



# House of Commons

Monday 18 December 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

**1 Royal Assent**

The Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Act under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Act 2023

**2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**

**3 Urgent Question: Trial of Jimmy Lai in Hong Kong (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)**

**4 Statements: (1) Global Combat Air Programme Treaty (Secretary Grant Shapps)**

**(2) Government response to the Infected Blood Inquiry (John Glen)**

**(3) Tackling spiking (Laura Farris)**

**5 General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Daisy Cooper presented a Bill to provide that an allegation concerning a medical practitioner's fitness to practise may be considered by the General Medical Council irrespective of when the most recent events giving rise to the allegation occurred; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 April 2024, and to be printed (Bill 142).

**6 Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill: Second Reading**

Bill read a second time.

**7 Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill: Programme**

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

*Committal*

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading*

(2) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

(3) Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

(4) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

(5) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(Mike Wood.)

Question agreed to.

## **8 Changes to membership of select committees**

(1) *Ordered*, That Sir Simon Clarke be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Gary Sambrook be added.—(Mr Marcus Jones, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

(2) *Ordered*, That Steve McCabe be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Marsha De Cordova be added.—(Mr Marcus Jones, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

## **9 Adjournment**

Subject: Highways maintenance and Integrated Transport Block funding formula allocations (Jonathan Gullis)

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

Adjourned at 8.41 pm until tomorrow.

## **Other Proceedings**

*Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137*

*Friday 15 December*

## **10 Petitions Committee**

*Correspondence from the Minster for Biosecurity, Animal Health and Welfare relating to pet theft*: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

*Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 18 December*

## **11 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 18 December, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

## **12 Business and Trade Committee**

Scrutiny of Strategic Export Controls: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 436) (Liam Byrne).

**13 Environmental Audit Committee**

- (1) *Net zero and the UK aviation sector*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 404);
- (2) *The UK's contribution to tackling global deforestation*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 405);
- (3) *The UK and the Arctic environment: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2022–23*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 431);
- (4) *Correspondence with the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury concerning measures against carbon leakage*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Heat resilience and sustainable cooling*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 279) (Philip Dunne).

**14 International Development Committee**

*Scrutiny of Strategic Export Controls*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 436) (Sarah Champion).

**15 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

- (1) *Shared ownership*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 61);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Group Chief Executive of the Guinness Partnership relating to the finances of social housing*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government*: Written evidence, to be published (Clive Betts).

**16 Procedure Committee**

- (1) *Commons scrutiny of Secretaries of State in the House of Lords*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 338);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Speaker relating to precautionary exclusions*: Written evidence, to be published (Karen Bradley).

**17 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

*FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 68) (Dame Meg Hillier).

**18 Scottish Affairs Committee**

- (1) *Intergovernmental relations: 25 years since the Scotland Act 1998*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 149);
- (2) *Science and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 151) (Pete Wishart).

**19 Women and Equalities Committee**

*Correspondence from the Minister for Mental Health and Women's Health Strategy relating to the draft Mental Health Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (Caroline Nokes).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

### 1 International Health Regulations 2005

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petition 635904 relating to the International Health Regulations 2005.—(*Cat Smith.*)

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

Adjourned at 6.22 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15 December under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Education

Writtle University College Higher Education Corporation (Dissolution) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1365), dated 13 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robert Halfon)

#### 2 Rating and Valuation

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Calculation of Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1389), dated 14 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

### Other papers

#### 3 Education

Championing Kinship Care: The National Kinship Care Strategy (by Command) (CP 988) (David Johnston)

**4 Justice**

Storage and retention of original will documents (by Command) (CP 984) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 18 December

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**5 Companies**

(1) Draft Principal Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

(2) Draft Registered Office Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

(3) Draft Service Address (Rectification of Register) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

**6 Financial Services and Markets**

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

**7 Local Government**

Draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jacob Young)

**8 International Immunities and Privileges**

Draft European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Rutley)

**9 Limited Liability Partnerships**

Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

**10 Senior Courts**

Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1397), dated 14 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**11 Financial Services**

Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Digital Securities Sandbox) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1398), dated 14 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

**12 National Health Service**

Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1402), dated 18 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

**Other papers****13 Armed Forces**

Report on the Armed Forces Covenant and Veterans 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**14 Banking**

Report of the Bank of England's supervision of financial market infrastructures for the period 16 December 2022 to 15 December 2023 (by Act) (Bim Afolami)

**15 Dangerous Drugs**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Misuse of Drugs (England and Wales and Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1345) (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

**16 Food**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 949) (by Command) (Andrea Leadsom)

**17 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Report and Accounts of the National Museum of the Royal Navy for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 400) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Insolvency Service for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 93) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

(3) Report and Accounts of Oak National Academy Limited for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 293) (Damian Hinds)

(4) Report and Accounts of the Commission for Local Administration in England (Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman) for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 412) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(5) Report and Accounts of UK Sports Institute Limited for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 307) (Stuart Andrew)

**18 Marine and Coastal Access**

Report and Accounts of the Marine Management Organisation for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 12) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

**19 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cabinet Office: Investigation into whistleblowing in the civil service (by Act), to be printed (HC 357) (Clerk of the House)

**20 National Lottery etc.**

Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 261) (Stuart Andrew)

**21 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts**

Understanding and tackling spiking (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

**22 Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering**

Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation on the Operation of the Counter-Terrorism (International Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (by Act) (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

**23 Science, Innovation and Technology**

Report and Financial Statements of Ordnance Survey Limited, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, 2022–23 (by Command) (CP 986) (Andrew Griffith)

**24 Small Business, Enterprise and Employment**

Report and Accounts of the Pubs Code Adjudicator for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 305) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

Withdrawn papers

**25 Dangerous Drugs**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Misuse of Drugs (England and Wales and Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1345) (laid 8 December)

**26 Food**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 949) (laid 4 September)

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**27 MEMORANDUM**

PANEL OF CHAIRS

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Panel of Chairs), the Speaker has discharged Steve McCabe from the Panel of Chairs.