



# House of Commons

Tuesday 10 December 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

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

**2 Urgent Question: Government's response to Storm Darragh (Abena Oppong-Asare)**

**3 Breast Cancer Screening (Review) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Wera Hobhouse, supported by Clive Jones, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to review the current arrangements for breast cancer screening, including the potential merits of reducing the minimum age at which women are invited for regular breast cancer screening and of increasing the use of automated breast ultrasound; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 March 2025, and to be printed (Bill 144).

**4 Carbon Emissions from Buildings (Net Zero) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Ellie Chowns presented a Bill to require new buildings to meet net zero standards for embodied and operational carbon emissions; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July 2025, and to be printed (Bill 148).

**5 Building Regulations (Swift Bricks) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Ellie Chowns presented a Bill to require the installation of swift bricks on new buildings; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July 2025, and to be printed (Bill 149).

**6 Rivers, Streams and Lakes (Protected Status) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Victoria Collins, supported by Jess Brown-Fuller, Dr Danny Chambers, Edward Morello, Tom Gordon, Alex Brewer, Calum Miller, Tessa Munt and Manuela Perteghella, presented a Bill to make provision for the designation of rivers, streams and lakes as having protected status; to specify criteria for minimum standards that a site must meet where it has been designated as a river, stream or lake with protected status; to set minimum standards of water quality, safety, environmental management and provision of information in relation to such sites; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 January 2025, and to be printed (Bill 150).

**7 Marriage (prohibited degrees of relationship): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Motion made and Question proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the marriage of first cousins; and for connected purposes.—(*Mr Richard Holden.*)

Motion opposed (Standing Order No. 23(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr Richard Holden, Robert Jenrick, Dan Carden, Claire Coutinho, David Smith, Neil O'Brien, Lee Anderson, Mr Andrew Snowden, John Lamont, Nick Timothy, Katie Lam and Laura Trott present the Bill.

Mr Richard Holden accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 January 2025, and to be printed (Bill 146).

**8 Finance Bill (Clauses 7 to 12 and Schedules 1 and 2, Clauses 15 to 18 and Schedule 3, Clauses 47 to 49 and Clauses 50 to 53, and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses and Schedules): Committee of the whole House (first day)**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 27 November).

(In the Committee)

Clause 7 agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 11 agreed to.

Schedule 2 agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

New Clause NC5—(*Gareth Davies*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 59

Ayes: 105 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Mr Richard Holden)

Noes: 340 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Christian Wakeford)

Question negatived.

Clauses 15 to 18 agreed to.

Schedule 3 agreed to.

New Clause NC2—(*Daisy Cooper*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 60

Ayes: 74 (Tellers: Tom Morrison, Zoe Franklin)

Noes: 350 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC3—(*Gareth Davies*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 61

Ayes: 184 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, Rebecca Paul)

Noes: 359 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again (Programme Order, 27 November).

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The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Gerald Jones reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again tomorrow.

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

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Addition of Relevant Enactments) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 31 October, be approved.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Modifications) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 14 October, be approved.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Ecuador) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 11 November, be approved.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Home Detention Curfew and Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 13 November, be approved.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 62

Ayes: 424 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Anna Turley)

Noes: 106 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, Rebecca Paul)

Question agreed to.

## **10 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Monmouthshire relating to pimping websites and paying for sex was presented and read by Catherine Fookes.

**11 Adjournment**

Subject: International Human Rights Day (Fabian Hamilton)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gerald Jones*.)

Adjourned at 5.28 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

**12 Armed Forces Commissioner Bill Committee**

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

**13 Employment Rights Bill Committee**

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

**14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Environmental Permitting (Electricity Generating Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

**15 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) 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 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill**

Chairs: Dr Rupa Huq, Dame Siobhain McDonagh and Martin Vickers

**17 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)**

Members: Mrs Sureena Brackenridge, Harriet Cross, Jayne Kirkham, Gen Kitchen, Jim McMahon, Chris Vince and Martin Wrigley

**18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Environmental Permitting (Electricity Generating Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)**

Members: Neil Coyle discharged and Luke Myer nominated in substitution.

**19 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Road Transport (International Passenger Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)**

Members: Tim Farron discharged and Steff Aquarone nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports*

**20 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 10 December, to be published (Nick Smith).

**21 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 10 December, to be published (Bob Blackman).

**22 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *UK arms exports to Israel*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 548);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 341);

(4) *The work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 450)

(Liam Byrne).

**23 Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

*The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 330) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

**24 Defence Committee**

(1) *One-off session on Ukraine: 1,000 days on*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 506);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence Procurement and Industry relating to the launch of the Defence Industrial Strategy Statement of Intent*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

**25 Education Committee**

(1) *Appointment of Sir Ian Bauckham CBE as Chief Regulator of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)*:

(i) First Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 429);

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 429);

(2) *Children's social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 430);

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Get Britain Working white paper*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25*: Written evidence, to be published

(Helen Hayes).

## 26 Foreign Affairs Committee

*The Israeli-Palestinian conflict*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 488) (Emily Thornberry).

## 27 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Summer 2024 disorder*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 381);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Karen Bradley).

## 28 International Development Committee

*The UK Government's work on achieving SDG2: Zero Hunger*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 515) (Sarah Champion).

## 29 Justice Committee

(1) *Appointment of the Chair of the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements*:

(i) First Report, to be printed with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 485);

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 485);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services relating to claimant names on the Register of Judgment Orders and Fines*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Sentencing and Youth Justice and the Minister for Victims and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to homicide law and the Domestic Homicide Sentencing Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Independent Sentencing Review 2024–25 relating to the Committee's submission to the Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Crown Court sitting days*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Work of the Director of Public Prosecutions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 449)

(Andy Slaughter).

## 30 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Impact of the Autumn Budget on the farming sector in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 507);

(2) *Correspondence relating to the Autumn Budget*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence relating to pay for health and social care staff*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tonia Antoniazzi).

**31 Petitions Committee**

Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published (Jamie Stone).

**32 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

*The work of the Cabinet Office*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 463) (Simon Hoare).

**33 Transport Committee**

(1) *Driving test availability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 437);

(2) *Work of the Secretary of State for Transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 346)

(Ruth Cadbury).

**34 Treasury Committee**

(1) *SME Finance: Government Response*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 517);

(2) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 417);

(3) *Correspondence relating to the predecessor Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2023–24, Sexism in the City*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

*Sir 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 Rare autoimmune rheumatic diseases**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered rare autoimmune rheumatic diseases.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.49 am and 11 am.*

**2 Impact of Cleve Hill Solar Park on communities in Faversham and Mid Kent constituency**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of Cleve Hill Solar Park on communities in Faversham and Mid Kent constituency.—(*Helen Whately*.)

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

**3 Treatment of lobular breast cancer**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the treatment of lobular breast cancer.—(*Helen Hayes*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.43 pm and 4 pm.*

*The sitting was suspended between 4 pm and 4.23 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

**4 Telegraph poles in Birmingham**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered telegraph poles in Birmingham.—(*Preet Kaur Gill*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.27 pm and 4.40 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

*Resolved*, That this House has considered telegraph poles in Birmingham.

**5 Cycling infrastructure in rural areas**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered cycling infrastructure in rural areas.—(*Freddie van Mierlo*.)

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

Adjourned at 6 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries**

(1) Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Stephanie Peacock)

(2) Draft Gambling Levy Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephanie Peacock)

**2 Broadcasting**

Draft Community Radio Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephanie Peacock)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**3 Companies**

Companies (Accounts and Reports) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1303), dated 9 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Justin Madders)



**4 Corporation Tax**

Controlled Foreign Companies (Reversal of State Aid Recovery) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1307), dated 9 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

**5 Financial Services and Markets**

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disclosure of Confidential Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1306), dated 9 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Tulip Siddiq)

**Other papers****6 Constitutional Reform and Governance**

Report and Financial Statements of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for the year ended 31 March 2024, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 483) (Clerk of the House)

**7 Energy**

Contracts for Difference and Capacity Market Scheme Update 2024 (by Act), to be printed (HC 360) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

**8 Financial Services and Markets**

Report and Accounts of the Financial Ombudsman Service for the year ended 31 March 2024, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 286) (Tulip Siddiq)

**9 Government Resources and Accounts**

Report and Accounts of Phone-paid Services Authority Limited for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 375) (Chris Bryant)

**SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE****VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)**

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Alicia Kearns	10 December 2024	5 January 2025	Joy Morrissey