



# House of Commons

Tuesday 4 July 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 **Urgent Question: Violence in the West Bank (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)**
- 3 **Republic of Somaliland (Recognition): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require His Majesty's Government to recognise formally the Republic of Somaliland; to make provision in connection with the establishing of diplomatic relations with the Republic of Somaliland; and for connected purposes;

That Sir Gavin Williamson, Mr Clive Betts, Sir Robert Buckland, Dr Lisa Cameron, Alun Cairns, John Spellar, Ian Paisley, Alec Shelbrooke, Paul Blomfield, Alexander Stafford and Kim Johnson present the Bill.

Sir Gavin Williamson accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 341).

- 4 **Estimates Day (Standing Order No. 54(2) and Resolutions, 20 June and 26 June) (4th Allotted Day)**

(1) Department for Work and Pensions

Subject for debate: The spending of the Department for Work and Pensions

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024, for expenditure by the Department for Work and Pensions:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £88,727,809,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1383 of Session 2022–23,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £571,264,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £89,293,628,000, 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.—(*Guy Opperman*.)

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

(2) Ministry of Justice

Subject for debate: The spending of the Ministry of Justice on His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024, for expenditure by the Ministry of Justice:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £6,418,705,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1383 of Session 2022–23,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £1,528,277,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £7,350,811,000, 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.—(*Scott Mann.*)

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

**5 Changes to membership of select committees**

*Ordered*, That Dr Jamie Wallis be discharged from the Women and Equalities Committee and Lia Nici be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

**6 Adjournment**

Subject: Winnie Ewing (Ian Blackford)

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

Adjourned at 5.46 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Petitions presented informally*

**7 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of Irchester, Northamptonshire, and the surrounding areas relating to Irchester village's post box installation was presented by Mr Peter Bone.

### *General Committees: Reports*

**8 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Committee**

Dame Maria Miller (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

**9 Victims and Prisoners Bill**

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

**10 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) 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).*

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

Members: Justin Tomlinson discharged and Sara Britcliffe nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***12 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 4 July to be published (Ian Mearns).

**13 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *Valedictory session with the outgoing Chair of the Trade Remedies Authority*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1672);

(2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to a Government loan to Celsa Steel*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mark Pawsey).

**14 Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

*Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Media Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1287) (Dame Caroline Dinanage).

**15 Defence Committee**

(1) *Defence and Climate Change*: Eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 179);

(2) *Work of the Chief of Defence Staff*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1689);

(3) *Defence Equipment and Support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1099)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

**16 Education Committee**

(1) *The Future of post-16 qualifications: Government response to the Committee's Third Report*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1673);

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

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

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 17 July 2023

**17 \*Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

*Pet welfare and abuse*: Oral evidence to be published (HC 1123) (Sir Robert Goodwill).

**18 Foreign Affairs Committee**

(1) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Hong Kong*: Written evidence, to be published

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

(Alicia Kearns).

**19 Finance Committee**

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 4 July, to be published (Mrs Sharon Hodgson).

**20 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Assisted dying/assisted suicide*: Written and oral evidence, to be published (HC 711);

(2) *Correspondence with the National Director of Policy for Compassion & Choices relating to United States medical-aid-in-dying laws*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Youth vaping*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1580)

(Steve Brine).

**21 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (Select Committee on the)**

*High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1136) (Andrew Percy).

**22 International Development Committee**

(1) *FCDO's approach to sexual and reproductive health*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1216);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the British International Investment (BII) Statutory Instrument*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the public appointments of Independent Commission for Aid Impact Commissioners and pre-appointment scrutiny annex*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Development and Africa relating to World Health Organisation (WHO) handling of allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse in the 2018–20 Ebola response in the DRC*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mrs Pauline Latham).

**23 Liaison Committee**

(1) *The work of the Prime Minister*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1602);

(2) *Correspondence from the Prime Minister relating to the declaration of relevant non-registerable interests*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Bernard Jenkin).

#### 24 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

*The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1165) (Sir Robert Buckland).

#### 25 Petitions Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's decision relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published

(Catherine McKinnell).

#### 26 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Work of the Commissioner for Public Appointments*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1577);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the UK Statistics Authority relating to the State of the Statistical System Report 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3); *Correspondence from the Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary relating to the publication of 2022 Civil Service People Survey demographic results*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Electoral Commission relating to an initial analysis of the implementation of the voter ID requirement at the May 2023 local elections*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman relating to the PHSO Report, Broken trust: Making patient safety more than just a promise*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr William Wragg).

#### 27 Standards (Committee on)

*All-Party Parliamentary Groups: final proposals: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2022–23: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1706) (Sir Chris Bryant).

#### 28 Transport Committee

*Fuelling the future: motive power and connectivity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 159) (Iain Stewart)

#### 29 Treasury Committee

(1) *Regional imbalances*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1666);

(2) *Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority relating to Odey Asset Management*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The Edinburgh Reforms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1079)

(Harriett Baldwin).

*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 Srebrenica Memorial Week**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Srebrenica Memorial Week.—(*Yasmin Qureshi*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.51 am and 11.00 am.*

**2 Replacement of the A5036 Park Lane footbridge**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the replacement of the A5036 Park Lane footbridge.—(*Peter Dowd*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.23 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Public access to defibrillators**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered public access to defibrillators.—(*Abena Oppong-Asare*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.48 pm and 4.00 pm.*

**4 Levelling up in the South West**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered levelling up in the South West.—(*Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger*.)

At 4.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

**5 Human-specific medical research techniques**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered human-specific medical research techniques.—(*Steve McCabe*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.15 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Agriculture**

Fruit and Vegetables Aid Scheme Closure (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 743), dated 3 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

**2 Justices of the Peace**

Justices' Allowances (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 737), dated 29 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

**3 Legal Aid and Advice**

Criminal and Civil Legal Aid (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 745), dated 3 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

**4 Payment Scheme**

Victims' Payments (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 742), dated 3 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

**Other papers****5 Independent Expert Panel**

Report by the Independent Expert Panel: The Conduct of David Warburton (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 1690) (Clerk of the House)

**6 Legal Services**

Report and Accounts of the Office for Legal Complaints for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1488) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

**7 National Health Service**

(1) Report and Accounts of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(2) Report and Accounts of University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

**8 Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan)**

Report and Accounts of the Independent Reporting Commission for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1510) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

**9 Public Processions (Northern Ireland)**

Report and Financial Statements of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1525) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

**10 Work and Pensions**

Hand-arm vibration syndrome and assessment of vibration exposure (by Command) (CP 868) (Secretary Mel Stride)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

### VOTING BY PROXY

#### **1 Variation of proxy voting arrangement**

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Gareth Davies has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy voting arrangement. His nominated proxy will be Mr Marcus Jones with effect from 5 July.