



# House of Commons

Wednesday 17 April 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology  
(2) the Prime Minister**

- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Humanitarian situation in Gaza (David Rutley)  
(2) Afghan refugees: Deportation from Pakistan (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)**

- 3 Fireworks (noise limits): 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 maximum noise levels of fireworks which may be sold to the public; and for connected purposes;

That Judith Cummins, Kirsten Oswald, Marco Longhi, Mr Clive Betts, Peter Dowd, Rachael Maskell, Naz Shah and Imran Hussain present the Bill.

Judith Cummins accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 April, and to be printed (Bill 200).

- 4 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Consideration of Lords Message**

Lords Amendment 1D

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1D.—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 124

Ayes: 306 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 240 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Christian Wakeford)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1D accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 18 March).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 3E (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 125

Ayes: 306 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 240 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Christian Wakeford)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 3E accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 6D (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 126

Ayes: 310 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 240 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Mary Glindon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 6D accordingly disagreed to.

(3) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 10D (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 127

Ayes: 302 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 244 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Mary Glindon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 10D accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 1D, 3E, 6D and 10D;

That Colleen Fletcher, Stephen Kinnock, Scott Mann, Dr Kieran Mullan, James Sunderland, Alison Thewliss and Michael Tomlinson be members of the Committee.

That Michael Tomlinson be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Mark Jenkinson.*)

Question agreed to.

## 5 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment moved, in line 1, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Finance (No. 2) Bill because it fails to make a much-needed reduction in VAT for the hospitality and tourism sectors; fails to reintroduce tax-free shopping for international visitors; does not establish a more progressive tax system by introducing a starter rate, in line with the Scottish Government's approach; fails to introduce measures through the tax system that would help alleviate the cost of living crisis and reduce inequality; and fails to introduce tax relief measures to enable vital high-growth sectors, like the renewable sector, to grow the economy; and because it derives from a Budget which proposed to extend the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy, threatening the security of jobs in north east Scotland and the UK's ability to achieve net zero.'—(*Drew Hendry.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 128

Ayes: 42 (Tellers: Gavin Newlands, Peter Grant)

Noes: 296 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Question negatived.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 129

Ayes: 296 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 49 (Tellers: Gavin Newlands, Peter Grant)

Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

## 6 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Finance (No. 2) Bill:

*Committal*

(1) The following shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House—

- (a) Clauses 1 to 4 (income tax charge and rates etc);
- (b) Clauses 12 and 13 (corporation tax charge and rates etc);
- (c) Clause 19 (energy security investment mechanism).

(2) The remainder of the Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

*Proceedings in Committee of the whole House*

(3) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in one day.

(4) The proceedings—

- (a) shall be taken on that day in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and
- (b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

## TABLE

Proceedings	Time for conclusion of proceedings
Clauses 1 to 4; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses (income tax charge and rates etc)	3 hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill.
Clauses 12 and 13; Clause 19; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses (corporation tax charge and rates etc and energy security investment mechanism)	6 hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill.

*Proceedings in Public Bill Committee etc*

(5) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 23 May 2024.

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

(7) When the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Public Bill Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill shall be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Public Bill Committee.

*Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading*

(8) 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.

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

*Programming committee*

(10) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

**7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement, which was laid before this House on 19 February, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 26 February, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice)

Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 22 January, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Recovery of Cryptoassets and Investigations: Codes of Practice) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 22 January, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Terrorism Act 2000 (Certain Information Orders: Code of Practice) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 22 January, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 22 January, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 26 February, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Plant Health (Fees) (England) and Official Controls (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 4 March, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

(9) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (2024 UEFA Champions League Final) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 26 February, be approved.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

## 8 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow Central relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Alison Thewliss.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Washington and Sunderland West relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Mrs Sharon Hodgson.

## 9 Adjournment

Subject: Potential merits of reopening Midge Hall railway station and direct rail services between Liverpool and Preston (Katherine Fletcher)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

At 7 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Adjourned at 7.17 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

#### **10 Online Services (Cancellation) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 April.

#### **11 Licensing Hours Extensions Bill**

Order for Consideration of Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, on Friday 26 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 17 May.

### *Reasons Committees: Reports*

#### **12 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Reasons Committee**

Michael Tomlinson reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 1D

Because the Commons consider that the provisions of the Bill are compliant with domestic and international obligations, and that it is therefore not necessary to refer expressly to having due regard for domestic and international law when setting out the purpose of the Bill.

Lords Amendment 3E

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary to refer expressly to the arrangements in the Rwanda Treaty being, and continuing to be, implemented and adhered to; the Bill is clear that it comes into force on the day on which the Rwanda Treaty enters into force and it is not appropriate for the Bill to legislate for Rwanda adhering to its obligations under the Treaty as Rwanda's ongoing adherence to its Treaty obligations will be subject to the monitoring provisions set out in the Treaty.

Lords Amendment 6D

Because the Commons consider that it is not appropriate to leave out clause 4 of the Bill and insert the new clause in the Amendment, as the Bill allows decision-makers to consider claims that Rwanda is unsafe for an individual due to their particular circumstances.

Lords Amendment 10D

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary as the only way individuals should come to the UK is through safe and legal routes.

*General Committees: Reports***13 British Citizenship (Northern Ireland) Bill (changed to British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Bill) Committee**

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Title amended as follows: A Bill to make provision for Irish citizens who have been resident in the United Kingdom for five years to be entitled to British citizenship; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 26 April; and to be printed (Bill 202).

**14 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Andrew Rosindell (Chair) reported the draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024.

**15 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee**

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported the draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) 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).*

**16 International Freedom of Religion or Belief Bill Committee**

Members: Bob Blackman, Fiona Bruce, Dr Lisa Cameron, Sarah Champion, Jon Cruddas, Richard Fuller, Ms Nusrat Ghani, Mary Glendon, Paul Holmes, Ruth Jones, Gavin Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Andrew Selous, Jim Shannon, Cat Smith, Sir Desmond Swayne and Martin Vickers

**17 Pensions (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill Committee**

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Bob Blackman, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Chris Elmore, Barry Gardiner, James Gray, Dame Margaret Hodge, Christine Jardine, Sir Greg Knight, Ben Lake, Paul Maynard, Nigel Mills, Christina Rees, Mr Laurence Robertson, Bob Seely, Mrs Heather Wheeler and James Wild

**18 Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill Committee**

Members: Lee Anderson, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Virginia Crosbie, Miss Sarah Dines, Rosie Duffield, Chris Evans, Sir Robert Goodwill, Stephen Hammond, Ben Lake, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Chris Loder, Kit Malthouse, Robbie Moore, Christina Rees, Selaine Saxby and Daniel Zeichner

**19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024 and draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh)**

Members: Rushanara Ali, Tahir Ali, Virginia Crosbie, Philip Dunne, Chris Elmore, Vicky Ford, Peter Grant, Kevin Hollinrake, Rebecca Long Bailey, Anthony Mangnall, Ian Mearns, David Morris, Naz Shah, Alexander Stafford, Giles Watling, Sir John Whittingdale and Mike Wood

**20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024)**

Members: Siobhan Baillie, Anna Firth, Colleen Fletcher, Sir Robert Goodwill, Gordon Henderson, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Dame Diana Johnson, Scott Mann, Anne Marie Morris, James Morris, Alex Norris, Chris Philp, John Spellar, Graham Stuart, Sam Tarry, Beth Winter and Sir Jeremy Wright

**21 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024)**

Members: Olivia Blake, Steven Bonnar, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Marsha De Cordova, Ruth Edwards, Colleen Fletcher, Richard Fuller, Mark Garnier, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Sir John Hayes, Jane Hunt, Sir Greg Knight, Chris Loder, Mark Menzies, Mark Spencer, Kelly Tolhurst and Daniel Zeichner

**22 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024)**

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Steven Bonnar, Paul Bristow, Sir Robert Buckland, Stella Creasy, Ruth Edwards, Colleen Fletcher, Trudy Harrison, Mr Ranil Jayawardena, Mr Kevan Jones, Afzal Khan, Chris Loder, Mark Pawsey, Angela Richardson, Greg Smith, Mark Spencer and Daniel Zeichner

**23 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Crime Agency (Directed Tasking) Order 2023)**

Members: Richard Burgon, Rosie Duffield, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Colleen Fletcher, Chris Green, James Grundy, Adam Holloway, Dan Jarvis, Kim Johnson, Scott Mann, Stephen Metcalfe, Grahame Morris, Dr Kieran Mullan, Alison Thewliss, Edward Timpson, Tom Tugendhat and Mrs Heather Wheeler

**24 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)**

Members: Rushanara Ali, Liam Byrne, Miriam Cates, Jon Cruddas, Miss Sarah Dines, Barry Gardiner, Margaret Greenwood, Kevin Hollinrake, Imran Hussain, Andrew Lewer, Robin Millar, John Penrose, Tom Randall, Alexander Stafford, Mark Tami, Matt Vickers and Mike Wood

**25 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024)**

Members: Jonathan Djanogly discharged and Dr Lisa Cameron nominated in substitution.

**26 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024)**

Members: Alexander Stafford discharged and Steve Tuckwell nominated in substitution.

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*Select Committees: Reports***27 Environmental Audit Committee**

(1) *Electronic waste and the circular economy: follow-up*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 675);

(2) *Small modular reactors in the transition from fossil fuels*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 281);

(3) *The role of natural capital in the green economy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 280)

(Philip Dunne).

**28 European Scrutiny Committee**

(1) Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 166-vi);

(2) *Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary relating to the fourth European Political Community Summit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Food, Farming and Fisheries relating to UK/EU fisheries negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *EU Entry/Exit and the UK border*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 169);

(5) *PESCO and UK-EU defence cooperation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 168);

(6) *Negotiations with the European Union in respect of Gibraltar*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 170)

(Sir William Cash).

**29 Liaison Committee**

*Evidence from the Prime Minister*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 572) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

**30 Holocaust Memorial Bill (Select Committee on the)**

*Holocaust Memorial Bill*: First Special Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 121) (John Stevenson).

**31 Home Affairs Committee**

(1) *Violence and abuse against retail workers: follow-up*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 666);

(2) *Asylum decision-making and conversion to Christianity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 595);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Data and Digital Infrastructure*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Fire and Rescue Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 505);

(7) *Fraud*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 125);

(8) *Non-contact sexual offences*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 504);

(9) *Police and Crime Commissioners: 10 years on*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 123)

(Dame Diana Johnson).

### 32 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to the publication of the Lay Observers' Annual Report 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Hillsborough Law*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 180)

(Joanna Cherry).

### 33 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Defence spending in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 524);

(2) *PSNI data breaches*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 47);

(3) *Renewable energy and net zero in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 428)

(Sir Robert Buckland).

### 34 Procedure Committee

(1) *Commons scrutiny of Secretaries of State in the House of Lords: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 672);

(2) *Correspondence from the Leader of the House relating to Opposition Day procedure and Standing Order No. 31*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Written Parliamentary Questions: Departmental performance in Session 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 676)

(Dame Karen Bradley).

### 35 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Student loans issued to those studying at franchised higher education providers*: Twenty-eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 455);

(2) *Investigation into whistleblowing in the civil service*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 457)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

### 36 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Nuclear and Renewables relating to Sizewell C Licence Modifications*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the UK Health Security Agency relating to the Rosalind Franklin Laboratory*: Written evidence, to be published

(Greg Clark).

**37 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)**

Seventeenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 36 – xvii) (Liz Twist).

**38 Transport Committee**

*Work of the Civil Aviation Authority*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 667) (Iain Stewart).

**39 Treasury Committee**

*Insurance*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 228) (Dame Harriett Baldwin).

**40 Welsh Affairs Committee**

(1) *Prisons in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 101);

(2) *Impact of population change in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 103);

(3) *Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 334)

(Stephen Crabb).

**41 Women and Equalities Committee**

(1) *Misogyny in music: Government, CIISA and Office for Students Responses*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 695);

(2) *The rights of older people*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 132);

(3) *Correspondence from Minister for State and Health and Secondary Care relating to breast screening*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *The escalation of violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 131)

(Caroline Nokes).

**42 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Back to Work Plan*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 679);

(2) *Norton pension schemes and the Fraud Compensation Fund*: Part of the oral evidence taken on 13 March and written evidence, to be published (HC 145);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Pensions relating to Child Maintenance Service*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the DWP Permanent Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Employment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *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 Flood Recovery Framework**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the Flood Recovery Framework.—(*Philip Dunne.*)

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

### **2 Maritime safety breaches within the Exclusive Economic Zone**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered maritime safety breaches within the Exclusive Economic Zone.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael.*)

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

### **3 Impact of the Spring Budget 2024 on the Welsh economy**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of the Spring Budget 2024 on the Welsh economy.—(*Ruth Jones.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.15 pm and 4 pm.*

*The sitting was suspended between 4 pm and 4.25 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

### **4 Antimicrobial resistance**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered antimicrobial resistance.—(*Will Quince.*)

### **5 Access to dentistry for cancer patients**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered access to dentistry for cancer patients.—(*Andrew Western.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.54 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Constitutional Law

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Increase of Borrowing Limits) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alister Jack)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 2 Energy

Boiler Upgrade Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 524), dated 17 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

### Other papers

#### 3 Energy

Business Plan of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2027 (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

#### 4 Sessional Returns 2022–23

Returns to an Order (16 November 2023) for Returns for Session 2022–23 of information and statistics relating to:— (1) Business of the House; (2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time and Programming of Bills; (3) Sittings of the House; (4) Private Bills and Private Business; (5) Public Bills; (6) Delegated Legislation and Legislative Reform Orders; (7) European Legislation, etc; (8) Grand Committees and the Regional Affairs Committee; (9) Panel of Chairs; and (10) Select Committees (by Order), to be printed (HC (2023–24) 1) (Clerk of the House)