



Tuesday 7 November 2023

CHAMBER AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

This document is compiled by the Table Office as a guide to events likely to take place in and around the Chamber on Tuesday 7 November. It also includes a list of Select Committee meetings planned for that day. From Wednesday 8 November, the Order of Business and Summary Agenda will be published daily. These and other House business papers can be obtained online or in hard copy from the Vote Office.

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2023

The State Opening of Parliament will take place. The House will meet at 11.25am for the King's Speech. Members may follow the Speaker and party leaders to hear the speech delivered in the Lords. Afterwards the House will suspend until 2.30pm.

After introductory statements by the Speaker, the Outlawries Bill will receive its first reading. This is a purely formal proceeding whereby the House asserts its right to deliberate on matters of its own choosing before those proposed by the Government in the King's Speech: no Bill is produced nor is there any debate. The debate on the King's Speech is then opened. Two backbench Members from the Government side will propose and second a motion for an Address (thanking the King for the Speech), after which the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister will speak. Debate on the King's Speech may continue until 10.00pm on this day and will be resumed on subsequent days. The debate normally lasts for six sitting days: the Speaker will announce at the start of the debate which subjects are to be the main subject of debate on each day.

SUBSEQUENT DAYS

Debate on the King's Speech will be resumed on subsequent days. On the final day of the debate the House votes on the motion, and there may be votes on amendments to the motion on the penultimate and final days.

ADJOURNMENT DEBATES

Subjects that will be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment of the House up to Monday 13 November:

Date	Debate Title	Member
Tuesday 7 November 2023	Dangerous driving and the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme	James Wild

Wednesday 8 November 2023	Football regulation	Matt Rodda
Thursday 9 November 2023	Funding for canals	David Morris
Monday 13 November 2023	Seaton Community Hospital	Richard Foord

Applications for adjournment debates: Tuesday 14 November to Monday 20 November (deadline Wednesday 8 November 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

Applications should be made on MemberHub or in writing to the Table Office. Emailed applications must be submitted from a Member's own email account. Application forms are available on the Table Office page on the Parliamentary intranet. The ballot will take place on Thursday 9 November.

FORTHCOMING WESTMINSTER HALL DEBATES

There will be no Westminster Hall debates in the new Session of Parliament until the debate on the King's Speech has concluded ([Standing Order No. 10\(2\)\(a\)](#)). The new rota for answering Departments will be published in the Order Paper as soon as it is available, and Members will be able to submit applications when that rota is published.

QUESTIONS

All Questions and motions fell at Prorogation and Questions from the 2022-23 Session have not been saved on MemberHub. Questions could not be answered during Prorogation and Questions that did not receive an answer before Parliament prorogued can be tabled in the new Session. They will not be re-tabled automatically. .

Any Questions received during Prorogation will be treated as having been received on Tuesday 7 November. Members may table a maximum of five Named Day Questions during the period between Prorogation and the rise of the House on Tuesday 7 November.

The Table Office will be providing its usual services from 10.00am on Tuesday 7 November. The earliest date for which a Question may be set down for named day written answer will be Monday 13 November. There will be no Question Time on the first three sitting days of the new Session. The rota of Departments answering oral Questions from Monday 13 November is available in the Vote Office and on the internet at: [Find business papers - Commons business papers - UK Parliament](#)

The first shuffles of the new Session will take place as follows:

Last date of tabling	Date for answer	Departments etc.
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Tuesday 7 November, 12.30pm	Monday 13 November	Work and Pensions
Wednesday 8 November, 12.30pm	Tuesday 14 November	Treasury
Thursday 9 November, 12.30pm	Wednesday 15 November	Science Innovation and Technology
	Thursday 16 November	Prime Minister Culture, Media and Sport Church Commissioners, House of Commons Commissions, Public Accounts Commission, Restoration and Renewal Client Board, Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission

AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS

Amendments to the Motion for an Address may be tabled as soon as the Member seconding the Address has sat down, and will be placed on the Order Paper in the order in which instructions to table cleared texts are received. Amendments may be pre-cleared with the Table Office. The deadline for tabling amendments will be the rise of the House each day. The final deadline will be rise of the House on the penultimate day of debate (expected to be Tuesday 14 November).

Members may table amendments in hard copy or by email; Member's staff may table hard copies if signed by the Member. In the event of a timing clash, hard copy will take precedence.

TABLING MOTIONS FOR THE NEW SESSION

New Early Day Motions (EDMs) can formally be submitted in the new Session from 10.00am on Tuesday 7 November. However, for the purposes of numbering of EDMs in the new Session, the first EDMs to be processed (and numbered EDM 1 etc) will be those submitted in hard copy to the Table Office between 10.00am and 3.00pm on 7 November, in the order in which they are received. Proposed EDMs submitted in advance on the MemberHub system can be added to the list of first EDMs if an additional hard copy is received with that request at or after 10.00am on 7 November. EDMs emailed before 10.00am on 7 November will be processed after those arriving between 10.00am and 3.00pm for the purposes of numbering, followed by those only submitted on MemberHub.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Event	Date and location
Ballot book entry	Tuesday 14 November and Wednesday 15 November: - from 11.30am until 6pm, in the No Lobby - from 6pm until the rise of the House, in the Public Bill Office
Ballot draw	Thursday 16 November, 9.00am, room to be confirmed (also broadcast live)
Presentation of ballot bills	Wednesday 6 December, immediately after questions and statements (if any)

Members may enter only one name into the ballot, either their own or that of another Member who has authorised them to do so, and no name may appear more than once.

On the day of the ballot, the Chairman of Ways and Means will draw 20 names in reverse order. At about 9.30am on that day the list of successful Members will be available in the Vote Office and on the internet. Members successful in the ballot will be contacted by the Clerk of Private Members' Bills.

FIRST NOTICES OF TEN MINUTE RULE MOTIONS AND PRESENTATION OF NON-BALLOT BILLS

Event	Date and location
First notices of ten minute rule motions	Thursday 7 December, by email from the Member's parliamentary email address to PBOHoC@parliament.uk , from 10.00am until the rise of the House
Ballot draw	Thursday 7 December, by email from the Member's parliamentary email address to PBOHoC@parliament.uk , from 10.00am until the rise of the House
Presentation of ballot bills	Wednesday 6 December, immediately after questions and statements (if any)

There will be no physical queue for the first notices of ten minute rule motions or presentation bills.

A single notice (of either a ten minute rule motion OR a presentation bill) will be accepted from each Member from emails received from the Member's parliamentary email address between 10.00 and 10.30am. After 10.30am, unlimited further notices will be accepted

from emails received from the Member's parliamentary email address at or after 10.00am in the order in which they were received.

Four ten minute rule slots will be available (for speeches on 19 December and 9, 10 and 16 January 2024).

Members interested in giving notice on 7 December should contact the Clerk of Private Members' Bills in advance to agree bill titles (PBOHoC@parliament.uk, x3254).

Notes:

Arrangements made according to [Standing Order No.14\(10\) and \(11\)](#) and on the authority of Mr Speaker.

COMMITTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

The decision of a Committee to sit in public may be changed without notice.

SELECT COMMITTEES

■ Justice Committee

Subject: Future prison population and estate capacity

Witnesses: 2.30pm: Professor Nicholas Hardwick, Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Law, Royal Holloway University; Rob Allen, Independent Researcher and Consultant; Richard Garside, Director, Centre for Crime and Justice Studies

3.30pm: Pia Sinha, Chief Executive Officer, Prison Reform Trust; Sonya Ruparel, Chief Executive, Women in Prison; Sam Julius, Head of Influence and Communications, Clinks

Room 6

2.00pm (private), 2.30pm (public)

■ Defence Committee

Subject: Armed Forces Readiness

Witnesses: 3.00pm: General Sir Patrick Sanders, Chief of the General Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Knighton KCB, Chief of the Air Staff, Ministry of Defence

The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

2.30pm (private), 3.00pm (public)