



# House of Commons

Tuesday 17 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 Energy Security and Net Zero**

**2 Statement: Women's state pension age communication: PHSO report (Secretary Liz Kendall)**

**3 Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Bridget Phillipson, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Angela Rayner, Pat McFadden, Secretary Wes Streeting, Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, Secretary Liz Kendall, Catherine McKinnell, Jess Phillips and Sir Nicholas Dakin, presented a Bill to make provision about the safeguarding and welfare of children; about support for children in care or leaving care; about regulation of care workers; about regulation of establishments and agencies under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000; about employment of children; about breakfast club provision and school uniform; about attendance of children at school; about regulation of independent educational institutions; about inspections of schools and colleges; about teacher misconduct; about Academies and teachers at Academies; repealing section 128 of the Education Act 2002; about school places and admissions; about establishing new schools; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 151) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 151–EN).

**4 Off-road bikes (police powers): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give police powers to enter a private dwelling for the purpose of seizing an off-road bike that has been driven in an anti-social way or without insurance; and for connected purposes;

That Luke Akehurst, Shaun Davies, Graeme Downie, Michelle Welsh, Yuan Yang, Adam Jogee, Dave Robertson, Jo Platt, Jodie Gosling, Will Stone, Dr Allison Gardner and Antonia Bance present the Bill.

Luke Akehurst accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 March 2025, and to be printed (Bill 147).

**5 National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 3 December).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Rate of secondary Class 1 contributions)

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*Pippa Heylings.*)

As it was four hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee of the whole House to a conclusion (Programme Order, 3 December).

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

(1) That the Amendment be made (Question already proposed from the Chair).

The Committee divided.

Division No. 69

Ayes: 100 (Tellers: Susan Murray, Bobby Dean)

Noes: 351 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Kate Dearden)

Question negatived.

(2) That Amendment 13 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Gareth Davies.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 70

Ayes: 206 (Tellers: Harriet Cross, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 353 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Kate Dearden)

Question negatived.

(3) That Amendment 23 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Daisy Cooper.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 71

Ayes: 196 (Tellers: Susan Murray, Bobby Dean)

Noes: 352 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Kate Dearden)

Question negatived.

(4) That Clauses 1 to 4 stand part of the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(5) That New Clause NC1 be added to the Bill (Question on any new clause selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Gareth Davies.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 72

Ayes: 195 (Tellers: Harriet Cross, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 353 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Kate Dearden)

Question negatived.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Programme Order, 3 December).

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The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Vicky Foxcroft reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

**6 National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill: Third Reading**

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

The House divided.

Division No. 73

Ayes: 354 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Kate Dearden)

Noes: 202 (Tellers: Harriet Cross, Rebecca Smith)

Question agreed to and Bill passed.

**7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) (Extension to Switzerland etc.) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 4 November, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Asian Development Bank (Thirteenth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 4 November, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Inter-American Investment Corporation (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 4 November, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

**8 Public Accounts Commission**

*Ordered*, That Mrs Sharon Hodgson be discharged as a member of the Public Accounts Commission, and that Phil Brickell, John Glen, Tom Hayes, Sarah Olney, Chris Vince and Michelle Welsh be appointed as members of the Public Accounts Commission under section 2(2)(c) of the National Audit Act 1983.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

**9 Adjournment**

Subject: BBC Charter Review (Mr Gregory Campbell)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Adjourned at 7.27 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills*

#### **10 Women, Peace and Security Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 March 2025, and to be printed (Bill 154).

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **11 Employment Rights Bill Committee**

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### **12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Local Digital Television Programme Services (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).*

#### **13 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) (Extension to Switzerland etc.) Regulations 2024)**

Chair: Sir Roger Gale

#### **14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Asian Development Bank (Thirteenth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2024 and draft Inter-American Investment Corporation (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 2024)**

Chair: Martin Vickers

#### **15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Local Digital Television Programme Services (Amendment) Order 2024)**

Chair: Graham Stringer

Members: Samantha Niblett discharged and Lizzi Collinge nominated in substitution.

### *Select Committees: Reports*

#### **16 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 17 December, to be published (Nick Smith).

**17 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 17 December, to be published (Bob Blackman).

**18 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 341);

(2) *Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 370);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Employment, Competition and Markets relating to Royal Mail*: Written evidence, to be published

(Liam Byrne).

**19 Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee and International Development Committee**

*The future of the BBC World Service*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 529) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

**20 Defence Committee**

(1) *Developing AI capacity and expertise in UK defence*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 590);

(2) *MOD Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 556)

(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

**21 Education Committee**

(1) *Children's social care*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 430);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for School Standards relating to the independent review of Oak National Academy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Skills relating to the review of post-16 qualification reforms at level 3 and below*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport relating to the National Youth Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published

(Helen Hayes).

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

(1) *Pet welfare and abuse: Government Response*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 581);

(2) *The future of farming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 527)

(Mr Alistair Carmichael).

**23 Home Affairs Committee**

*The work of the Home Office*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 505) (Dame Karen Bradley).

**24 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to interventions in the London Borough of Croydon and Nottingham City Council*: Written evidence, to be published;

*(2) Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the National Planning Policy Framework: Written evidence, to be published*

(Florence Eshalomi).

## **25 International Development Committee**

*(1) FCDO and disability-inclusive development: Government Response: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 568);*

*(2) The UK Small Island Developing States Strategy: Government Response: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 567);*

*(3) Correspondence with the Ambassador of Israel to the Court of St James relating to the invitation to give oral evidence: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(4) Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the escalation in Syria: Written evidence, to be published*

(Sarah Champion).

## **26 Justice Committee**

*(1) The constitutional relationship with the Crown Dependencies: Government Response: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 582);*

*(2) Work of the Lord Chancellor: Oral evidence, to be printed (HC 486);*

*(3) Correspondence from the Attorney General for England and Wales relating to the appointment of HM Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(4) Correspondence from the Chief Executive of HM Courts and Tribunals Service relating to the publication of access to justice assessments: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(5) Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(6) Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State relating to imprisonment for public protection: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(7) Correspondence from the Minister for Victims and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to the previous Committee's inquiry into the Coroner Service: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(8) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published;*

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

(Andy Slaughter).

## **27 Liaison Committee**

*The work of the Prime Minister: Written evidence, to be published (HC 530) (Dame Meg Hillier).*

## **28 Petitions Committee**

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

## **29 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee**

*(1) Innovation and eradicating diseases: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 537);*

(2) *Innovation showcase*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 523);

(3) *Correspondence from the Royal Society relating to Autumn Budget 2024 session follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to R&D expenditure across Government*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Online Safety Act: Draft Statutory Instrument (Category 1, 2A and 2B Threshold Conditions)*: Written evidence, to be published

(Chi Onwurah).

### 30 Treasury Committee

*Acceptance of cash*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 324) (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 Impact of Old Oak Common station on rail services to the West and Wales

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of Old Oak Common station on rail services to the West and Wales.—(Max Wilkinson.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.48 am until 11 am.*

### 2 Diagnosis and management of musculoskeletal conditions

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the diagnosis and management of musculoskeletal conditions.—(Sonia Kumar.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

### 3 Public perceptions of trades and apprenticeship completion rates

*Resolved*, That this House has considered public perceptions of trades and apprenticeship completion rates.—(Amanda Martin.)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.33 pm and 4 pm.*

### 4 Future of Aldridge train station

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the future of Aldridge train station.—(Wendy Morton.)

### 5 Government support for community pharmacies in Devon and the South West

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for community pharmacies in Devon and the South West.—(Rachel Gilmour.)

At 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Banks and Banking

Banking Act 2009 (Wholesale Cash Oversight Fees) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1344), dated 16 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Tulip Siddiq)

#### 2 Consumer Protection

Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1334), dated 11 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

#### 3 Income Tax

Van Benefit and Car and Van Fuel Benefit Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1349), dated 16 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

#### 4 Wildlife

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Variation of Schedule 9) (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1342), dated 16 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

### Other papers

#### 5 Cabinet Office

Government Response to the Infected Blood Inquiry (by Command) (CP 1224) (Nick Thomas-Symonds)

#### 6 Civil Aviation

Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 264) (Clerk of the House)

#### 7 Climate Change

Accelerating to Net Zero: Responding to the Climate Change Committee (CCC) Progress Report and delivering the Clean Energy Superpower Mission (by Act), to be printed (HC 468) (Secretary Ed Miliband)



**8 Criminal Justice and Court Services**

Report and Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 478) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

**9 Export Control**

Report on United Kingdom Strategic Export Controls for 2023 (by Act), to be printed (HC 467) (Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)

**10 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Building Safety Trust Statement of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 309) (Secretary Angela Rayner)

(2) Report and Accounts of Civil Superannuation for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 481) (James Murray)

(3) Report and Accounts of Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 565) (James Murray)

(4) Report and Accounts of the Department of Health and Social Care for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 476) (James Murray)

(5) Report and Accounts of the Sports Council Trust Company for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 408) (Stephanie Peacock)

(6) Report and Accounts of the Submarine Delivery Agency for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 462) (Secretary John Healey)

**11 House of Commons Commission**

Report of the House of Commons Commission on Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme: Policy Framework and ICGS Assurance Board (by Act), to be printed (HC 579) (The Speaker)

**12 International Development**

Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, for the year ended 30 September 2024 (by Act) (Anneliese Dodds)

**13 Law Commissions**

Scoping Report of the Law Commission on Financial Remedies on Divorce and Dissolution (by Act), to be printed (HC 460) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

**14 Local Government**

Report and Financial Statements of the Southbank Centre for 2023–24 (by Act) (Chris Bryant)

**15 National Lottery etc**

Report and Accounts of Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Ian Murray)

16 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts

Report of the Home Office on police protest powers, June 2022–March 2024, England and Wales (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

17 Science, Innovation and Technology

Copyright and AI: Consultation (by Command) (CP 1205) (Secretary Peter Kyle)

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	<b>19 January 2025</b>	Joy Morrissey

CORRECTION

Monday 16 December 2024

The following item should have appeared before item 18 (Select Committees: Reports):

**National Security Strategy (Joint Committee)**

Matt Western reported, That he had been chosen as Chair of the Committee.