



# House of Commons

Wednesday 8 March 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities  
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Michelle Donelan, supported by Secretary Suella Braverman, Secretary Steve Barclay, Secretary Kemi Badenoch, George Freeman, Julia Lopez, Paul Scully and Alex Burghart, presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of the processing of information relating to identified or identifiable living individuals; to make provision about services consisting of the use of information to ascertain and verify facts about individuals; to make provision about access to customer data and business data; to make provision about privacy and electronic communications; to make provision about services for the provision of electronic signatures, electronic seals and other trust services; to make provision about the disclosure of information to improve public service delivery; to make provision for the implementation of agreements on sharing information for law enforcement purposes; to make provision about the keeping and maintenance of registers of births and deaths; to make provision about information standards for health and social care; to establish the Information Commission; to make provision about oversight of biometric data; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 265) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 265–EN).

- 3 Estimates Day (Standing Order No. 54 and Resolution, 1 March) (3rd allotted day)**

(1) Supplementary Estimate 2022–23: Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Subject for debate: the spending of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on adult social care

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2023, for expenditure by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities:

(1) the resources authorised for current purposes be reduced by £2,074,000 as set out in HC 1133,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £2,428,760,000 as so set out, and

(3) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £4,454,598,000.—(*Lee Rowley*.)

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(2) Supplementary Estimate 2022–23: Department for Education

Subject for debate: the spending of the Department for Education on childcare and early years

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2023, for expenditure by the Department for Education:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £3,096,686,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1133,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £1,580,042,000 as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £145,625,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Claire Coutinho.*)

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

**4 House of Commons Commission**

*Resolved*, That Mrs Sharon Hodgson be appointed to the House of Commons Commission in place of Mr Nicholas Brown in pursuance of the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978, as amended.—(*Jacob Young.*)

**5 Public Accounts Commission**

*Resolved*, That Mrs Sharon Hodgson be appointed and that Mr Nicholas Brown be discharged as a member of the Public Accounts Commission under section 2(2)(c) of the National Audit Act 1983.—(*Jacob Young.*)

**6 Suspension of sitting**

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until 7.00 pm.

**7 Estimates (Questions deferred)**

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 54(6)).

(1) Supplementary Estimate 2022–23: Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (Question deferred, today)

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2023, for expenditure by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities:

(1) the resources authorised for current purposes be reduced by £2,074,000 as set out in HC 1133,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £2,428,760,000 as so set out, and

(3) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £4,454,598,000.

Question agreed to.

(2) Supplementary Estimate 2022–23: Department for Education (Question deferred, today)

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2023, for expenditure by the Department for Education:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £3,096,686,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1133,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £1,580,042,000 as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £145,625,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

## 8 Remaining Estimates

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 55).

### (1) Estimates 2023–24 (Navy) Vote A

That, during the year ending with 31 March 2024, a number not exceeding 39,550 all ranks be maintained for Naval and Marine Service and that numbers in the Reserve Naval and Marines Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4, and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in Votes A 2023–24, HC 1036.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

### (2) Estimates 2023–24 (Army) Vote A

That, during the year ending with 31 March 2024, a number not exceeding 102,250 all ranks be maintained for Army Service and that numbers in the Reserve Land Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in Votes A 2023–24, HC 1036.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

### (3) Estimates 2023–24 (Air) Vote A

That, during the year ending with 31 March 2024, a number not exceeding 36,500 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service and that numbers in the Reserve Air Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in Votes A 2023–24, HC 1036.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

### (4) Estimates, Excesses 2021–22

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2022, resources, not exceeding £2,457,088,000, be authorised to make good excesses for use for current purposes as set out in the Statement of Excesses 2021–22, HC 1135.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

### (5) Supplementary Estimates 2022–23

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2023:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £7,756,204,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1105, HC 1112, HC 1133 and HC 1145,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £8,829,421,000 as so set out, and

(3) the sums authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £20,188,514,000.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Estimates, Vote on Account 2023–24

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024:

(1) resources, not exceeding £370,588,547,000 be authorised, on account, for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1090, HC 1106, HC 1111, HC 1134, HC 1146, HC 1167 and HC 1172,

(2) resources, not exceeding £93,152,800,000, be authorised, on account, for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a sum, not exceeding £374,553,971,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

**9 Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Bill: Motion to introduce a Bill**

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions;

That the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Glen, Victoria Atkins, Andrew Griffith and James Cartlidge introduce the Bill.

Victoria Atkins accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the years ending with 31 March 2022, 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024; to authorise the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund for those years; and to appropriate the supply authorised by this Act for the years ending with 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 266).

**10 Public petitions**

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Chipping Barnet relating to the Ultra Low Emission Zone was presented and read by Theresa Villiers.

(2) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to planning permission for telecommunication telegraph pole installation was presented and read by Dame Diana Johnson.

**11 Adjournment**

Subject: Supplementary funding for the Global Fund (Dan Carden)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Adjourned at 7.36 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

**12 Data Protection and Digital Information Bill**

Order for Second Reading read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

*General Committees: Reports***13 Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Bill Committee**

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.  
Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 17 March.

**14 Workers (Predictable Terms and Conditions) Bill Committee**

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.  
Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 24 March.

**15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Esther McVey (Chair) reported the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration, Investment, Charges and Governance) and Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

*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).*

**16 Firearms Bill Committee**

Members: Gareth Bacon, Shaun Bailey, Simon Baynes, Wendy Chamberlain, Alex Davies-Jones, Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, Miss Sarah Dines, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mark Fletcher, Peter Gibson, Jane Hunt, Holly Lynch, Luke Pollard, Greg Smith, John Spellar, James Sunderland and Claudia Webbe

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

Members: Mike Amesbury, Sarah Atherton, Duncan Baker, Jack Brereton, Stella Creasy, Margaret Ferrier, Jonathan Gullis, Simon Jupp, David Linden, Jill Mortimer, Matt Rodda, Naz Shah, David Simmonds, Laura Trott, Valerie Vaz, Matt Vickers and James Wild

**18 Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committees Bill Committee**

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Gareth Bacon, Aaron Bell, Rob Butler, Chris Clarkson, Alex Davies-Jones, Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson, Mr Louie French, Rachel Hopkins, Mr Kevan Jones, Ian Levy, Robin Millar, Dr Andrew Murrison, Luke Pollard, Greg Smith, James Sunderland and Owen Thompson

**19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Adam Afriyie, Scott Benton, Rob Butler, Ian Byrne, Ashley Dalton, Samantha Dixon, Dr Luke Evans, Nick Fletcher, Amanda Milling, Joy Morrissey, Lia Nici, Taiwo Owatemi, Tom Randall, Karin Smyth, Amanda Solloway, Andrew Western and Dr Alan Whitehead

**20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Treasure (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2023 and draft Treasure Act 1996: Code of Practice (3rd Revision))**

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Simon Baynes, Rosie Duffield, Mary Kelly Foy, Jo Gideon, Luke Hall, John Howell, Eddie Hughes, Clive Lewis, Julia Lopez, Jack Lopresti, Sir Robert Neill, Ms Anum Qaisar, Mary Robinson, Jeff Smith, Christian Wakeford and Mike Wood

**21 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration, Investment, Charges and Governance) and Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Siobhan Baillie discharged and Holly Mumby-Croft nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports*

**22 Defence Committee**

*Work of the Minister for the Armed Forces*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 717) (Tobias Ellwood).

**23 Environmental Audit Committee**

*The financial sector and the UK's net zero transition*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 308) (Philip Dunne).

**24 European Scrutiny Committee**

(1) *Regulating after Brexit*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 125);

(2) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to an invitation to appear before the Committee*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir William Cash).

**25 Home Affairs Committee**

(1) *Work of the Home Office: Windrush*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1186);

(2) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the review of the Independent Office for Police Conduct*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to Tier-1 Investor Scheme Visas*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Diana Johnson).

**26 International Trade Committee**

*Correspondence from the Chair of the Trade Remedies Authority relating to Rebar anti-dumping measures*: Written evidence, to be published (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

**27 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 24) (Simon Hoare).

**28 Procedure Committee**

*Proxy voting: Review of illness and injury pilot*:

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 807);

(ii) Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 807)

(Karen Bradley).

**29 Science and Technology Committee**

(1) *Governance of artificial intelligence (AI)*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 945);

(2) *Correspondence with the Government Chief Scientific Adviser relating to her appointment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to Horizon Europe and Euratom association funding*: Written evidence, to be published

(Greg Clark).

**30 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)**

Twenty-ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xxvix) (Jessica Morden).

**31 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)**

Thirteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 5-xiii) (Jessica Morden).

**32 Transport Committee**

*Self-driving vehicles*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 519) (Iain Stewart).

**33 Treasury Committee**

(1) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 142);

(2) *Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority relating to the Office for Professional Body Anti-Money Laundering Supervision*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The venture capital market*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 134)

(Harriett Baldwin).

**34 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Benefits provision in the UK*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1126);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payment and the MH judgement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions relating to reciprocal pension arrangements*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Pensions Regulator relating to the Pension Plumbing Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 826);

(6) *Health assessments for benefits*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 128);

(7) *Plan for Jobs and employment support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 600)

(Sir Stephen Timms).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

**1 Financial security and inequality in the Caribbean**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered financial security and inequality in the Caribbean.—(*Clive Lewis*.)

**2 Genomics and national security**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered genomics and national security.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Future of the UK constitution and devolution**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of the UK constitution and devolution.—(*Bim Afolami*.)

At 4.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

**4 Sanctions and tariffs on Belarus and Russia**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered sanctions and tariffs on Belarus and Russia.—(*Siobhain McDonagh*.)

**5 Racial discrimination in schools**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered racial discrimination in schools.—(*Janet Daby*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.21 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Sea Fisheries**

Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 273), dated 7 March 2023 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)



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**2 Social Care**

Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 277), dated 6 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

**3 Social Security**

(1) Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 280), dated 7 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

(2) Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 266), dated 6 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

**Other papers****4 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development**

International Women and Girls Strategy 2023–2030 (by Command) (CP 812) (Secretary James Cleverly)

**5 Health and Social Care**

Report of Healthwatch England (by Act) (Maria Caulfield)

**6 National Audit**

(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Cabinet Office: Digital transformation in government: addressing the barriers to efficiency for 2023 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1171) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Twenty-eighth Report of the Public Accounts Commission: Work of the Commission in 2022 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1212) (Mr Richard Bacon)

**7 Welfare Reform and Work**

Report of the Supporting Families programme (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

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**CORRECTION**

Friday 24 February 2023

In Papers Laid, item 2 (Representation of the People) should have appeared under Other papers.