



House of Commons

Wednesday 13 March 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister**

- 2 Urgent Question: Gas-fired power stations (Graham Stuart)**

- 3 Statement: Post Office legislation (Kevin Hollinrake)**

- 4 Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Kemi Badenoch, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary James Cleverly, Secretary Grant Shapps, Secretary Michelle Donelan, Secretary Claire Coutinho, Secretary Lucy Frazer and Laura Trott, presented a Bill to provide for the quashing of convictions in England and Wales for certain offences alleged to have been committed while the Horizon system was in use by the Post Office; to make provision about the deletion of cautions given in England and Wales for such offences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 181) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 181–EN).

- 5 Sites of special scientific interest (designation): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to transfer the power to designate sites of special scientific interest from Natural England to the Secretary of State; to make provision about the exercise of that power by the Secretary of State; and for connected purposes;

That Derek Thomas, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Trudy Harrison, Philip Dunne, Sir Robert Goodwill, Steve Double, Selaine Saxby, Sir Bill Wiggin, Greg Smith, Simon Jupp, Maggie Throup and Mark Menzies present the Bill.

Derek Thomas accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 April, and to be printed (Bill 180).

- 6 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill: Allocation of Time**

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill:

Timetable

(1)(a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Proceedings on Second Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(c) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, 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 on the Motion for this Order.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

(2) When the Bill has been read a second time:

(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

(b) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1) (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill;

(c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(3)(a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chair or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;

(d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (15)(a) of this Order.

(5) On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chair or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(6) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chair or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chair shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(8)(a) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(9) Paragraphs (2) to (7) of Standing Order No. 83F (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (8) of this Order.

Subsequent stages

(10)(a) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(11) Paragraphs (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (10) of this Order.

Reasons Committee

(12) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

Miscellaneous

(13) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

(14) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(15)(a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(16)(a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(17)(a) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall be postponed until the conclusion of any proceedings on that day to which this Order applies.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply in respect of any such debate.

(18) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(19)(a) Any private business which has been set down for consideration at a time falling after the commencement of proceedings on this Order or on the Bill on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall, instead of being considered as provided by Standing Orders or by any Order of the House, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business so far as necessary for the purpose of securing that the business may be considered for a period of three hours.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

7 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill be read a second time.

Amendment moved, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and insert 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill because, while acknowledging that the measures in the Bill reduce the National Insurance Contributions (NIC) burden on some employees, it considers the Government should prioritise investment in public services spending over yet more cuts in spending which would be the result of lowering tax revenue by reducing NIC rates.'—(*Kirsty Blackman.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 90

Ayes: 44 (Tellers: Gavin Newlands, Steven Bonnar)

Noes: 300 (Tellers: Dame Amanda Milling, Mark Jenkinson)

Question negatived.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 62(2)), That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 91

Ayes: 304 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Noes: 43 (Tellers: Gavin Newlands, Steven Bonnar)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House (Order, today).

8 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) 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 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided that is attributable to:

- a) reducing the main primary percentage for Class 1 primary national insurance contributions to 8% (and reducing the percentage specified in regulation 131 of the Social Security Contributions Regulations 2001 to 1.85%), and
- b) reducing the main Class 4 percentage for Class 4 national insurance contributions to 6%.—(*Scott Mann*.)

Question agreed to.

9 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

New Clause NC1—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 92

Ayes: 170 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Noes: 292 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC2—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 93

Ayes: 169 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Noes: 293 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Question negatived.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Scott Mann reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no Amendments.

10 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill: Third Reading

Motion made and Question put, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 94

Ayes: 293 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Noes: 41 (Tellers: Steven Bonnar, Gavin Newlands)

Question agreed to and Bill passed.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 7 February, be approved.—(*Aaron Bell*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 8 February, be approved.—(*Aaron Bell*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 95

Ayes: 291 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Noes: 147 (Tellers: Tonia Antoniazzi, Mary Glindon)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 12 December 2023, be approved.—(*Aaron Bell*.)

Question agreed to.

12 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to immigration health surcharge was presented and read by Martyn Day.

13 Adjournment

Subject: Review into the presumption of parental involvement in child arrangements (Kate Kniveton)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Aaron Bell*.)

Adjourned at 6.54 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

14 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

The Lords agree to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill, with amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

*Printing of Lords Amendments***15 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill**

Lords Amendments to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 182) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 182–EN).

*Changes to Notices Given***16 Pets (Microchips) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 15 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 May.

*General Committees: Reports***17 High Streets (Designation, Review and Improvement Plan) Bill Committee**

Sir Charles Walker (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 26 April; and to be printed (Bill 184).

18 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

19 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024.

20 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Dame Maria Miller (Chair) reported the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024.

21 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, the draft Energy-Intensive Industry Electricity Support Payments and Levy Regulations 2024, the draft Electricity Capacity (Supplier Payment etc.) (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2024, and the draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2024.

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).

22 Shared Parental Leave and Pay (Bereavement) Bill Committee

Members: Nickie Aiken, Dame Karen Bradley, Samantha Dixon, Chris Elmore, Marion Fellows, Rebecca Harris, Darren Henry, Kate Hollern, Kevin Hollinrake, Mark Jenkinson, Ruth Jones, Alicia Kearns, Ben Lake, Joy Morrissey, Ian Murray, Alexander Stafford and Suzanne Webb

23 Automated Vehicles Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Nickie Aiken, Anthony Browne, Andy Carter, Bill Esterson, Richard Fuller, Trudy Harrison, Simon Lightwood, Robin Millar, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Grahame Morris, Gavin Newlands, Selaine Saxby, Shailesh Vara, Christian Wakeford, Matt Warman, Andrew Western and Mick Whitley

24 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Ms Nusrat Ghani relating to Financial Assistance to Industry)

Members: Shaun Bailey, Samantha Dixon, Vicky Ford, Ms Nusrat Ghani, Chris Green, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Kevan Jones, Sarah Jones, Daniel Kawczynski, Alan Mak, Keir Mather, Ian Mearns, John Penrose, Jess Phillips, Mary Robinson, Alexander Stafford and Mike Wood

25 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Rushanara Ali, Olivia Blake, Virginia Crosbie, Chris Elmore, Barry Gardiner, Ms Nusrat Ghani, Fabian Hamilton, Darren Henry, Dame Diana Johnson, Danny Kruger, Mark Menzies, Priti Patel, Alexander Stafford, Derek Thomas, Richard Thomson, Mike Wood and Sir Jeremy Wright

26 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024)

Members: Peter Aldous, Bob Blackman, Samantha Dixon, Sarah Edwards, Mr Louie French, Kevin Hollinrake, Dr Caroline Johnson, Afzal Khan, Rebecca Long Bailey, Justin Madders, Navendu Mishra, Anne Marie Morris, Joy Morrissey, Bob Seely, Chris Stephens, Sir Desmond Swayne and Matt Vickers

27 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024)

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Tahir Ali, Steven Bonnar, Jack Brereton, Dame Jackie Doyle-Price, Ruth Edwards, Colleen Fletcher, Jonathan Gullis, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Stephen Hammond, Rachel Hopkins, Chris Loder, Dr Ben Spencer, Mark Spencer, Maggie Throup, Giles Watling and Daniel Zeichner

28 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strategy and Policy Statement for Energy Policy in Great Britain)

Members: Paul Blomfield, Alan Brown, Rob Butler, Liam Byrne, Rosie Duffield, Mark Fletcher, Peter Gibson, Mr Philip Hollobone, Gareth Johnson, Kim Johnson, Holly Mumby-Croft, Lia Nici, Sir Alec Shelbrooke, Jeff Smith, Amanda Solloway, Theresa Villiers and Dr Alan Whitehead

29 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Mr John Baron and Aaron Bell discharged and Joy Morrissey and Suzanne Webb nominated in substitution.

- 30 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, draft Energy-Intensive Industry Electricity Support Payments and Levy Regulations 2024, draft Electricity Capacity (Supplier Payment etc.) (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2024 and draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2024)**

Members: Steve Double discharged and Robert Largan nominated in substitution.

- 31 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024 and draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Financial Penalty) Regulations 2024)**

Members: Julie Marson discharged and Andrew Lewer nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

32 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *Heating our homes*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 115);
- (2) *Securing the domestic supply chain*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 298);
- (3) *A flexible grid for the future*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 113);
- (4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

33 European Scrutiny Committee

- (1) *Retained EU law: the progress and mechanics of reform*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 376);
 - (2) *Negotiations with the European Union in respect of Gibraltar*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 170)
- (Sir William Cash).

34 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Fraud*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 125);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Fire and Rescue Services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 505)
- (Dame Diana Johnson).

35 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 647);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Prisons and Probation on the UK-Philippines Transfer Agreement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Human rights at work*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 181)

(Joanna Cherry).

36 International Development Committee

Correspondence with the Permanent Under-Secretary relating to the Supplementary Estimates 2023–24: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

37 Procedure Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Leader of the House of Commons relating to proxy voting for Members called for jury service*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House of Commons relating to Standing Order No. 31*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Speaker of the House of Commons relating to Standing Order No. 31*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Karen Bradley).

38 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management*: Twenty-third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 452);

(2) *DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 459)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

39 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *UK astronomy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 329);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation relating to the Space Industrial Plan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The UK and CERN*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 608)

(Carol Monaghan).

40 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Fifteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 36-xv) (Jessica Morden).

41 Transport Committee

Future of transport data: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 83) (Iain Stewart).

42 Treasury Committee

(1) *Budget 2024*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 625);

(2) *The work of HMRC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 217)

(Harriett Baldwin).

43 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Broadcasting in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 292);
- (2) *Impact of population change in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 103);
- (3) *Prisons in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 101);
- (4) *Wales Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published
(Stephen Crabb).

44 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Benefit levels in the UK*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 142);
- (2) *Norton pension schemes and the Fraud Compensation Fund*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 145);
- (3) *Defined benefit pension schemes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 144);
- (4) *Fiduciary duties*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 486)
(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 Reform of the planning system

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered reform of the planning system.—(*Sir Simon Clarke*.)

At 11 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Duty solicitor scheme

Resolved, That this House has considered the duty solicitor scheme.—(*Kevin Foster*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.27 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Gambling advertising in sport

Resolved, That this House has considered gambling advertising in sport.—(*Ronnie Cowan*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.42 pm and 4 pm.

4 Impact of 5G mast installations on communities in Greater Manchester

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of 5G mast installations on communities in Greater Manchester.—(*Jim McMahon*.)

5 Children's cancer care in the South East

The sitting was suspended between 4.33 pm and 4.58 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered children's cancer care in the South East.—(*Munira Wilson.*)

The sitting was suspended between 5.28 pm and 5.59 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Debate resumed.

The sitting was suspended between 6.02 pm and 6.24 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered children's cancer care in the South East.

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

Adjourned at 6.46 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Country Series Hungary No. 1 (2024)

Agreement, done at Budapest on 12 October 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Hungary concerning the Protection of Classified Information (by Command) (CP 1046), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

2 Country Series Switzerland No. 1 (2024)

Agreement, done at Bern on 21 December 2023, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation on Mutual Recognition in Financial Services (by Command) (CP 1047), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

3 Employment Tribunals

Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 366), dated 12 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

4 Environmental Protection

Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 354), dated 12 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

5 Health and Safety

Biocidal Products (Health and Safety) (Amendment and Transitional Provision etc.) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 352), dated 11 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Paul Maynard)

6 Income Tax

Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 355), dated 11 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

Papers laid under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

7 Retained EU Law Reform

(1) Proposal for an instrument titled Pressure Equipment (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

(2) Proposal for an instrument titled Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (Revocation) (Regulations) 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

Other papers

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cabinet Office, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Use of artificial intelligence in government (by Act), to be printed (HC 612) (Clerk of the House)

Withdrawn papers

9 Retained EU Law Reform

Proposal for an instrument titled Pressure Equipment (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, and an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 5 March 2024)