

Thursday 21 October 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for International Trade
- 2 Speaker's Statement: Government announcements and Urgent Questions
- 3 Urgent Question: COVID-19: Government's response (Maggie Throup)
- 4 Statements: (1) Free Trade Agreement: New Zealand (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)
 - (2) Business (Leader of the House)
 - (3) COVID-19 update (Maggie Throup)

5 Backbench Business

(1) COP26 and limiting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered COP26 and limiting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius.—(Caroline Lucas.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) World Menopause Month

Resolved, That this House has considered World Menopause Month.—(Carolyn Harris.)

6 Adjournment

Subject: Black History Month (Abena Oppong-Asare)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Scott Mann.)

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

7 Workers (Rights and Definition) (No. 2) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 3 December, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

8 Channel 4 (Privatisation) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 22 October, read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 October.

9 British Broadcasting Corporation (Privatisation) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 22 October, read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 October.

10 Public Sector Exit Payments (Limitation) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 22 October, read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 October.

General Committees: Reports

11 Building Safety Bill Committee

Philip Davies (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee. Written evidence to be published.

12 Elections Bill Committee

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee. Written evidence to be published.

13 Health and Care Bill Committee

Mr Peter Bone (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee. Written evidence to be published.

14 Nationality and Borders Bill Committee

Siobhain McDonagh (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee. Written evidence to be published.

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).

15 Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Bill Committee

Members: Sara Britcliffe discharged and David Johnston nominated in substitution.

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1073)))

Chair: Stewart Hosie

Members: Alun Cairns discharged and Damien Moore nominated in substitution.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Amendment of Schedule 10) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1091))

Chair: Dr Rupa Huq

Reports from Select Committees

18 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 28 October, Tuesday 2 November and Thursday 4 November in Westminster Hall and Thursday 4 November in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

19 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)

Draft Online Safety Bill: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 609) (Damian Collins).

20 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 78) (Neil Parish).

21 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *Green jobs*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 75);
- (2) Mapping the path to net zero: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 497);
- (3) Water quality in rivers: Written evidence, to be published (HC 74) (Philip Dunne).

22 International Trade Committee

- (1) UK trade negotiations: Written evidence, to be published (HC 127);
- (2) UK trade negotiations: Agreement with New Zealand: Written evidence, to be published (HC 817)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

23 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Improving the performance of major defence equipment contracts: Twenty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 185);
- (2) Test, track and trace 2:

- (i) Twenty-third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 182);
- (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 182);
- (3) Correspondence from HM Treasury relating to Making Tax Digital (MTD): Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Department for Health and Social Care relating to Designated Settings Indemnity Support (DSIS): Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence from the Department for Transport relating to the South Eastern Railway Franchise: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence relating to the Fleet Solid Support (FSS) Ship programme: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) COVID-19: Culture Recovery Fund: Written evidence, to be published (HC 340);
- (9) COVID-19: Government support for Charities: Written evidence, to be published (HC 250);
- (10) Crossrail progress update: Summer 2021: Written evidence, to be published (HC 184);
- (11) DWP Employment Support: Written evidence, to be published (HC 177);
- (12) DWP Accounts-Fraud and error in the benefits system: Written evidence, to be published (HC 633);
- (13) Efficiency in Government: Written evidence, to be published (HC 636);
- (14) Fraud and Error: Written evidence, to be published (HC 253);
- (15) Green homes grant voucher programme: Written evidence, to be published (HC 635);
- (16) National Law Enforcement Data Programme: Written evidence, to be published (HC 638);
- (17) *Timeliness of local auditor reporting on local government in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 171)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

24 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) The Work of the UK Statistics Authority: Scrutiny Session: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 781);
- (2) Correspondence from the Paymaster General relating to Infected Blood Compensation Study Terms of Reference: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service relating to Cabinet Committees, Composition and Chairs: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the recruitment campaign for the First Civil Service Commissioner: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence with Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to his new role as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the 2021 Spending Review: Written evidence, to be published;

- (7) Correspondence with the Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary for the Cabinet Office relating to the Cabinet Office Main Supply Estimates for 2020–21: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) Pre-appointment Hearing: Commissioner for Public Appointments: Written evidence, to be published (HC 662);
- (9) Propriety of governance in light of Greensill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 59);
- (10) *The Elections Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 597) (Mr William Wragg).

25 Science and Technology Committee

R&D Investment: Written evidence, to be published (HC 785) (Greg Clark).

26 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) Renewable energy in Wales: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 756);
- (2) The benefits system in Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 337);
- (3) Correspondence with the Welsh Government's Minister for Economy relating to Border Control Posts: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) The economic and cultural impacts of trade and environmental policy on family farms in Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 607) (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 UK's climate progress and the Committee on Climate Change's Progress Report to Parliament

Resolved, That this House has considered the UK's climate progress and the Committee on Climate Change's Progress Report to Parliament.—(*Anthony Browne*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.02 pm until Monday 25 October.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Local Government

Draft Local Audit (Appointing Person) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Competition

Competition Act 1998 (Carbon Dioxide) (Public Policy Exclusion) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1169), dated 20 October 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

3 Inheritance Tax

Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Excepted Estates) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1167), dated 20 October 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

4 Plant Health

Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1171), dated 20 October 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

5 Social Security

Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit (Coronavirus Disease) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1158), dated 18 October 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

Other papers

6 Companies

- (1) Report by the Financial Reporting Council on its oversight responsibilities for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)
- (2) Report on Auditors General for 2020–21 by the Independent Supervisor (by Act), to be printed (HC 752) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

7 Education

Government Response to the First Report of the Education Committee: The forgotten: how White working-class pupils have been let down, and how to change it (by Command) (CP 524) (Secretary Nadhim Zahawi)

8 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of BPDTS Ltd for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 697) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

(2) Report and Accounts of Companies House for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 378) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

9 Government Resources and Accounts (Audit of Non-profit-making Companies)

Report and Accounts of the Great Britain China Centre for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 543) (Amanda Milling)

10 Health and Social Care

Care Quality Commission: The state of health care and adult social care in England for 2020–21 (by Act), to be printed (HC 753) (Gillian Keegan)

11 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Government Response to the Second Report of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee on Local authority financial sustainability and the section 114 regime (by Command) (CP 543) (Secretary Michael Gove)

12 Treaty Series No. 19 (2021)

Agreement, done at Brussels and London on 16 and 21 July 2021, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community on the Establishment and the Privileges and Immunities of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom (by Command) (CP 547) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

13 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: Second Annual Inspection of Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention: July 2020–March 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 19 October

This item should have appeared after item 25 (Other Proceedings):

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) Animals Abroad Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 511);
- (2) Labour shortages and the food and farming sector: Written evidence, to be published (HC 713);
- (3) *Tree planting and woodlands*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 356) (Neil Parish)

Wednesday 20 October 2021

This item should have appeared after item 23 (Other Proceedings):

Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, Part 3 (Public Order): Government Response to the Committee's Second Report: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 724);

- (2) Legislative Scrutiny: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, Part 4 (Unauthorised Encampments): Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 765);
- (3) Legislative Scrutiny: Nationality and Borders Bill: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 588)

(Ms Harriet Harman).