



# House of Commons

Tuesday 28 November 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by the David Fuller case – Phase 1 Report**

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, That he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of a Report, dated 28 November 2023, entitled Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by the David Fuller case – Phase 1 Report.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

**2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero**

**3 Speaker's Statement: Election of the Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

The Speaker announced that Sir Robert Buckland had been elected Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee (Standing Orders No. 122B and No. 122C).

**4 Urgent Questions: (1) Ukraine (James Heappey)**

**(2) Net migration figures (Robert Jenrick)**

**5 Criminal Justice Bill: Second Reading**

Bill read a second time.

**6 Criminal Justice Bill: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Justice Bill:

*Committal*

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

*Proceedings in Public Bill Committee*

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 30 January 2024.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

*Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading*

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

## **7 Criminal Justice Bill: Money**

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)),

That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Justice Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

## **8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels), which was laid before this House on 13 November, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 9

Ayes: 280 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Noes: 199 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 7 November, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 10

Ayes: 285 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Noes: 203 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 7 November, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 11

Ayes: 281 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Noes: 201 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 7 November, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 17 October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

## 9 Changes to membership of select committees

*Ordered*, That Sir Chris Bryant and Liam Byrne be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Dan Carden and Fabian Hamilton be added.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

## 10 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to policies relating to the climate and nature crisis was presented and read by Chris Skidmore.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to energy bills support was presented and read by Martyn Day.

## 11 Adjournment

Subject: Licensing for tattoo artists, body piercers and cosmetic clinics (Steve Brine)

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

Adjourned at 7.29 pm until tomorrow.

# Other Proceedings

## *General Committees: Reports*

## 12 Renters (Reform) Bill Committee

Yvonne Fovargue (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 15).

## 13 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Mark Hendrick (Chair) reported the draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

**14 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

**15 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee**

Ian Paisley (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Resolution of Central Counterparties: Partial Property Transfers and Safeguarding of Protected Arrangements) Regulations 2023, the draft Resolution of Central Counterparties (Modified Application of Corporate Law and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023, and the draft Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

**16 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Gary Streeter (Chair) reported the draft Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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).*

**17 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Jack Lopresti discharged and Robin Millar nominated in substitution.

**18 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Mr John Baron, Paul Bristow and Eddie Hughes discharged and David Duguid, Joy Morrissey and Tom Randall nominated in substitution.

**19 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Dr Caroline Johnson and Chris Loder discharged and Jerome Mayhew and Jeremy Quin nominated in substitution.

**20 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023)**

Members: Chris Grayling, Ranil Jayawardena, Dr Matthew Offord and Henry Smith discharged and Aaron Bell, Andy Carter, Eddie Hughes and Mark Jenkinson nominated in substitution.

**21 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (Port Examination Code of Practice) Regulations 2023, draft National Security Act 2023 (Video Recording with Sound of Interviews and Associated Code of Practice) Regulations 2023 and draft National Security Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments of Primary Legislation) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Steve Tuckwell discharged and Angela Richardson nominated in substitution.

**22 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B, C, D and H and New Code I) Order 2023)**

Members: Colleen Fletcher and Nadhim Zahawi discharged and Mary Glindon and Sir Brandon Lewis nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports*

**23 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 28 November to be published (Ian Mearns).

**24 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *The collapse of Wilko*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 316);

(2) *Batteries for electric vehicle manufacturing*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 196);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for International Trade*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Department's external engagement on trade*: Written evidence, to be published

(Liam Byrne).

**25 Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

(1) *The work of Channel 4*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 159);

(2) *Promoting Britain abroad follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 158);

(3) *Correspondence with the Gambling Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

**26 Education Committee**

*Ofsted's work with schools*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 117) (Mr Robin Walker).

**27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

(1) *Soil Health*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 245);

(2) *Pet welfare and abuse*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 161);

(3) *Education and careers in land-based sectors*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 165);

(4) *Work of the Department*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 163)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

**28 European Statutory Instruments Committee**

First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 343) (Andrew Jones).

**29 Foreign Affairs Committee**

*The UK's international counter-terrorism policy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 330) (Alicia Kearns).

**30 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Future cancer*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 138);

(2) *Correspondence from the Patient Safety Commissioner*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and Work and Pensions relating to the Occupational Health Consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Men's health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 139);

(6) *Prevention in health and social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 141) (Steve Brine).

**31 Justice Committee**

(1) *Regulation of the legal professions*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 266);

(2) *Constitutional relationship with the Crown Dependencies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 30);

(3) *Correspondence from HM Chief Inspector for Prisons relating to analysis of children in custody 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Chairman of the Law Commission for England and Wales relating to follow-up points from the oral evidence session on 17 October 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons and Probation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Permanent Under Secretary of State relating to The Hague Convention consultation response*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(9) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Criminal Justice Bill*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

**32 Petitions Committee**

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

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

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to e-petition 639320*: Written evidence, to be published

(Cat Smith).

**33 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

- (1) *Membership of the House of Lords*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 199);
  - (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Cabinet Office and HM Paymaster General and the Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office relating to Civil Service office attendance expectation*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman relating to the investigation into the Department for Work and Pensions changes to women's State Pension age and associated issues*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Correspondence with the Government Chief People Officer relating to Non-consolidated Payments to Civil Servants*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 198);
  - (6) *Transforming the UK's evidence base*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 197)
- (Mr William Wragg).

**34 Standards (Committee on)**

*House of Commons standards landscape*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 247) (Ms Harriet Harman).

**35 Transport Committee**

- (1) *Minimum service levels for rail: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2022–23*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 331);
  - (2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport relating to private hire vehicle licensing authorities*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *HS2: progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 85)
- (Iain Stewart).

**36 Treasury Committee**

- (1) *The digital pound: still a solution in search of a problem?*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 215);
  - (2) *Autumn Statement 2023*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 286);
  - (3) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury and the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating to Venture Capital tax reliefs*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Correspondence from the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating to the Global Anti-Base Erosion Model Rules*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to Connecting Britain*: Written evidence, to be published
- (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 Nuclear test veterans and medical records**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered nuclear test veterans and medical records.—  
(*Rebecca Long Bailey*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.56 am and 11 am.*

**2 Control of the grey squirrel population**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of control of the grey squirrel population.—(*Virginia Crosbie*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Housing provision in tourist destinations**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered housing provision in tourist destinations.—(*Steve Double*.)

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)).

At 4 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

**4 Funding for Havering Council**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of funding for Havering Council.—  
(*Jon Cruddas*.)

**5 Government support for rural communities**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for rural communities.—(*Sarah Dyke*.)

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 Government support for rural communities.

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

Adjourned at 5.28 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means



## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Electronic Communications**

Draft Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Saqib Bhatti )

**2 Immigration**

Draft General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**3 Financial Services**

Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Panel Remuneration and Reports) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1273), dated 27 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

**4 Social Security**

(1) State Pension Debits and Credits (Revaluation) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1270), dated 27 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Maynard)

(2) State Pension Revaluation for Transitional Pensions Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1269), dated 27 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Maynard)

**5 Terms and Conditions of Employment**

Public Interest Disclosure (Prescribed Persons) (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1254), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Saqib Bhatti)

### Other papers

**6 Chemical Weapons**

Report by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 for 2022 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1916) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

**7 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Report and Accounts of HM Prison and Probation Service for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 183) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

(2) Report and Accounts of Ministry of Justice for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 13) (Nigel Huddleston)

**8 Health and Social Care**

Return to an Address to His Majesty for a Return of the Report, dated 28 November 2023, of the Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by the David Fuller case – Phase 1 Report (pursuant to Resolution, today), to be printed (HC 310) (Maria Caulfield)

**9 House of Commons**

Election for Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Results (The Speaker)

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**CORRECTION**

Monday 27 November 2023

The entry relating to Jane Hunt in the list of variations to existing proxy arrangements (Speaker's Certificates) should have read:

Jane Hunt	4 September	<b>27 November</b>	<b>Rebecca Harris</b>
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