



# House of Commons

Tuesday 28 February 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero**

**2 Tributes to the Right honourable the Baroness Boothroyd**

**3 Multi-storey car parks (safety): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase the minimum required height of guarding in multi-storey car parks; to make provision about increasing the height of guarding in existing multi-storey car parks; to require 24 hour staffing of multi-storey car parks; and for connected purposes;

That Maria Eagle, Dame Angela Eagle, Sir George Howarth, Ian Byrne, Kim Johnson, Peter Dowd, Mick Whitley, Tony Lloyd, Barbara Keeley, Sir Mark Hendrick, Mike Amesbury and Ashley Dalton present the Bill.

Maria Eagle accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 March, and to be printed (Bill 256).

**4 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (13th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))**

(1) Expanding the NHS workforce

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House condemns the Government's failure to train enough staff to tackle the worst workforce crisis in the history of the National Health Service with a current shortage of 9,000 hospital doctors and 47,000 nurses; notes reports that the draft NHS England workforce plan calls for a doubling of medical school places to address this crisis; calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to use the upcoming Spring Budget to end the 200-year-old non-domiciled tax status regime; and further calls on the Government to use revenue generated by ending that regime to adopt Labour's plan to expand the NHS workforce by doubling the number of medical training places, delivering 10,000 more nursing and midwifery clinical placements, training twice the number of district nurses each year and delivering 5,000 more health visitors.—(*Wes Streeting*.)

**5 Royal Assent**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Act under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Organ and Tissue Donation) Act 2023

**6 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (13th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14)) (resumed)**

The House resumed the debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 179

Ayes: 224 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Lilian Greenwood, Mark Tami)

Question accordingly agreed to.

*Resolved*, That this House condemns the Government's failure to train enough staff to tackle the worst workforce crisis in the history of the National Health Service with a current shortage of 9,000 hospital doctors and 47,000 nurses; notes reports that the draft NHS England workforce plan calls for a doubling of medical school places to address this crisis; calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to use the upcoming Spring Budget to end the 200-year-old non-domiciled tax status regime; and further calls on the Government to use revenue generated by ending that regime to adopt Labour's plan to expand the NHS workforce by doubling the number of medical training places, delivering 10,000 more nursing and midwifery clinical placements, training twice the number of district nurses each year and delivering 5,000 more health visitors.

**(2) Increasing labour market activity**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House is concerned that the number of people out of work and economically inactive is higher than before the pandemic, that thousands of older people have left the labour market and that there have been significant increases in the number of people out of work due to ill health or mental ill health; notes that recent employment support schemes have underperformed and underspent; condemns the Government for its failure to get more people into work; regrets that this failure is contributing to low economic growth and falling living standards; and therefore calls on the Government to get Britain back to work by reforming disability benefit assessments, devolving employment support to local areas and providing specialist and targeted help for those with long-term ill health or aged over 50 to grow the economy and boost both public finances and household incomes.—  
(Jonathan Ashworth.)

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

Sir Alan Campbell claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to and Main Question accordingly put and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That this House is concerned that the number of people out of work and economically inactive is higher than before the pandemic, that thousands of older people have left the labour market and that there have been significant increases in the number of people out of work due to ill health or mental ill health; notes that recent employment support schemes have underperformed and underspent; condemns the Government for its failure to get more people into work; regrets that this failure is contributing to low economic growth and falling living standards; and therefore calls on the Government to get Britain back to work by reforming disability benefit assessments, devolving employment support to local areas and providing specialist and targeted help for those with long-term ill health or aged over 50 to grow the economy and boost both public finances and household incomes.

**7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Green Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 8 February, be approved.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 9 February, be approved.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

**8 Changes to membership of select committees**

*Ordered*, That Mr Nicholas Brown be discharged from the Finance Committee and Mrs Sharon Hodgson be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

**9 Adjournment**

Subject: Impact of bank closures on the high street (Alex Davies-Jones)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Adjourned at 7.28 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Explanatory Notes to Bills*

**10 Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) (No. 2) Bill**

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 255–EN)

### *Lords Messages*

**11 Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Organ and Tissue Donation) Bill**

The Lords agree to the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Organ and Tissue Donation) Bill without amendment.

### *Changes to Notices Given*

**12 Relocation of the House of Lords (Report to Parliament) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 24 March.

**13 Benefit Sanctions (Warnings) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**14 Universal Credit Sanctions (Zero Hours Contracts) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**15 Devolution (Employment) (Scotland) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**16 Health and Safety at Work Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**17 Workers (Rights and Definition) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**18 Full Employment Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**19 Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**20 Disability Benefit Assessments (Recording) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**21 Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (Powers) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**22 Under-Occupancy Penalty (Report) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**23 Social Security Benefits (Healthy Eating) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**24 Corporate Homicide Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**25 Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**26 Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 March.

**27 Pre-Payment Meters (Self-Disconnection) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 24 March.

*General Committees: Reports***28 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

James Gray (Chair) reported the draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) Regulations 2023.

**29 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft Direct Payments to Farmers (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2023 and draft Agriculture (Financial Assistance) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

*Select Committees: Reports***30 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 28 February to be published (Ian Mearns).

**31 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

(1) *UK plc 2050*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1120);

(2) *Competition and Markets Authority Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business and Trade relating to an electricity costs support package for British industry*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Decarbonisation of the power sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 283) (Darren Jones).

**32 Defence Committee**

(1) *US, UK and NATO*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 184);

(2) *Defence and Climate Change*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 179);

(3) *Land acquisition*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 978);

(4) *Armed Forces Pension & Compensation Scheme Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Ministry of Defence Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tobias Ellwood).

### 33 Education Committee

(1) *Child exploitation and county lines*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1114);

(2) *Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Education relating to guidance for schools*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Education relating to extending maths to 18*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Support for childcare and the early years*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 969)  
(Mr Robin Walker).

### 34 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Species reintroduction*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 849);

(2) *Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Environmental Land Management Scheme: progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 621);

(4) *Marine mammals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 697);

(5) *Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

### 35 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *UK universities' engagement with autocracies*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1157);

(2) *Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 166)

(Alicia Kearns).

### 36 International Development Committee

(1) *Aid spending in the UK*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 898);

(2) *Debt relief in low-income countries*: Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 146);

(3) *Extreme poverty and the Sustainable Development Goals: Government Response to the Fifth Report of the Committee, Session 2022–23*: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1177);

(4) *WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1174);

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister of State relating to Supplementary Estimates Explanatory Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Investment for development: The UK's strategy towards Development Finance Institutions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 884)

(Sarah Champion).

### 37 Justice Committee

(1) *The prison operational workforce*: Oral and part of written evidence, to be published (HC 917);

(2) *Work of HM Chief Inspector of Probation*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1176);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons and Probation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice relating to the publication of the post implementation review of the Tenancy Mediation Pilot*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Prisons and Probation relating to Home Detention Curfew*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Judicial Pension Scheme Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Ministry of Justice Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *The work of the Ministry of Justice*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1058)  
(Sir Robert Neill).

### 38 Petitions 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;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Mental Health and Women's Health Strategy relating to assessment for ADHD and autism*: Written evidence, to be published  
(Catherine McKinnell).

### 39 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Cabinet Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Cabinet Office Civil Superannuation Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Cabinet Office Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Governing England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1139);

(5) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Statistics Board Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Planning for the future of the Government's estates*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 793)



(Mr William Wragg).

#### 40 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Transport relating to Bus Recovery Grant and fare cap*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Department for Transport Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Minimum service levels for rail*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1153);

(4) *Strategic road investment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 904)

(Iain Stewart).

#### 41 Treasury Committee

\*This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 1 March 2023.

(1) *The crypto-asset industry*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 615);

(2) *Authorised push payment fraud reimbursement scheme*: Written evidence, received by the Sub-Committee on Financial Services Regulations, to be published (HC 939);

(3) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 143);

(4) *HM Revenue & Customs Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *HM Treasury Supplementary Estimate Memorandum with Tables 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *National Savings and Investments Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Retail Banks*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1117);

(8) *The Government Actuary's Department Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published

(Harriett Baldwin).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6) and Order, 23 February)

#### 1 Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Eating Disorders Awareness Week.—(*Wera Hobhouse.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).



*Resolved*, That this House has considered Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

**2 Findings of the independent review report on the UEFA Champions League Final 2022**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the independent review report on the UEFA Champions League Final 2022.—(*Ian Byrne.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.21 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Performance of South West Water**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the performance of South West Water.—(*Simon Jupp.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.35 pm and 4.00 pm.*

**4 Police training entry routes**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Police training entry routes.—(*Dr Kieran Mullan.*)

**5 Leaseholders and managing agents**

*The sitting was suspended between 4.36 pm and 4.46 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered leaseholders and managing agents.—(*Barry Gardiner.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

*Resolved*, That this House has considered leaseholders and managing agents.

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

Adjourned at 5.37 pm until tomorrow.

*Rosie Winterton*

First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Building and Buildings**

Draft Building (Public Bodies and Higher-Risk Building Work) (England) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**2 Agriculture**

Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 217), dated 27 February 2023 (by Order), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

**3 Customs**

Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 222), dated 27 February 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

**4 Ecclesiastical Law**

Parochial Fees (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 164), dated 9 February 2023 (by Measure) (Clerk of the House)

**5 Income Tax**

Taxes (Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 216), dated 27 February 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

**6 National Health Service**

(1) National Health Service (Joint Working and Delegation Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 223), dated 27 February 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

(2) Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 220), dated 27 February 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

**7 Taxes**

Income and Corporation Taxes (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 221), dated 27 February 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

**Other papers****8 Energy Security and Net Zero**

UK Emissions Trading Scheme Provisional Common Framework (by Command) (CP 794) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**9 Financial Services and Markets**

(1) Financial Conduct Authority Standards Instrument: The Handbook Administration (No. 60) Instrument 2022 (by Act) (Andrew Griffith)

(2) Financial Conduct Authority Standards Instrument: The Technical Standards (Electronic Reporting Format) (No. 2) Instrument 2021 (by Act) (Andrew Griffith)

(3) Financial Conduct Authority Standards Instrument: The Technical Standards (Electronic Reporting Format) Instrument 2020 (by Act) (Andrew Griffith)

(4) Financial Conduct Authority Standards Instrument: The Technical Standards (Electronic Reporting Format) Instrument 2022 (by Act) (Andrew Griffith)

**10 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums**

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the Electoral Commission for 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1167) (The Speaker)

**11 Public Service Pensions**

Report on collecting the current member contribution rates for the Police Pensions Regulations 2015 (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Withdrawn papers

**12 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums**

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the Electoral Commission for 2023–24 (HC 1167) (laid 21 February)

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**SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES****VOTING BY PROXY****1 Variation of proxy voting arrangements**

(1) The Speaker has certified, further to the certificates of 22 October 2022 and 20 February, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Amy Callaghan has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her nominated proxy will be Peter Grant from 28 February to 5 March, after which it will again be Brendan O'Hara.

(2) The Speaker has certified, further to the certificates of 7 November 2022 and 20 February, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Allan Dorans has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement. His nominated proxy will be Peter Grant from 28 February to 5 March, after which it will again be Brendan O'Hara.

(3) The Speaker has certified, further to the certificates of 22 November 2022 and 20 February, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that John Nicolson has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement. His nominated proxy will be Peter Grant from 28 February to 5 March, after which it will again be Brendan O'Hara.

(4) The Speaker has certified, further to the certificates of 26 January and 20 February, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Anne McLaughlin has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her nominated proxy will be Peter Grant from 28 February to 5 March, after which it will again be Brendan O'Hara.

## CORRECTION

Monday 27 February 2023

Item 28 (Other Proceedings) should have read:

**Scottish Affairs Committee**

(1) *Public broadcasting in Scotland*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1048);

(2) *Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 982);

(3) *Correspondence with the First Minister of Scotland relating to an invitation to give oral evidence*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 202–23*: Written evidence, to be published

(Pete Wishart).