



# House of Commons

Monday 31 January 2022

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

**1 Birmingham, Erdington Writ**

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Birmingham, Erdington, in the room of John Eugene Joseph Dromey, deceased.—(*Sir Alan Campbell.*)

**2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education**

**3 Statements: (1) Investigation into alleged gatherings on Government premises during COVID restrictions: update (The Prime Minister)**

**(2) Russia sanctions (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)**

**(3) Vaccination as a condition of deployment (Secretary Sajid Javid)**

**4 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Ways and Means**

*Resolved*, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill, it is expedient to authorise any charges to tax resulting from the Advanced Research and Invention Agency being a public authority for the purposes of Chapter 10 of Part 2 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

**5 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

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 for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 23 March 2021 (Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill (Programme) in the last Session of Parliament):

*Consideration of Lords Amendments*

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

*Subsequent stages*

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

Question agreed to.

**6 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments**

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 1, 12 and 14 engaged financial privilege.

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1.—(*George Freeman.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 178

Ayes: 304 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Gareth Johnson)

Noes: 208 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glendon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 2 to 15 agreed to, with Commons privilege waived in respect of Lords Amendments 12 and 14.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 1.

That Felicity Buchan, Mark Fletcher, Stephen Flynn, George Freeman, Jessica Morden, Chi Onwurah and Craig Whittaker be members of the Committee.

That George Freeman be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

Question agreed to.

**7 Dormant Assets Bill [Lords]: Programme (No. 2)**

*Ordered*, That the Order of 6 December 2021 (Dormant Assets Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

**8 Dormant Assets Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee**

New Clause NC1—(*Alex Davies-Jones*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments 1 and 2 made.

**9 Dormant Assets Bill [Lords]: Third Reading**

Bill read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

**10 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill: Reasons Committee**

George Freeman reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Lords Amendment 1

Because it would make provision relating to the administration of financial support provided out of public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

**11 Business of the House (Today)**

*Ordered*, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion in the name of Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg relating to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority not later than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, until any hour, and may be entered upon after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

**12 Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority**

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will appoint Lea Paterson to the office of ordinary member of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for a period of five years with effect from 14 March 2022.—(*Stuart Andrew.*)

**13 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 14 December 2021, be approved.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 15 December 2021, be approved.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

Question agreed to.

**14 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to stalking advocates was presented and read by Mr Toby Perkins.

**15 Adjournment**

Subject: NHS hysteroscopy treatment (Ms Lyn Brown)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

Adjourned at 9.25 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

#### **16 Status of Workers Bill [Lords]**

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the creation of a single status for workers by amending the meaning of "employee", "worker", "employer" and related expressions in the Trade and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, the Employment Rights Act 1996 and cognate legislation; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

### *First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills*

#### **17 Status of Workers Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 242).

### *Changes to Notices Given*

#### **18 Plastic Pollution Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 4 February, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18 March.

#### **19 Digital Devices (Access for Next of Kin) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 4 February, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18 March.

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **20 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Virendra Sharma (Chair) reported the Plastic Packaging Tax (Descriptions of Products) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1417).

#### **21 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mrs Maria Miller (Chair) reported the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022.

### *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).*

**22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022)**

Members: Felicity Buchan, James Sunderland and Matt Vickers discharged and Siobhan Baillie, Rob Butler and Mark Jenkinson nominated in substitution.

**23 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)**

Members: Kemi Badenoch discharged and Neil O'Brien nominated in substitution.

**24 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Microchipping of Dogs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)**

Members: Robin Millar, Giles Watling and Suzanne Webb discharged and Gareth Bacon, Elliot Colburn and Lia Nici nominated in substitution.

*Reports from Select Committees*

**25 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 31 January, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

**26 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

*Building safety: remediation and funding:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1063) (Mr Clive Betts).

**27 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 159) (Simon Hoare).

**28 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *EU exit: the UK border post transition period:* Thirty-sixth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 746);

(2) *Regulation of private renting:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 996);

(3) *Bounce Back Loans Scheme: follow-up:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 951);

(4) *Correspondence with On the Beach relating to the package holiday sector:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the recent accounting officer assessments:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Department for Transport relating to the introduction of the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill:* Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence relating to the provision of Service Family Accommodation via Annington Property Limited (APL):* Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Environmental Land Management Scheme:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 639);

(9) *Government preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons for government on risk:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 952);

(10) *Government's delivery through arm's-length bodies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 181);

(11) *Overview of the English rail system*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 170) (Dame Meg Hillier).

## 29 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Defence in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 611);

(2) *Access to cash in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1023);

(3) *Storm Arwen*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1024)

(Pete Wishart).

## 30 Treasury Committee

(1) *The cost of living*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1094);

(2) *Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority relating to the Stronger Nudge trials*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mel Stride).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

### 1 Funding for stalking advocates

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petition 593769, relating to funding for stalking advocates.—(*Tonia Antoniazzi*.)

### 2 Future of the NHS

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petition 598732, relating to the future of the NHS.—(*Matt Vickers*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.29 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Building and Buildings

Draft Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

#### 2 Constitutional Law

Draft Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance and Information-Sharing) (Consequential Provision and Modifications) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alister Jack)

#### 3 Ecclesiastical Law

Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

#### 4 Local Government

Draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

#### 5 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

#### 6 Regulatory Reform

Draft Legislative Reform (Renewal of National Radio Multiplex Licences) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure (by Act) (Julia Lopez)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 7 Employment and Training

Apprenticeships (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 86), dated 26 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Burghart)

#### 8 Immigration

Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 78), dated 26 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

#### 9 Road Traffic

Birmingham Commonwealth Games (Concurrent Exercise of Traffic Management Powers) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 80), dated 26 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

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## Other papers

### 10 Aviation (Security)

Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Aviation Security Act 1982 during 2021 (by Statutory Instrument) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

### 11 Building and Buildings

Explanatory Memorandum to the Building Regulations etc. (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1391) (by Command) (Eddie Hughes)

### 12 Channel Tunnel (Security)

Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 during 2021 (by Statutory Instrument) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

### 13 Family Proceedings

Explanatory Memorandum to the Family Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 54) (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

### 14 Gangmasters (Licensing)

Report and Accounts of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1041) (Secretary Priti Patel)

### 15 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of Public Health England for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1090) (Maria Caulfield)

(2) Report and Accounts of Sir John Soane's Museum for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1086) (Nigel Huddleston)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Department of Health and Social Care for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1053) (Lucy Frazer)

(4) Report and Accounts of the Vehicle Certification Agency for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1078) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

### 16 Government Resources and Accounts (Audit of Public Bodies)

Trustees' Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Museum of the Royal Navy for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1075) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

### 17 Health and Social Care

(1) Report and Accounts of Health and Social Care Information Centre for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1028) (Gillian Keegan)

(2) Report and Accounts of Monitor for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1029) (Edward Argar)

**18 Local Government Planning and Land**

Report and Accounts of the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 926) (Secretary Michael Gove)

**19 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Supporting local economic growth (by Act), to be printed (HC 957) (Clerk of the House)

**20 National Health**

Report and Accounts of the NHS Counter Fraud Authority for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 668) (Edward Argar)

**21 National Health Service**

(1) Consolidated NHS provider accounts for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1030) (Edward Argar)

(2) Report and Accounts of NHS Commissioning Board for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1027) (Edward Argar)

**Withdrawn papers****22 Building and Buildings**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Building Regulations etc. (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1391) (laid 15 December 2021)

**23 Ecclesiastical Law**

Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 19 January 2022)

**24 Family Proceedings**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Family Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 54) (laid 19 January)