve Forces to support HM Forces in connection with the UK's response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic under section 56(1B) and 3 of that Act, dated 17 March 2021 (by Act) (James Heappey)

16 Senior Courts of England and Wales

Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment for the Draft Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

17 Terrorism

Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation on the Operation of the Terrorism Acts 2000 and 2006 (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

18 Treasury

Office for Budget Responsibility: Welfare Trends Report (by Command) (CP 392) (Mrs Kemi Badenoch)

19Treasury

Tax Policies and Consultations (by Command)
(CP 404) (Jesse Norman)

Withdrawn papers

20Exiting The European Union (Climate Change)

Proposal for an instrument titled Climate and Energy (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng) (laid 19 March 2021)

21Food

Draft Food and Drink (Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Food and Wine Composition, Information and Labelling) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice) (laid 25 February 2021)

22Senior Courts of England and Wales

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2021 (Secretary Robert Buckland) (laid 8 March 2021)

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
Michael Tomlinson	24 March	Stuart Andrew
Tom Hunt	24 March	Stuart Andrew
David Linden	24 March	Owen Thompson

2. 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
Sir Robert Syms	24 March

Steve Brine

24 March

Maggie Throup

24 March