



# House of Commons

Thursday 20 July 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Summer adjournment and thanks to staff of the House and the Parliamentary Digital Service**
- 2 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport  
(2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission**
- 3 **Suspension of sitting**  
The Speaker suspended the sitting until 10.30 am.
- 4 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 5 **Statement: Tata Group gigafactory investment (Ms Nusrat Ghani)**
- 6 **Backbench Business**  
Sir David Amess Summer Adjournment Debate  
Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment.—(*Ian Mearns.*)
- 7 **Royal Assent**  
The Deputy Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:
  - Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Act 2023
  - Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023
  - Child Support (Enforcement) Act 2023
  - Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023
  - Illegal Migration Act 2023
  - Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023
  - Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023

**8 Backbench Business (resumed)**

Sir David Amess Summer Adjournment Debate

The House resumed the debate.

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

Question put and agreed to.

**9 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to car parking charges was presented and read by Peter Gibson.

**10 Adjournment**

Subject: Proposed closure of Scunthorpe station ticket office (Holly Mumby-Croft)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mike Wood.)

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until Monday 4 September (Order, 12 July).

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

**11 Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords]**

The Lords agree without amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords].

**12 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill**

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed.

### *Select Committees: Reports*

**13 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 7 September in the Chamber and Thursday 7 September, Tuesday 12 September, Thursday 14 September and Tuesday 19 September in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

**14 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business relating to the Groceries Code Adjudicator*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for International Trade relating to the UK's accession to CPTPP*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with McDonalds relating to employment practices*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *The performance of investment zones and freeports in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1492)

(Darren Jones).

#### 15 Liaison Committee

*Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to Parliamentary scrutiny of institutions with devolved powers*: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Internal market

Draft United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Services Exclusions) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

#### 2 Town and Country Planning

Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Rachel Maclean)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 3 Consumer Protection

Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 836), dated 19 July 2023 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

#### 4 Education

Education (Designated Institutions in Further Education) (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 825), dated 18 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Gibb)

#### 5 National Health Service

National Health Service (Ophthalmic Services and Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 848), dated 20 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Neil O'Brien)

#### 6 Public Service Pensions

Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 843), dated 19 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

**7 Road Traffic**

M621 Motorway (Off Side Lane Prohibition Disapplication) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 840), dated 19 July 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

**8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge**

Statute, dated 9 March 2021, made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the University (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Gillian Keegan)

**Other papers****9 Building and Buildings**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Building Safety (Leaseholder Protections etc.) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

**10 Cabinet Office**

Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Central Government (by Command) (CP 900) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

**11 Communications**

Eleventh Report on the Secretary of State's functions by the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology for the period 29 December 2020–19 December 2022 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1776) (Secretary Michelle Donelan)

**12 Constitutional Reform and Governance**

Annual Report on Special Advisers for 2023 (by Act) (Baroness Neville-Rolfe)

**13 Energy**

Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1522) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**14 Financial Services (Banking Reform)**

Report and Accounts of the Payment Systems Regulator Limited for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1544) (Andrew Griffith)

**15 Financial Services and Markets**

Report and Accounts of the Financial Conduct Authority for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1578) (Andrew Griffith)

**16 Gambling**

Report and Accounts of the Gambling Commission for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1211) (Stuart Andrew)

**17 Government Resources and Accounts**

- (1) Report and Accounts of Defence Equipment and Support for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1528) (Secretary Ben Wallace)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1585) (Secretary Mark Harper)
- (3) Report and Accounts of Government Legal Department (GLD) for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1279) (The Attorney General)
- (4) Report and Accounts of HM Treasury for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1467) (Gareth Davies)
- (5) Report and Accounts of Ministry of Defence for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1468) (Victoria Atkins)
- (6) Report and Accounts of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1463) (Victoria Atkins)
- (7) Report and Accounts of the Department for Transport for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1476) (Victoria Atkins)
- (8) Report and Accounts of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1503) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)
- (9) Report and Accounts of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1744) (Secretary Mark Harper)
- (10) Whole of Government Accounts for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1588) (John Glen)

**18 Home Office**

From harm to hope: a 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives: First Annual Report (by Command) (CP 906) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

**19 Human Tissue**

Report and Accounts of the Human Tissue Authority for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1625) (Clerk of the House)

**20 Infrastructure**

Report to Parliament of the National Highways' Performance 2022–2023 (by Act) (Secretary Mark Harper)

**21 Justice**

- (1) Domestic Homicide Sentencing Review: Government Response to the Independent Review by Clare Wade KC (by Command) (CP 872) (Secretary Alex Chalk)
- (2) Report on the implementation of Law Commission recommendations (by Command) (CP 891) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

## **22 Levelling Up Housing and Communities**

Government Response to the First Report of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee on the Regulation of Social Housing (by Command) (CP 878) (Secretary Michael Gove)

## **23 National Health Service**

(1) Report and Accounts of Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(2) Report and Accounts of Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(3) Report and Accounts of Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(4) Report and Accounts of NHS Blood and Transplant for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1651) (Neil O'Brien)

(5) Report and Accounts of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(6) Report and Accounts of Stockport NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

## **24 Northern Ireland**

(1) Department of Finance Superannuation and Other Allowances Pension Schemes Statement for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1622) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(2) Legal Services Agency Northern Ireland for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1619) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(3) Report and Accounts for Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1620) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(4) Report and Accounts of Department of Health for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1638) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(5) Report and Accounts of Department of Justice for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1589) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(6) Report and Accounts of Forensic Science Northern Ireland for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1598) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(7) Report and Accounts of the Department for Communities for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1601) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(8) Report and Accounts of the Department of Finance for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1621) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(9) Report and Accounts of the Department of Infrastructure for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1623) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(10) Report and Accounts of the Driver and Vehicle Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1624) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(11) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1628) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(12) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1615) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(13) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Judicial Pensions Scheme for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1616) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(14) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1617) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

(15) Report and Accounts of the Youth Justice Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1618) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

## **25 Police**

(1) Code of Practice on Police Information and Records Management (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

(2) Vetting Code of Practice (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

## **26 Railways and Transport Safety**

Report and Accounts of the British Transport Police Fund for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1498) (Secretary Mark Harper)

## **27 Sovereign Grant**

(1) Memorandum of Understanding on Royal Taxation (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

(2) Report of the Royal Trustees on the Sovereign Grant Review 2023 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

## **28 Work and Pensions**

Public Consultation: Occupational Health: Working Better (by Command) (CP 880) (Secretary Mel Stride)

## **Withdrawn papers**

## **29 Building and Buildings**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Building Safety (Leaseholder Protections etc.) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (laid 12 June)

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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 Lucy Allan has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy voting arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.