



# House of Commons

Tuesday 26 March 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Blackpool South Writ**

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Blackpool South in the room of Scott Lloyd Benton, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency has been appointed to the Office of Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(*Simon Hart.*)

**2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice**

**3 Statements: (1) Israel and Gaza (Mr Andrew Mitchell)**

**(2) Building safety (Lee Rowley)**

**4 Telecommunications Infrastructure (Requirement to Share Apparatus) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Emma Hardy presented a Bill to require providers of electronic communications networks to grant access to their apparatus to other such providers in certain circumstances; to prohibit the installation of new electronic communications apparatus where services can be provided by sharing apparatus; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June, and to be printed (Bill 196).

**5 Disposal of waste (advertising and penalty provision): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the advertising of waste disposal services; to require local authorities to issue fixed penalty notices under section 34 of the Environment Act 1990 in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes;

That Paul Bristow, Chris Clarkson, Sara Britcliffe, Mr Ranil Jayawardena, James Daly, Lee Anderson, Alexander Stafford, Greg Smith, Jill Mortimer, Dr Caroline Johnson and Danny Kruger present the Bill.

Paul Bristow accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 May, and to be printed (Bill 197).

**6 Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords]: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 28 February).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Power to regulate pedicabs)

Amendment 9 proposed.—(*Sir Christopher Chope.*)

Question proposed, That Amendment 9 be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 (Short title)

Amendment 20 made.

Clause 11, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mike Wood reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment.

Bill, as amended, to be considered now (Programme Order, 28 February).

**7 Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Committee of the whole House**

No amendments on consideration.

**8 Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords]: Third Reading**

Bill read the third time and passed with an Amendment.

**9 National Policy Statement for National Networks**

*Resolved*, That this House approves the National Policy Statement for National Networks, which was laid before this House on 6 March.—(*Guy Opperman.*)

**10 Public petitions**

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Eltham relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Clive Efford.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Allan Dorans.

(3) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Lewisham East relating to rent and service charge increases in Lewisham East was presented and read by Janet Daby.

## 11 Adjournment

Subject: Adequacy of public transport in Carshalton and Wallington constituency (Elliot Colburn)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Rebecca Harris*.)

Adjourned at 5.38 pm until Monday 15 April (**Order, 30 January**).

## Other Proceedings

### *Select Committees: Reports*

## 12 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *UK accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2023–24: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 674);

(2) *Delivering audit reform: follow-up*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 663);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business relating to corporate reporting*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Industry and Economic Security relating to export control*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade Policy relating to free trade negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to export targets*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Department for Business and Trade Supplementary Estimates 2023–24 Explanatory Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Post Office and Horizon – Compensation: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 477);

(9) *The performance of investment zones and freeports in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 272)

(Liam Byrne).

## 13 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Equity in Cricket*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 526);

(2) *Creator remuneration*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 156);

(3) *Trusted voices*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 175);

(4) *Grassroots music venues*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 527)

(Dame Caroline Dinéage).

**14 Defence Committee**

(1) *One-off session with the Secretary of State for Defence*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 642);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to maritime security in the Red Sea*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Future aviation capabilities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 51)  
(Sir Jeremy Quin).

**15 Education Committee**

*Children's social care*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 372) (Mr Robin Walker).

**16 Environmental Audit Committee**

*Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to parliamentary scrutiny of Government proposals for the Seventh Carbon Budget*: Written evidence, to be published (Philip Dunne).

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

(1) *Pet Welfare and Abuse*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 161);

(2) *Work of Defra*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 163);

(3) *Correspondence from Mary Robinson MP relating to the Whistleblowing Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Biosecurity, Animal Health and Welfare relating to Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies surveillance*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets, and Small Business relating to the Department for Business and Trade's Growth Duty*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence relating to import controls*: Written evidence to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with Harper Adams University relating to a Committee visit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Vet shortages*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 497)  
(Sir Robert Goodwill).

**18 Foreign Affairs Committee**

*The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 300) (Alicia Kearns).

**19 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Pharmacy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 140);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care relating to immigration and the social care workforce*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *NHS Dentistry*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 602)  
(Steve Brine).

**20 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

*Legislative scrutiny: Criminal Justice Bill 2023*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 396) (Joanna Cherry).

**21 International Development Committee**

(1) *FCDO and disability-inclusive development*:

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 107);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 107);

(2) *Alternative financing options for international development*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 614)

(Sarah Champion).

**22 Justice Committee**

(1) *The constitutional relationship with the Crown Dependencies*:

(i) Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 30);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 30);

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

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Courts and Legal Services relating to Magistrates' court sentencing powers*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to legal aid*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Sentencing Council relating to the Imposition guideline*: Written evidence to be published;

(6) *Future prison population and estate capacity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 29);

(7) *Probate*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520);

(8) *Serious Fraud Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *The Coroner Service: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 490);

(10) *Work of the Ministry of Justice*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 599)

(Sir Robert Neill).

**23 Liaison Committee**

(1) *Evidence from the Prime Minister*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 572);

(2) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to the scrutiny of regulatory policy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to scrutiny of the Seventh Carbon Budget*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to scrutiny of institutions with devolved powers*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Bernard Jenkin).

**24 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*Integrated education:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 373) (Sir Robert Buckland).

**25 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

(1) *Membership of the House of Lords:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 199);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, relating to the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes to State Pension age and associated issues:* Written evidence, to be published (Mr William Wragg).

**26 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Safeguarding vulnerable claimants:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 146);

(2) *Carer's Allowance:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 592)  
(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 Bicentenary of the RNLI**

*Resolved,* That this House has considered the bicentenary of the RNLI.—(Anthony Mangnall.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.51 am and 11 am.*

**2 Government support for people recently granted asylum**

*Resolved,* That this House has considered Government support for people recently granted asylum.—(Tim Farron.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Provision of cavity wall insulation under Government grants**

*Resolved,* That this House has considered the provision of cavity wall insulation under Government grants.—(Holly Lynch.)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.42 pm and 4 pm.*

**4 Government support for cross-Solent ferry transport**

*Resolved,* That this House has considered Government support for cross-Solent ferry transport.—(Bob Seely.)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.26 pm and 4.30 pm.*

**5 Personal Independence Payment and other disability benefits**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Personal Independence Payment and other disability benefits.—(*Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi.*)

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 Personal Independence Payment and other disability benefits.

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Tuesday 16 April (**Order, 30 January**).

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Customs**

Customs Tariff (Preferential Trade Arrangements) (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 424), dated 25 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

**2 Domestic Abuse**

Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 421), dated 25 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

**3 Ecclesiastical Law**

Parochial Fees Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 415), dated 21 March 2024 (by Measure) (Clerk of the House)

**4 Proceeds of Crime**

(1) Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Application of Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 426), dated 25 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

(2) Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (References to Financial Investigators) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 425), dated 25 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

## Other papers

### 5 Government Resources and Accounts

Whole of Government Accounts for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 603) (Laura Trott)

### 6 Immigration and Asylum

Report and Accounts of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 662) (Secretary James Cleverly)

### 7 Investigatory Powers

Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner for 2022 (by Act), to be printed (HC 364) (The Prime Minister)

### 8 Cities and Local Government Devolution

Secretary of State's Report on Devolution for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

### 9 National Health Service

(1) Financial directions to NHS England 2024–25 (by Act) (Andrew Stephenson)

(2) Revised financial directions to NHS England 2023–24 (by Act) (Andrew Stephenson)

### 10 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts

Report of the Police Covenant 2024 (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

### 11 UK Borders

(1) Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: A spot check inspection of Border Force's operational response to general aviation flights at London City Airport: January–February 2024 (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

(2) Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of the immigration system as it relates to the social care sector: August–November 2023 (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

### 12 Welfare Reform and Work

Report of the Supporting Families programme 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

### VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

(Variations to existing arrangements appear in **bold**.)

Member	From	To	Proxy
Dr Philippa Whitford	7 November 2023	30 June 2024	<b>Owen Thompson</b> <b>(from 15 April 2024)</b>



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Member	From	To	Proxy
Allan Dorans	9 May 2024	9 November 2024	<b>Owen Thompson (from 15 April 2024)</b>
Anne McLaughlin	31 January 2024	29 June 2024	<b>Owen Thompson (from 15 April 2024)</b>
David Linden	12 March 2024	23 May 2024	<b>Owen Thompson (from 15 April 2024)</b>