



Friday 7 May 2021

CHAMBER AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

This document is compiled by the Table Office as a guide to events likely to take place in and around the Chamber on Tuesday 11 May. It also includes a list of Select Committee meetings planned for that week. From Wednesday 12 May, the Order of Business and Summary Agenda will be published daily. These and other House business papers can be obtained online or in hard copy from the Vote Office.

TUESDAY 11 MAY

The State Opening of Parliament will take place. The House will meet at 11.25am for the Queen's Speech. Due to covid-19 restrictions only the Speaker and invited party leaders and Government and Opposition whips will process to hear the speech delivered in the Lords. All other Members must remain in the House of Commons Chamber and not attempt to join the procession.

Afterwards the House will suspend until 2.30pm. After introductory statements by the Speaker, the Outlawries Bill will receive its first reading. This is a purely formal proceeding whereby the House asserts its right to deliberate on matters of its own choosing before those proposed by the Government in the Queen's Speech: no Bill is produced nor is there any debate. The debate on the Queen's Speech is then opened. Two backbench

Members from the Government side will propose and second a Motion for an Address (thanking the Queen for the Speech), after which the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister will speak. Debate on the Queen's Speech may continue until 10.00pm on this day. The Speaker will announce at the start of the debate which subjects are to be debated on each subsequent day. The half-hour end-of-day adjournment debate will be initiated by Sir David Amess on the subject of the case for a national memorial for Dame Vera Lynn.

SUBSEQUENT DAYS

Debate on the Queen's Speech will be resumed on subsequent days. The debate normally lasts for six sitting days. On the final day of the debate the House votes on the Motion, and there may be votes on amendments to the Motion on the penultimate and final days.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDINGS

On 30 December 2020, the House agreed an Order extending virtual participation to debate and certain other proceedings in accordance with a scheme prepared by the Speaker. On 25 March the House extended these provisions until 21 June. The [scheme for virtual participation in proceedings](#) and the revised [Members' Guide to Chamber proceedings](#) are available on the intranet.

DEADLINES FOR CALL LISTS FOR SUBSTANTIVE PROCEEDINGS

1.00pm Monday 10 May	Tuesday 11 May	Debate on the Queen's Speech (Day 1)
1.00pm Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May	Debate on the Queen's Speech (Day 2)
1.00pm Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May	Debate on the Queen's Speech (Day 3)
1.00pm Friday 14 May	Monday 17 May	Debate on the Queen's Speech (Day 4)
1.00pm Monday 17 May	Tuesday 18 May	Debate on the Queen's Speech (Day 5)
1.00pm Tuesday 18 May	Wednesday 19 May	Debate on the Queen's Speech (Day 6)

Members wishing to speak in substantive proceedings should apply to the Speaker's Office by emailing speakersoffice@parliament.uk from their parliamentary email address.

PROXY VOTING APPLICATIONS: DEADLINE DURING PROROGATION

The deadline for applying for a new proxy vote, or cancelling or changing an existing proxy vote, for Tuesday 11 May is 3pm on Monday 10 May.

Please email proxyvote@parliament.uk and, if you are applying for a new proxy vote, include the name of your nominated proxy.

ADJOURNMENT DEBATES

Subjects that will be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment of the House up to Monday 17 May:

Tuesday 11 May	Case for a national memorial for Dame Vera Lynn	Sir David Amess
Wednesday 12 May	Support for grass-roots football in Feltham and Heston	Seema Malhotra
Thursday 13 May	Levelling Up Fund and regeneration of Rother Valley's high streets	Alexander Stafford
Monday 17 May	Situation in Ukraine	Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Tuesday 18 May to Monday 24 May (deadline 12 May 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

Applications should be made in writing to the Table Office. Members must submit their application from their own email account. Application forms are available on the Table Office page on the Parliamentary intranet. The ballot will take place on Thursday 13 May.

FORTHCOMING WESTMINSTER HALL DEBATES

There will be no Westminster Hall debates in the new Session of Parliament until the debate on the Queen's Speech has concluded (Standing Order No. 10(2)(a)).

The new rota for answering departments will be published in the Order Paper as soon as it is available, and

Members will be able to submit applications when that rota is published.

QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

The e-tabling function on MemberHub will be closed for maintenance between sessions and is expected to be restored by the end of Thursday 6 May. All Questions and Motions fall at Prorogation and Questions from the 2019-21 Session will not be saved on MemberHub. Questions may not be answered during Prorogation and Questions that have not received an answer can be tabled in the new Session. They will not be re-tabled automatically.

Any Questions received during Prorogation (through MemberHub once it reopens) will be treated as having been received on Tuesday 11 May. Members may table a maximum of five Named Day Questions during the period between Prorogation and the rise of the House on Tuesday 11 May.

The Table Office will be providing its usual services remotely from 10.00am on Tuesday 11 May. The earliest date for which a Question may be set down for named day written answer will be Monday 17 May. There will be no Question Time on the first three sitting days of the new Session. The rota of Departments answering oral Questions from Monday 17 May is available in the Vote Office and on the internet at: <https://commonsbusiness.parliament.uk/search?SearchTerm=oral+questions+rota>

The first shuffles of the new Session will take place as follows:

Last time of tabling	Date for answer	Department
Tuesday 11 May, 12.30pm	Monday 17 May	Work and Pensions
	Wednesday 19 May	Wales
Wednesday 12 May, 12.30pm	Tuesday 18 May	Justice
Thursday 13 May, 12.30pm	Wednesday 19 May	Prime Minister
	Thursday 20 May	Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
	Thursday 20 May	Attorney General

TABLING MOTIONS FOR THE NEW SESSION

New Early Day Motions (EDMs) can formally be submitted in the new session from 10.00am on Tuesday 11 May. Proposed EDMs may be entered on to the MemberHub system before then, as the system will be operational for testing purposes from Friday 7 May. However, for the purposes of numbering of EDM in the new session, the first EDMs to be processed (and numbered EDM 1 etc) will be those emailed from the Members account to the tableoffice@parliament.uk at or after 10.00am on 11 May, in the order in which they are received. Proposed EDMs submitted in advance on the MemberHub system can be added to the list of first EDMs if an additional email is sent with that request at or after 10.00am on 11 May. EDMs emailed before 10.00am on 11 May will be processed after those arriving at or after 10.00am for the purposes of numbering.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Ballot Bills

Event

Ballot book entry

Date and location

Tuesday 18 May and Wednesday 19 May, by email from a Member's parliamentary email address to PBOHoC@parliament.uk, from 9.00am until the rise of the House

Ballot draw

Thursday 20 May, Wilson Room, 9.00am (social distancing and capacity limits in place; also broadcast live)

Presentation of ballot bills

Wednesday 16 June, immediately after questions and statements (if any)

Members may enter only one name into the ballot, either their own or that of another Member who has authorised them to do so, and no name may appear more than once.

Members will be assigned the next available number in the ballot unless they specify a different available number in their email.

On the day of the ballot, the Chairman of Ways and Means will draw twenty names in reverse order. At about 9.30am on that day the list of successful Members will be available in the Vote Office and on the internet. Members successful in the ballot will be contacted by the Clerk of Private Members' Bills.

First notices of ten minute rule motions and presentation of non-ballot bills

Event	Date and location
First notices of ten minute rule motions	Thursday 17 June, by email from the Member's parliamentary email address to PBOHoC@parliament.uk, from 10.00am until the rise of the House
First notices of presentation bills (to be presented on or after Monday 21 June)	Thursday 17 June, by email from the Member's parliamentary email address to PBOHoC@parliament.uk, from 10.00am until the rise of the House

There will be no physical queue for the first notices of ten minute rule motions or presentation bills in this Session.

A single notice (of either a ten minute rule motion OR a presentation bill) will be accepted from each Member from emails received between 10.00am and 10.30am. After 10.30am, unlimited further notices will be accepted from emails received at or after 10.00am in the order they were received.

Four ten minute rule slots will be available (for speeches on 29 June, 30 June, 6 July and 7 July).

Members interested in giving notice on 17 June should contact the Clerk of Private Members' Bills in advance to agree bill titles (PBOHoC@parliament.uk, 3254).

Notes:

Arrangements made according to [Standing Order No.14\(10\) and \(11\)](#) and on the authority of Mr Speaker.

COMMITTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY 11 MAY

The decision of a Committee to sit in public may be changed without notice.

SELECT COMMITTEES

■ Defence Committee

Subject: Responsibilities of the Minister for Defence People and Veterans

Witnesses: 2.30pm Johnny Mercer MP

Virtual meeting

2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Subject: Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition

Witnesses: 2.30pm: Tom Bradshaw, Vice President, National Farmers' Union; George Dunn, Chief Executive, Tenant Farmers Association; Mark Bridgeman, President, Country Land and Business Association

3.30pm: Dr Julia Aglionby, Executive Director, Foundation for Common Land; Phil Stocker, Chief Executive, National Sheep Association; Neil Shand, Chief Executive, National Beef Association

Virtual meeting

2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ **Transport Committee**

Virtual meeting

3.00pm (private)

■ **Treasury Committee**

Subject: Lessons from Greensill Capital

Virtual meeting

3.30pm (private), 4.00pm (public)

■ **Women and Equalities Committee**

Virtual meeting

3.30pm (private)

■ **Home Affairs Committee**

Subject: Policing and organisation of vigils relating to the safety of women in public places

Witnesses: 4.10pm: Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM, Commissioner, Metropolitan Police Service

Virtual meeting

4.00pm (private), 4.10pm (public)

COMMITTEES MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY

The decision of a Committee to sit in public may be changed without notice.

SELECT COMMITTEES

■ Science and Technology Committee (Commons)

Subject: The role of hydrogen in achieving Net Zero

Virtual meeting

9.00am (private), 9.30am (public)

■ Work and Pensions Committee

Virtual meeting

9.15am (private), 9.30am (public)

■ Home Affairs Committee

Subject: Police conduct and complaints

Virtual meeting

9.30am (private), 10.00am (public)

■ Scottish Affairs Committee

Subject: Universities and Scotland

Virtual meeting

9.30am (private)

■ Transport Committee

Subject: Major transport infrastructure projects: appraisal and delivery

Virtual meeting
9.30am (private)

■ European Scrutiny Committee

Virtual meeting
1.45pm (private)

■ Environmental Audit Committee**Subject: Green Jobs**

Witnesses: 2.30pm Jane Cooper, UK Stakeholder Relations & Regulatory Affairs, Orsted; Dr Adam Read, External Affairs Director, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd; Venetia Knight, Head of Employment and Enterprise at Groundwork Greater Manchester, Groundwork

Virtual meeting
2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ International Trade Committee**Subject: UK Export Finance**

Virtual meeting
2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ Treasury Committee**Subject: Work of the Financial Conduct Authority**

Witnesses: 2.30pm Nikhil Rathi, Chief Executive, and Charles Randell, Chair, Financial Conduct Authority

Virtual meeting
2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ **Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

Subject: Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland

Virtual meeting
2.15pm (private), 3.00pm (public)

■ **Women and Equalities Committee**

Virtual meeting
2.30pm (private)

■ **Committee of Selection**

Virtual meeting
4.30pm (private)

JOINT COMMITTEES

■ **Human Rights**

Subject: Legislative Scrutiny: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill

Virtual meeting
2.40pm (private), 3.30pm (public)

■ **Statutory Instruments**

Virtual meeting
3.40pm (private)

COMMITTEES MEETING ON THURSDAY 13 MAY

The decision of a Committee to sit in public may be changed without notice.

SELECT COMMITTEES

■ Public Accounts Committee

Subject: Overview of costs in the English rail system

Witnesses: 10.00am: Bernadette Kelly CB, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport; Andrew Haines, CEO, Network Rail; John Larkinson, CEO, Office of Rail and Road

Virtual meeting

9.15am (private), 10.00am (public)

■ Scottish Affairs Committee

Virtual meeting

11.00am (private), 11.30am (public)

■ Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Subject: The work of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Witnesses: 2.30pm: Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP, Secretary of State, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Virtual meeting

2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

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

Subject: Supporting our high streets after COVID-19

Virtual meeting

3.00pm (private), 3.30pm (public)