



# House of Commons

Wednesday 28 June 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland**
- 2 **Speaker's Statement: John Angeli OBE, Director of Parliamentary Broadcasting**
- 3 **Questions to the Prime Minister**
- 4 **Urgent Question: Financial resilience of the water industry (Rebecca Pow)**
- 5 **Ministerial Statements (1) Mental health in-patient services: improving safety (Secretary Steve Barclay)**  
(2) Childcare reform package (Claire Coutinho)

- 6 **Global Climate and Development Finance: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish proposals for increasing the on-lending of UK Special Drawing Rights via the IMF, for transferring the capital returned to the UK by the European Investment Bank to the World Bank, and for increasing the UK's support for the African Development Bank, for the purpose of reducing debt burdens and the cost of capital and contributing to the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change;

That Liam Byrne, Sarah Champion, Sir Stephen Timms, Tony Lloyd, Sir George Howarth, Clive Efford, Debbie Abrahams, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mike Amesbury and Patrick Grady present the Bill.

Liam Byrne accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 336).

- 7 **Holocaust Memorial Bill: Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Holocaust Memorial Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment moved, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House, while accepting the value of a national holocaust memorial, declines to give a Second Reading to the Holocaust Memorial Bill because no adequate reason has been given for seeking to build the memorial and learning centre in a long-established small public park, thereby contradicting the Government's own policies on environmental and

green space protection; because the Government has not implemented its 2015 promise to establish an endowment fund for Holocaust education, which would have spread the benefits of the learning centre around the country; because the proposed site is opposed by many in the Jewish community, including many Holocaust survivors; because there was no public consultation on the choice of site; and because there has been no consideration of alternatives to Victoria Tower Gardens since the criteria declared in September 2015 were set aside.'—(*Sir Peter Bottomley*.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

## 8 Deferred Divisions

The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

Education

That the Relationships and Sexuality Education (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6 June, be approved.

Division No. 275

Ayes: 373

Noes: 28

Question accordingly agreed to.

## 9 Holocaust Memorial Bill: Second Reading (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill read a second time.

## 10 Holocaust Memorial Bill: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Holocaust Memorial Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State.—(*Ruth Edwards*.)

Question agreed to.

## 11 Business of the House (Today)

*Resolved*, That in respect of—

(1) the Motions in the name of Secretary Michael Gove relating to

(a) the Holocaust Memorial Bill, and

(b) Positions for which additional salaries are payable for the purposes of section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009,

the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order (notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16(1) (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), in respect of item (b)); such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be

moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply; and

(2) the Motion in the name of Penny Mordaunt relating to Proxy Voting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on that Motion not later than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

## 12 Holocaust Memorial Bill: Committal

*Ordered,*

(1) That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of five members, all of whom are to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

(2) That in determining the composition of the Select Committee the Committee of Selection shall nominate three members from the Government and two members from opposition parties.

(3) That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

(a) any petition against the Bill submitted to the Private Bill Office during the period beginning at 10.00am on 29 June 2023 and ending at 5.00pm on 24 July 2023, and

(b) any petition which has been submitted to the Private Bill Office and in which the petitioners complain of—

(i) any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill,

(ii) any amendment as proposed by the member in charge of the Bill which, if the Bill were a private bill, could not be made except upon petition for additional provision, or

(iii) any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Select Committee,

(and references in this paragraph to the submission of a petition are to its submission electronically, by post or in person).

(4) That if no such petition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(a) above is presented, or if all such petitions are withdrawn before the meeting of the Committee, the order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

(5) That, notwithstanding the practice of the House that appearances on petitions against an opposed private bill be required to be entered at the first meeting of the Select Committee on the Bill, in the case of any such petitions as are mentioned in paragraph 3(a) above on which appearances are not entered at that meeting, the Select Committee shall appoint a later day or days on which it will require appearances on those petitions to be entered.

(6) That any petitioner whose petition stands referred to the Select Committee shall, subject to the rules and orders of the House and to the prayer of that person's petition, be entitled to be heard in person or through counsel or agents upon that person's petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the rules and orders of the House, and the member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard through counsel or agents in favour of the Bill against that petition.

(7) That the Select Committee shall require any hearing in relation to a petition mentioned in paragraph 6 above to take place in person, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

(8) That in applying the rules of the House in relation to parliamentary agents, any reference to a petitioner in person shall be treated as including a reference to a duly authorised member or officer of an organisation, group or body.

(9) That the Select Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House and to report from day to day the minutes of evidence taken before it.

(10) That three be the quorum of the Select Committee.—(*Felicity Buchan.*)

### 13 Holocaust Memorial Bill: Instruction

Motion made and Question proposed, That it be an instruction to the Select Committee to which the Holocaust Memorial Bill is committed to deal with the Bill as follows:

(1) That the Committee treats the principle of the Bill, as determined by the House on the Bill's Second Reading, as comprising the matters mentioned in paragraph 2; and those matters shall accordingly not be at issue during proceedings of the Committee.

(2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(a) the Secretary of State may incur expenditure for or in connection with (i) a memorial commemorating the victims of the Holocaust, and (ii) a centre for learning relating to the memorial; and

(b) section 8(1) and (8) of the London County Council (Improvements) Act 1900 are not to prevent, restrict or otherwise affect the construction, use, operation, maintenance or improvement of such a memorial and centre for learning at Victoria Tower Gardens in the City of Westminster.

(3) Given paragraph (2) and as the Bill does not remove the need for planning permission and all other necessary consents being obtained in the usual way for the construction, use, operation, maintenance and improvement of the memorial and centre for learning, the Committee shall not hear any petition against the Bill to the extent that the petition relates to—

(a) the question of whether or not there should be a memorial commemorating the victims of the Holocaust or a centre for learning relating to the memorial, whether at Victoria Tower Gardens or elsewhere; or

(b) whether or not planning permission and all other necessary consents should be given for the memorial and centre for learning, or the terms and conditions on which they should be given.

(4) The Committee shall have power to consider any amendments proposed by the member in charge of the Bill which, if the Bill were a private bill, could not be made except upon petition for additional provision.

(5) Paragraph (4) applies only so far as the amendments proposed by the member in charge of the Bill fall within the principle of the Bill as provided for by paragraphs (1) and (2) above.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.

Amendment moved, in line 9, to leave out from "memorial" to the end of line 13.—(*Sir Peter Bottomley.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 276

Ayes: 11 (Tellers: John Baron, Sir Christopher Chope)

Noes: 379 (Tellers: Stuart Anderson, Fay Jones)

Question accordingly negated.

Amendment moved, to leave out paragraph (3).—(*Sir Peter Bottomley*)

Question negated.

Main Question put and agreed to.

#### 14 Holocaust Memorial Bill: Carry-over

*Ordered*, That the following provisions shall apply in respect of the Holocaust Memorial Bill:

*Suspension at end of current Session*

(1) Further proceedings on the Bill shall be suspended from the day on which this Session of Parliament ends ("the current Session") until the next Session of Parliament ("Session 2023–24").

(2) If a Bill is presented in Session 2023–24 in the same terms as those in which the Bill stood when proceedings on it were suspended in the current Session—

(a) the Bill so presented shall be ordered to be printed and shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time;

(b) the Standing Orders and practice of the House applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with or dispensed with in the current Session, shall be deemed to have been complied with or (as the case may be) dispensed with in Session 2023–24;

(c) the Bill shall be dealt with in accordance with—

(i) paragraph 3, if proceedings in Select Committee were not completed when proceedings on the Bill were suspended,

(ii) paragraph 4, if proceedings in Public Bill Committee were begun but not completed when proceedings on the Bill were suspended,

(iii) paragraph 5, if the Bill was waiting to be considered when proceedings on it were suspended, (iv) paragraph 6, if the Bill was waiting for third reading when proceedings on it were suspended, or (v) paragraph 7, if the Bill has been read the third time and sent to the House of Lords.

(3) If this paragraph applies—

(a) the Bill shall stand committed to a Select Committee of such Members as were members of the Committee when proceedings on the Bill were suspended in the current Session;

(b) any instruction of the House to the Committee in the current Session shall be an instruction to the Committee on the Bill in Session 2023–24;

(c) all petitions submitted in the current Session which stand referred to the Committee and which have not been withdrawn, and any petition submitted between the day on which the current Session ends and the day on which proceedings on the Bill are resumed in Session 2023–24 in accordance with this Order, shall stand referred to the Committee in Session 2023–24;

(d) any minutes of evidence taken and any papers laid before the Committee in the current Session shall stand referred to the Committee in Session 2023–24;

(e) only those petitions mentioned in sub-paragraph (c), and any petition which may be submitted to the Private Bill Office and in which the petitioners complain of any amendment proposed by the member in charge of the Bill which, if the Bill were a private bill, could not be made except upon petition for additional provision or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Committee in Session 2023–24, shall stand referred to the Committee;

- (f) any petitioners whose petitions stand referred to the Committee in Session 2023–24 shall, subject to the rules and orders of the House, and to the prayer of that person's petition, be entitled to be heard in person or through counsel or agents upon that person's petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the rules and orders of the House, and the member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard through counsel or agents in favour of the Bill against that petition;
  - (g) the Committee shall require any hearing in relation to a petition mentioned in sub-paragraph (f) above to take place in person, unless exceptional circumstances apply;
  - (h) in applying the rules of the House in relation to parliamentary agents, any reference to a petitioner in person shall be treated as including a reference to a duly authorised member or officer of an organisation, group or body;
  - (i) the Committee shall have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House and to report from day to day minutes of evidence taken before it;
  - (j) three shall be the quorum of the Committee.
- (4) If this paragraph applies, the Bill shall be deemed to have been reported from the Select Committee and to have been re-committed to a Public Bill Committee.
- (5) If this paragraph applies—
- (a) the Bill shall be deemed to have been reported from the Select Committee and from the Public Bill Committee, and
  - (b) the Bill shall be set down as an order of the day for consideration.
- (6) If this paragraph applies—
- (a) the Bill shall be deemed to have been reported from the Select Committee and from the Public Bill Committee and to have been considered, and
  - (b) the Bill shall be set down as an order of the day for third reading.
- (7) If this paragraph applies, the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through all its stages in this House.

#### *Other*

- (8) In paragraph (3) above, references to the submission of a petition are to its submission electronically, by post or in person.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(*Felicity Buchan.*)

### **15 Positions for which additional salaries are payable for the purposes of section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009**

*Ordered*, That the Order of the House of 19 March 2013 (Positions for which additional salaries are payable for the purposes of section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009) be amended, in paragraph (1)(a), by inserting, in the appropriate place, "the Select Committee on the Holocaust Memorial Bill".—(*Felicity Buchan.*)

### **16 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

- (1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Brazil) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 22 May, be approved.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

- (2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (San Marino) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 22 May, be approved.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

## 17 Proxy voting

(1) *Resolved*, That this House—

(a) notes the Third Report from the Procedure Committee, on Proxy voting: Review of illness and injury pilot (HC 807), and, subject to paragraph (2) of this motion, approves the recommendations relating to extending the scheme on an ongoing basis and absences from the parliamentary estate in paragraphs 6, 7, 18 and 19 of that Report;

(b) endorses the proposals relating to the evidence required to obtain a proxy vote and the duration of such a vote set out in the letter dated 8 June from the Procedure Committee to the Leader of the House relating to arrangements for proxy voting for Members with a serious long-term illness or injury, and directs the Speaker to amend the scheme governing the operation of proxy voting in accordance with those proposals with effect from 11 September.

(2) *Ordered*, That the amendment to Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy) made by the Orders of 12 October 2022 (Voting by proxy (amendment and extension)) and 26 April 2023 (Voting by proxy (extension of pilot arrangements)) shall have effect for the duration of the present Parliament.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

## 18 House of Commons Commission (External member)

*Resolved*, That, in pursuance of section 1(2B) of the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978, as amended, Catherine Ward be appointed to the House of Commons Commission for a period of 18 months with immediate effect.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

## 19 Sittings in Westminster Hall

*Ordered*, That the following amendment to Standing Order No. 10 (Sittings in Westminster Hall) be made: in paragraph (2)(b), leave out “be between 9.30am and 2.30pm” and insert “begin at 11.30am, be suspended from 1.30pm till 4.30pm and may then continue for up to a further three hours”.—(*Fay Jones.*)

## 20 Standing Orders etc. (Independent Expert Panel)

*Ordered*, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 150A (Independent Expert Panel) be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (1), insert “and Chair” after “members”;

(b) in paragraph (2), leave out “eight” and insert “its Chair and seven other”; and

(c) in paragraph (4), leave out “The Panel may elect its own Chair.” and insert “If the position of Chair of the Panel becomes vacant, the Panel may elect an interim Chair for the period of vacancy, who shall be entitled to exercise all powers vested in a Chair appointed in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Order.”.

(2) Standing Order No. 150C (Appointment of Independent Expert Panel Members) be amended as follows:

(a) in the title, leave out “Members” and insert “Chair and members”;

(b) in paragraph (1), leave out “Members of the Independent Expert Panel shall be appointed by a resolution of the House on a motion” and insert “The members of the Independent Expert Panel shall be appointed by resolutions of the House on motions”;

(c) at the end of paragraph (5), insert “A member of the panel may apply to be appointed to the position of Chair for the remainder of their original period of appointment.”; and

(d) after paragraph (7), insert new paragraph as follows:



"() In this Order, the term "member" includes the Chair of the Panel, and provisions relating to period of appointment apply to the total length of service on the Panel in any capacity."—(*Penny Mordaunt*.)

## 21 Adjournment

Subject: Government preparedness for new covid-19 variants (*Neale Hanvey*)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Fay Jones*.)

At 7.00 pm the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

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

Adjourned at 7.11 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

## 22 Social Housing (Regulation) Bill [Lords]

The Lords agree to certain Commons Amendments to the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill [Lords], and they disagree to a Commons Amendment, but propose an Amendment in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

## 23 Financial Services and Markets Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Financial Services and Markets Bill, to which the Commons have disagreed; and they agree to the Commons Amendments in lieu.

### *Printing of Lords Messages*

## 24 Social Housing (Regulation) Bill [Lords]

Lords Message to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 337).

### *Changes to Notices Given*

## 25 Bill of Rights Bill

Order for Second Reading of the Bill of Rights Bill discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

### *General Committees: Reports*

## 26 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mrs Sheryll Murray (Chair) reported the draft Healthcare (International Arrangements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2023.



**27 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported the draft International Atomic Energy Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 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).*

**28 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Ian Byrne, Ruth Edwards, Mr Louie French, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Antony Higginbotham, Eddie Hughes, Andrea Jenkyns, David Linden, Navendu Mishra, Dr Kieran Mullan, Nicola Richards, Matt Rodda, John Spellar, Laura Trott, Matt Warman and James Wild

**29 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2023)**

Members: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Sara Britcliffe, Alan Brown, Richard Burgon, Sir Conor Burns, Dan Carden, Andy Carter, Kate Hollern, Kate Kniveton, Mr Jonathan Lord, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Joy Morrissey, Dr Matthew Offord, Taiwo Owatemi, Angela Richardson, Graham Stuart and Dr Alan Whitehead

**30 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2023 and draft African Development Bank (Sixteenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2023)**

Members: Fiona Bruce, Chris Elmore, Mr Marcus Fysh, Preet Kaur Gill, Rebecca Harris, Clive Lewis, John McDonnell, Cherilyn Mackrory, John McNally, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Alan Mak, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Dr Dan Poulter, Theresa Villiers, Suzanne Webb, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Mohammad Yasin

**31 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Lee Anderson, Saqib Bhatti, Theo Clarke, Dehenna Davison, Colleen Fletcher, Jane Hunt, Fay Jones, Kit Malthouse, Kate Osamor, Kate Osborne, Sarah Owen, Andrew Percy, Ms Marie Rimmer, Bob Seely, Mr Barry Sheerman, Nick Smith and Shailesh Vara

**32 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Anthony Browne, Miriam Cates, Jo Churchill, Damian Collins, Barry Gardiner, Mary Glendon, James Grundy, Ruth Jones, Chris Loder, Jill Mortimer, Rebecca Pow, Greg Smith, Julian Sturdy, Zarah Sultana, Sam Tarry, Jon Trickett and Valerie Vaz

**33 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Consumer Rights Act 2015 (Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2023)**

Members: Paul Blomfield, Steven Bonnar, Liam Byrne, Stella Creasy, Virginia Crosbie, Gareth Davies, Mrs Flick Drummond, Paul Howell, Mr David Jones, Robbie Moore, Abena Oppong-Asare, Royston Smith, Andrew Stephenson, Bob Stewart, Edward Timpson, Liz Twist and Mick Whitley

**34 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Limit on Government Assistance) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Hilary Benn, Kevin Brennan, Jon Cruddas, Chris Elmore, Preet Kaur Gill, Mrs Helen Grant, Luke Hall, Rebecca Harris, Sally-Ann Hart, Gareth Johnson, Kim Leadbeater, Cherilyn Mackrory, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Kirsten Oswald, John Penrose, Justin Tomlinson and Matt Vickers

*Select Committees: Reports*

**35 Business and Trade Committee**

*The Post Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1501) (Darren Jones).

**36 European Scrutiny Committee**

*PESCO and UK-EU Defence Cooperation*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1347) (Sir William Cash).

**37 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Youth vaping*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1580);

(2) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State relating to the future of Mpox*: Written evidence, to be published

(Steve Brine).

**38 Home Affairs Committee**

(1) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to her oral evidence on 14 June*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Home Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *National Crime Agency Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Diana Johnson).

**39 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

(1) *The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 781);

(2) *The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1165)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

**40 Privileges (Committee of)**

*Matter referred on 21 April 2022: Co-ordinated campaign of interference in the work of the Privileges Committee: First Special Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1652) (Ms Harriet Harman).*

**41 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee**

*Emerging diseases and learnings from covid-19: Written evidence, to be published (HC1303) (Greg Clark).*

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

Forty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xlii) (Jessica Morden).

**43 Transport Committee**

*National Networks National Policy Statement: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 903) (Iain Stewart).*

**44 Treasury Committee**

(1) *Work of the Sub-Committee on Financial Services Regulations: Eighteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 952-ii);*

(2) *Correspondence from Chief Economist, Bank of England, relating to inflation forecasting: Written evidence, to be published (Harriett Baldwin).*

**45 Welsh Affairs Committee**

*Broadcasting in Wales: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 620) (Stephen Crabb).*

**46 Women and Equalities Committee**

(1) *Black maternal health: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1611);*

(2) *Misogyny in music: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 317);*

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, relating to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Written evidence, to be published (Caroline Nokes).*

**47 Work and Pensions Committee**

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

(2) *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 Mortgage prisoners**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered mortgage prisoners.—(*Martin Docherty-Hughes*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.49 am and 11.00 am.*

**2 Environmental impacts of Rosebank oilfield**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the environmental impacts of Rosebank oilfield.—(*Caroline Lucas*.)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

*The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Anniversary of the Hong Kong National Security Law**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the anniversary of the Hong Kong National Security Law.—(*Sir Iain Duncan Smith*.)

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

**4 Great British Nuclear**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Great British Nuclear.—(*Virginia Crosbie*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.17 pm and 4.30 pm*

**5 In-work poverty**

Motion made and question proposed, That this House has considered in-work poverty.—(*Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi*.)

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

At 5.30 pm the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Environmental Protection

Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 2 Agriculture

Direct Payments to Farmers (Eligible Hectares and Afforested Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 718), dated 28 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

#### 3 Local Government

(1) Draft Cannock Chase (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft North Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

### Other papers

#### 4 Budget Responsibility and National Audit

Report and Accounts of the National Audit Office for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1515) (Clerk of the House)

#### 5 Climate Change

2023 Progress Report to Parliament by the Committee on Climate Change: Reducing emissions (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

#### 6 Crown Estate

Integrated Report and Accounts of The Crown Estate for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1430) (Clerk of the House)

#### 7 Defence

(1) Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 28 June 2023, concerning a contingent liability in respect of the Personal Accident Scheme for the Armed Forces (by Command) (Dr Andrew Morrison)

(2) Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 28 June 2023, concerning contingent liabilities in respect of the Astute Replacement Programme (by Command) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

#### 8 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall (Accounts)

Integrated Report and Accounts of the Duchy of Cornwall for 2022–23 (by Act) (Gareth Davies)

**9 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate Office for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1357) (Gareth Davies)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Export Credit Guarantee Department (UK Export Finance) for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1354) (Victoria Atkins)

**10 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: The government's resources and waste reforms for England (by Act), to be printed (HC 1513) (Clerk of the House)

**11 National Lottery**

Report and Accounts of Arts Council England Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1509) (Sir John Whittingdale)

**12 Parliamentary Constituencies**

(1) Boundary Commission for England: 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies (Vol. I, II and III) (by Act) (The Speaker)

(2) Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland: 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies (by Act) (The Speaker)

(3) Boundary Commission for Scotland: 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies (by Act) (The Speaker)

(4) Boundary Commission for Wales: 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies (by Act) (The Speaker)

**13 Pensions**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Command) (Laura Trott)

**14 Sovereign Grant**

Report and Accounts of the Sovereign Grant and Sovereign Grant Reserve for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1447) (Gareth Davies)

Withdrawn papers

**15 Pensions**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (laid 8 June)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

### VOTING BY PROXY

#### **16 Variation of proxy voting arrangements**

(1) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Theo Clarke has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 30 July.

(2) The Speaker has certified, 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 period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.

(3) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Tony Lloyd has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement. His period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.

(4) The Speaker has certified, 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 period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.

(5) The Speaker has certified, 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 period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.

(6) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Ms Diane Abbott has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.