



House of Commons

Thursday 15 December 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: 80th anniversary of the reading to the House of a Declaration issued by the wartime allies condemning the treatment of the Jewish people by the Nazis in occupied Europe**
- 2 **Observation of a period of silence**
The House observed a minute's silence.
- 3 **Questions to the Secretary of State for International Trade**
- 4 **Urgent Question: Chinese Consul General: attack on protestors in Manchester (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)**
- 5 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 6 **Statements: (1) Infected blood inquiry (Jeremy Quin)**
(2) Independent inquiry relating to Afghanistan (Dr Andrew Murrison)
- 7 **Backbench Business**
 - (1) Self-disconnection of prepayment meters
Resolved, That this House recognises that prepayment meter customers, who pay for their usage in advance, are not afforded the same rights when in energy debt as customers who pay in arrears, such as those who pay in direct debit; understands that a prepayment meter customer is automatically disconnected when they exceed just £10 of debt; acknowledges that, in contrast, those who pay in arrears are afforded time and support to resolve their debts before action is taken to disconnect; is deeply concerned that so called self-disconnection of prepayment meter customers will see the most vulnerable in our society left without heat, light and facilities to cook and wash over the coming winter; and strongly urges the Government to outlaw self-disconnection to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable customers are not left without basic energy provision.—*(Anne McLaughlin.)*
 - (2) Rail transport services for communities served by the West Coast Main Line
Resolved, That this House has considered rail transport services for communities served by the West Coast Main Line.—*(Virginia Crosbie.)*

8 Adjournment

Subject: Government support for leisure centres (Charlotte Nichols)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Adjourned at 4.34 pm until Monday 19 December.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 Online Safety (Re-committed Clauses and Schedules) Bill Committee

Dame Angela Eagle (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Clauses of and Schedules to the Bill in respect of which the Bill was re-committed, with further Amendments.

Bill, as amended on re-committal, to be considered on Monday 19 December; and to be printed (Bill 220).

Select Committees: Reports

* This section has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 19 December 2022.

10 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 January in Westminster Hall and Thursday 12 January in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

11 Home Affairs Committee

Policing priorities: Written evidence, to be published (HC 635) (Dame Diana Johnson).

12 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2022–2032: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 731) (Dame Meg Hillier).

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 A blueprint for eye health in England and the devolved nations

Resolved, That this House has considered a blueprint for eye health in England and the devolved nations.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

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

Adjourned at 2.40 pm until Monday 19 December.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Electricity

Draft Nuclear Regulated Asset Base Model (Revenue Collection) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Graham Stuart)

2 Electronic Communications

Draft Trade (Mobile Roaming) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Julia Lopez)

3 National Health Service

Draft Health and Social Care Information Centre (Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

4 Sanctions

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 17) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1331), dated 14 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Civil Aviation

Aviation Security (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1313), dated 12 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

6 Education

Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1335), dated 13 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Gillian Keegan)

7 Government Resources and Accounts

Whole of Government Accounts (Designation of Bodies) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1325), dated 13 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

8 Immigration

Short-term Holding Facility (Amendment) Rules 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1345), dated 15 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Other papers**9 Birmingham Commonwealth Games**

Birmingham Commonwealth Games Act Report (by Act) (Stuart Andrew)

10 Education

Memorandum to the Education Select Committee: Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (by Command) (CP 761) (Secretary Gillian Keegan)

11 Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Plan of the Competition and Markets Authority for 2023–24: consultation (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

12 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of East West Railway Company Limited for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 976) (Secretary Mark Harper)

(2) Report and Accounts of HM Prison and Probation Service for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 754) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(3) Report and Accounts of Ministry of Justice for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 772) (Victoria Atkins)

(4) Report and Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 914) (Victoria Atkins)

(5) Report and Accounts of Wilton Park for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 879) (David Rutley)

13 Home Office

Operation Soteria Bluestone Year 1 Report (by Command) (CP 769) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

14 House of Commons Commission

Report of the House of Commons Commission on Lay Members of the Committee on Standards: Nomination of Candidates (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 977) (The Speaker)

15 Natural Environment and Rural Communities

Report and Accounts of Natural England for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 679) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

16 Parliamentary Standards

Report and Accounts of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 853) (The Speaker)

17 Postal Services

Report of the Post Office Network 2022 (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

18 Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering

Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation on the Operation of the Counter Terrorism (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (by Act) (Andrew Griffith)

19 Social Security Administration

Account of the Great Britain National Insurance Fund for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 833) (Clerk of the House)

20 Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland)

Account of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 832) (Clerk of the House)

21 Treasury

Government Response to the Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation on the operation of the Counter Terrorism (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)