



House of Commons

Wednesday 5 July 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales**
- 2 **Speaker's Statement: 75th anniversary of the founding of the NHS**
- 3 **Questions to the Prime Minister**
- 4 **Safety cameras: 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 revised guidance on the deployment, visibility and signing of speed and red-light cameras for traffic enforcement; to require that guidance to include amended site selection criteria for safety cameras, including a lower threshold for the number of collisions in which a person is killed or seriously injured; to require that guidance to provide for a process by which local communities can express support for the installation of safety cameras in areas of concern; and for connected purposes;

That Mark Eastwood, Jonathan Gullis, James Daly, Nick Fletcher, Kim Leadbeater, Shaun Bailey, Jane Hunt, Scott Benton, Ben Everitt, Jason McCartney and Katherine Fletcher present the Bill.

Mark Eastwood accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 342).

- 5 **Estimates Day (Standing Order No. 54(2) and Resolutions, 20 June and 26 June) (5th Allotted Day)**

(1) Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Subject for debate: The spending of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero on energy infrastructure

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024, for expenditure by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £11,749,854,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1383 of Session 2022–23,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £3,525,935,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £3,200,982,000.—(*Andrew Bowie.*)

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

(2) Department for Education

Subject for debate: The spending of the Department for Education on adult education, post-16 education, further education and colleges

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024, for expenditure by the Department for Education:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £42,894,465,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1383 of Session 2022–23,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £22,809,063,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £62,518,154,000, 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.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

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

6 Suspension of sitting

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until 7.00 pm.

7 Main Estimates (Questions Deferred)

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

(1) Department for Work and Pensions (Question deferred, 4 July)

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.

Question agreed to.

(2) Ministry of Justice (Question deferred, 4 July)

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.

Question agreed to.

(3) Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (Question deferred, today)

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024, for expenditure by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £11,749,854,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1383 of Session 2022–23,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £3,525,935,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £3,200,982,000.

Question agreed to.

(4) Department for Education (Question deferred, today)

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024, for expenditure by the Department for Education:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £42,894,465,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1383 of Session 2022–23,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £22,809,063,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £62,518,154,000, 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 Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 55).

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £260,944,202,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 1253, HC 1297, HC 1366, HC 1371, HC 1380, HC 1383 and HC 1385 of Session 2022–23,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £70,718,410,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £290,156,315,000, 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.—(*Victoria Atkins*.)

Question agreed to.

9 Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) (No. 2) Bill: Motion to bring in a Bill

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Main Estimates, 2023–24;

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

Victoria Atkins accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the year ending with 31 March 2024; to authorise both the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund and the application of income for that year; and to appropriate the supply authorised for that year by this Act and by the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act 2023.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 343).

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 23 May, be approved.—(*Scott Mann*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 24 May, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 7 June, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 8 June, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 22 May, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft African Development Bank (Sixteenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 23 May, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Financial markets and monetary policy (Sir Robert Syms)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Adjourned at 7.26 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

The Lords do not insist on an Amendment to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and propose an Amendment in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; and they do not insist on certain other Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed.

13 National Security Bill

The Lords do not insist on an Amendment to the National Security Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and they agree with the Commons in their Amendment in lieu, and they do not insist on another Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed.

14 Finance (No. 2) Bill

The Lords agree to the Finance (No. 2) Bill without amendment.

*Printing of Lords Amendments***15 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill**

Lords Message in relation to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 344).

*Changes to Notices Given***16 Roadworks (Regulation) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 7 July, read and discharged.

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

17 Covid-19 Vaccine Damage Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 7 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 July.

18 Green Belt (Protection) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 7 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 July.

*General Committees: Reports***19 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Esther McVey (Chair) reported the draft Consumer Rights Act 2015 (Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2023.

20 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Limits on Government Assistance) 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).

21 First Delegated Legislation Committee (The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 665))

Chair: Graham Stringer

Members: Hilary Benn, Olivia Blake, Dan Carden, Stephen Doughty, Chris Elmore, Vicky Ford, Mary Kelly Foy, Rebecca Harris, John Howell, Daniel Kawczynski, Stewart Malcolm McDonald, Cherilyn Mackrory, Amanda Milling, Damien Moore, Sir Mike Penning, David Simmonds and Anne-Marie Trevelyan

22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 704))

Chair: Sir Graham Brady

Members: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Amy Callaghan, Miriam Cates, Alberto Costa, Marsha De Cordova, Andrew Griffith, Paul Howell, Kate Kniveton, David Morris, Jill Mortimer, Tom Randall, Tulip Siddiq, John Spellar, Andrew Stephenson, John Stevenson, Liz Twist and Andrew Western

23 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Tobacco and Related Products (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Carolyn Harris

Members: Nickie Aiken, Sarah Atherton, Gareth Bacon, Ian Byrne, Andrew Gwynne, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Fay Jones, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Jason McCartney, Rachael Maskell, Charlotte Nichols, Neil O'Brien, Gary Sambrook, Selaine Saxby, Royston Smith, Derek Thomas and Christian Wakeford

24 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2023)

Chair: Sir Robert Syms

Members: Peter Aldous, Shaun Bailey, Crispin Blunt, Kevin Brennan, Richard Burgon, Robert Courts, Martyn Day, George Eustice, Margaret Greenwood, Emma Hardy, Sally-Ann Hart, Paul Holmes, Jane Hunt, Robert Jenrick, Gerald Jones, Stephen Kinnock and Scott Mann

25 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Industrial Training-Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2023)

Chair: Mr Virendra Sharma

Members: Richard Drax, Michael Fabricant, Simon Fell, Mary Glendon, Chris Green, Robert Halfon, Darren Henry, Kate Hollern, Kim Johnson, Ian Lavery, John McDonnell, Joy Morrissey, Kate Osamor, Sir Desmond Swayne, Edward Timpson, Suzanne Webb and Matt Western

26 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Martin Vickers

Members: Ruth Cadbury, Theo Clarke, Jonathan Gullis, Sir John Hayes, Kevin Hollinrake, Kim Leadbeater, Brandon Lewis, Clive Lewis, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Paul Maynard, Wendy Morton, Kate Osborne, Mary Robinson, Kelly Tolhurst, Christian Wakeford, Mike Wood and Mohammad Yasin

Select Committees: Reports

27 Business and Trade Committee

Food and fuel price inflation: Will prices come down this year?: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1595) (Darren Jones).

28 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Women's sport: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1205) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

29 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Correspondence from the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

30 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Outdoor and indoor air quality targets:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1411);

(2) *Enabling sustainable electrification of the UK economy:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1410)

(Philip Dunne).

31 European Scrutiny Committee

Negotiations with the European Union in respect of Gibraltar: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 124) (Sir William Cash).

32 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Human trafficking:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1142);

(2) *Correspondence from Full Fact relating to the use of statistics by the Home Office:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to the Home Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1359)

(Dame Diana Johnson).

33 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Human rights at work: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1161) (Joanna Cherry).

34 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 781) (Sir Robert Goodwill).

35 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *UK space strategy and UK satellite infrastructure: reviewing the licencing regime for launch:* Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 100);

(2) *The work of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1613);

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to the appointment of Sir Patrick Vallance as Non-Executive Director for the Advanced Research and Invention Agency:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Emerging diseases and learnings from covid-19:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1303)

(Greg Clark).

36 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

37 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

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

38 Transport Committee

(1) *Work of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 816);

(2) *Work of the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1645)

(Iain Stewart).

39 Treasury Committee

Inflation: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1667) (Harriett Baldwin).

40 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Wales as a global tourist destination*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 220);

(2) *Nuclear energy in Wales: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1656);

(3) *Welsh fiscal framework*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1565);

(4) *University research funding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1261)

(Stephen Crabb).

41 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *National Disability Strategy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 241);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to Equality Hub restructure*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Menopause and the workplace*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 91);

(4) *Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 852)

(Caroline Nokes).

42 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report*: Seventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 1675);

(2) *Cost of living support payments*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1277)

(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 Criminalisation of victims of violence against women from ethnic minority and migrant communities

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the criminalisation of victims of violence against women from ethnic minority and migrant communities.—(Kate Osamor.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.41 am and 11.00 am.

2 Potential merits of Government support for the 200th anniversary of Robert Stephenson and Company, Newcastle

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of Government support for the 200th anniversary of Robert Stephenson and Company, Newcastle.—(Chi Onwurah.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.24 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Freehold and leasehold reform in England

Resolved, That this House has considered freehold and leasehold reform in England.—(Gareth Johnson.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.48 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Thornbury Health Centre

Resolved, That this House has considered Thornbury Health Centre.—(Luke Hall.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.23 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Potential merits of removing the caps on charity lottery fundraising

Resolved, That this House has considered potential merits of removing the caps on charity lottery fundraising.—(Wendy Morton.)

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

Adjourned at 5.25 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Family Provision

Administration of Estates Act 1925 (Fixed Net Sum) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 758), dated 5 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

2 Social Security

Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 751), dated 4 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

3 Taxes

Taxes (Base Erosion and Profit Shifting) (Country-by-Country Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 752), dated 4 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

4 Town and Country Planning

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 747), dated 3 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Rachel Maclean)

Other papers

5 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on cross-government: Lessons learned: Cross-government working (by Act), to be printed (HC 1659) (Clerk of the House)

6 Health and Social Care

Government response to the Adult Social Care Committee report on A "gloriously ordinary life": spotlight on adult social care (by Command) (CP 885) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

7 Prison

Report of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1451) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

8 Agriculture

Explanatory Memorandum to the Direct Payments to Farmers (Eligible Hectares and Afforested Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 718) (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

Withdrawn papers**9 Agriculture**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Direct Payments to Farmers (Eligible Hectares and Afforested Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 laid 28 June 2023.

CORRECTIONS

Monday 26 June 2023

Item 8 should have read:

Estimates (Liaison Committee Recommendation)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 145(3)), That this House agrees with the Report of the Liaison Committee of 22 June:

(1) That a day not later than 5 August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for financial year 2023–24: Department for Work and Pensions; and Ministry of Justice, insofar as it relates to His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service; and

(2) That a further day not later than 5 August be allotted for consideration of the following Estimates for financial year 2023–24: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, insofar as it relates to energy infrastructure; and Department for Education, insofar as it relates to adult education, post-16 education, further education and colleges.—
(Steve Double.)

Question agreed to.

Thursday 29 June 2023

Item 13 should have read:

Energy Bill [Lords] Committee

Virendra Sharma (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee;

(2) the Bill as amended.

Title amended as follows: Bill to make provision about energy production and security and the regulation of the energy market, including provision about the licensing of carbon dioxide transport and storage; about commercial arrangements for carbon capture and storage and for hydrogen production and transportation; about new technology, including low-carbon heat schemes and hydrogen grid trials; about the Independent System Operator and Planner; about gas and electricity industry codes; about financial support for persons carrying on energy-intensive activities; about heat networks; about energy smart appliances and load control; about the energy performance of premises; about energy savings opportunity schemes; about the resilience of the core fuel sector; about offshore energy production, including environmental protection, licensing and decommissioning; about the civil nuclear sector, including the Civil Nuclear Constabulary and pensions; and for connected purposes.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Monday 3 July; and to be printed (Bill 340).