



House of Commons

Tuesday 19 September 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero**
- 2 **Urgent Questions: (1) Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete: school building closures (Secretary Gillian Keegan)**
(2) West Coast Mainline franchise (Jesse Norman)
- 3 **Statements: (1) Afghan resettlement update (Johnny Mercer)**
(2) Birmingham City Council (Secretary Michael Gove)
- 4 **Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the Third Special Report of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee, The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' response times to the Committee's reports, HC 1813 (Mr Clive Betts)**
- 5 **Import of Dogs: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the import of puppies under six months; to prohibit the import of pregnant dogs in specified circumstances; to prohibit the import of dogs with cropped ears or docked tails; and for connected purposes;
That Elliot Colburn, Nick Fletcher, Caroline Nokes, Selaine Saxby, Aaron Bell, Matt Vickers, Dr Neil Hudson, Sir Robert Buckland, Cat Smith, Patricia Gibson, Sarah Champion and John McDonnell present the Bill.
Elliot Colburn accordingly presented the Bill.
Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 368).
- 6 **Backbench Business**
Matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment
Resolved, That this House has considered matters to be raised before the forthcoming adjournment.—(*Bob Blackman.*)
- 7 **Public petitions**
(1) A public petition from residents of Hornsey and Wood Green relating to face-to-face banking services was presented and read by Catherine West.

(2) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to travel costs support for young cancer patients was presented and read by Amy Callaghan.

(3) A public petition from residents of Deal and Walmer relating to phlebotomy services was presented and read by Mrs Natalie Elphicke.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Ann Clwyd (Beth Winter)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra*.)

Adjourned at 6.52 pm until Monday 16 October (Order, 12 July).

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Online Safety Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Online Safety Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; they agree to the Commons Amendments in lieu; they agree to the Commons Amendments; and they agree to the Commons consequential Amendment.

Changes to Notices Given

10 Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 22 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20 October.

11 Working Time Regulations (Amendment) Bill

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20 October.

Select Committees: Reports

12 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *The work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1837);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for International Trade to Committees on Arms Export Controls Chairs relating to the Licensing for International Trade system for export licensing*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *Export-led growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1429);

(5) *The Post Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1501)

(Mark Pawsey).

13 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *Draft Media Bill: Final Report*: Thirteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1807);
 - (2) *NFTs and the Blockchain: the risks to sport and culture*: Fourteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 598)
 - (3) *Football Governance: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report*: Eleventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 1850);
 - (4) *Creator remuneration*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1808);
 - (5) *Correspondence relating to standards of behaviour in media*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *Gambling regulation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1010);
 - (7) *The work of ITV*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1441)
- (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

14 Defence Committee

- (1) *It is broke — and it's time to fix it: The UK's defence procurement system: Government response to the Committee's Ninth Report*: Eighth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1854);
 - (2) *Service accommodation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1749)
- (John Spellar).

15 Education Committee

- (1) *Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance: Government response to the Committee's Fourth Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1848);
 - (2) *Unsafe concrete in education settings*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1817);
 - (3) *Ofsted's work with schools*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1507);
 - (4) *Persistent absence and support for disadvantaged pupils*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 970);
 - (5) *Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1248);
 - (6) *Teacher recruitment, training and retention*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1207)
- (Mr Robin Walker).

16 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *Preparing for the winter*:
 - (i) First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1720);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC1720);
 - (2) *A flexible grid for the future*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1722);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

17 Foreign Affairs Committee

Recent coups in West Africa and the Sahel region: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1830) (Alicia Kearns).

18 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).

19 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Mental health: right care, right person:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1836);

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

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

(4) *Correspondence to the Secretary of State:* Written evidence, to be published (Steve Brine).

20 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence from the Chair of the Brook House Inquiry: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Diana Johnson).

21 Liaison Committee

Correspondence with Lord Gardiner of Kimble relating to Parliamentary scrutiny of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

22 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

PSNI data breaches: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1791) (Simon Hoare).

23 Transport Committee

(1) *Minimum service levels for rail:*

(i) Eighth Report to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1153);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 1153);

(2) *Accessible transport: legal obligations:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 580);

(3) *Future of transport data:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1646);

(4) *Strategic transport objectives:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1647)

(Iain Stewart)

24 Work and Pensions Committee

Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive relating to reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete: Written evidence, to be published (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 Freedom of religion and belief

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered freedom of religion and belief.—(*Fiona Bruce.*)

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)).

Resolved, That this House has considered freedom of religion and belief.

2 Environmental performance of South West Water

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the environmental performance of South West Water.—(*Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger.*)

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 Proposed merger of Three UK and Vodafone

Resolved, That this House has considered the proposed merger of Three UK and Vodafone.—(*Navendu Mishra.*)

The sitting was suspended between 3.31 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Role and future of youth programmes and Girlguiding

Resolved, That this House has considered the role and future of youth programmes and Girlguiding.—(*Dame Caroline Dinenage.*)

5 Impact of increases in the cost of living on further and higher education students

Motion made and the Question proposed, That this House has considered the impact of increases in the cost of living on further and higher education students.—(*Paul Blomfield.*)

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)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of increases in the cost of living on further and higher education students.

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until Tuesday 17 October (Order, 12 July).

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Climate Change

Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

2 Disclosure of Information

Draft Digital Government (Disclosure of Information) (Identity Verification Services) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Burghart)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)

Financial Services (Gibraltar) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1018), dated 18 September 2023 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

4 Government Resources and Accounts

Whole of Government Accounts (Designation of Bodies) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1016), dated 18 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

5 Miscellaneous Series No. 8 (2023)

Protocol, done at Geneva on 17 June 2022, amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization: Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (by Command) (CP 948), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Other papers

6 Energy

Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1583) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

7 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Financial Statement of the Security and Intelligence Agencies for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1797) (Victoria Atkins)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1464) (Victoria Atkins)

8 Inquiries

The Brook House Inquiry Report (by Act), to be printed (HC 1789) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

9 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(2) Report and Accounts of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

10 Treasury

Progress statement on the development of new permanent market access arrangements for financial services between the UK and Gibraltar (by Statutory Instrument) (John Glen)

11 UK Infrastructure Bank

HM Treasury's Statement of Strategic Priorities for the UK Infrastructure Bank: September 2023 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

MEMORANDUM**PANEL OF CHAIRS**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Panel of Chairs), the Speaker has discharged Rushanara Ali from the Panel of Chairs, effective from 19 September 2023.