



# House of Commons

Thursday 9 January 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

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

**2 Urgent Question: Public borrowing costs (Darren Jones)**

**3 Business Question (Leader of the House)**

**4 Tackling violence against women and girls**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of tackling violence against women and girls.—(*Alex Davies-Jones.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

**5 Adjournment**

Subject: Provision of debt advice services (Ms Stella Creasy)

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

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until Monday 13 January.

## Other Proceedings

### *Explanatory Notes to Bills*

**6 Licensing Hours Extensions Bill**

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 21–EN).

**7 Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill**

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 23–EN).

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*General Committees: Reports***8 Employment Rights Bill Committee**

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.  
Written evidence to be published.

**9 Tobacco and Vapes Bill Committee**

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.  
Written evidence to be published.

**10 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords] Committee**

Martin Vickers (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.

*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).*

**11 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill Committee**

Chairs: Peter Dowd, Clive Efford, Sir Roger Gale, Carolyn Harris and Esther McVey

**12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2024 and draft Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024)**

Chair: Graham Stringer

**13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024)**

Chair: Martin Vickers

**14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024)**

Chair: Esther McVey

**15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024)**

Chair: Carolyn Harris

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*Select Committees: Reports***16 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Monday 13 January and Thursday 16 January in the Chamber and Thursday 23 January and Tuesday 28 January in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

**17 Defence Committee**

*The Armed Forces Covenant*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 572) (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

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

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to auditing of local government finances*: Written evidence, to be published (Florence Eshalomi).

**19 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Support for children and young people with special educational needs*:

(i) First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 353);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 353);

(2) *Crown Court backlogs*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 348);

(3) *Carbon capture, usage and storage*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 351);

(4) *Correspondence from the Accounting Officer and Senior Responsible Owner at Buckingham Palace relating to the Buckingham Palace Reservicing Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to local audit reform*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Cabinet Office relating to witness diversity*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *Correspondence with the Minister for Skills at the Department for Education relating to local government pension scheme guarantee*: Written evidence, to be published;

(12) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecast HQ Project*: Written evidence, to be published;

(13) *DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 354);

(14) *HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 347);

- (15) *Tackling homelessness*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 352);  
(16) *The remediation of dangerous cladding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 362)  
(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

*Sir Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

### 1 Impact of conflict on women and girls

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of conflict on women and girls.—  
(*Alice Macdonald*.)

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

Adjourned at 3.43 pm until Monday 13 January.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

### 1 Police

Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Amendment) (Provision of Information) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

### 2 Social Security

(1) Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir Stephen Timms)

(2) Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir Stephen Timms)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

### 3 Agriculture

Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 18), dated 8 January 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

**4 Customs**

Customs (Safety and Security Procedures) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 20), dated 9 January 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (James Murray)

**5 Financial Services and Markets**

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Collective Investment Schemes) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 17), dated 8 January 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Tulip Siddiq)

**6 Libraries**

Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 11), dated 7 January 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephanie Peacock)

**Other papers****7 Financial Services and Markets**

(1) Interim Report of the Financial Conduct Authority Cost Benefit Analysis Panel for the period May–September 2024 (by Act) (Tulip Siddiq)

(2) Report of the Prudential Regulation Authority Cost Benefit Analysis Panel for 2024 (by Act) (Tulip Siddiq)

**8 Northern Ireland**

Report of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland on the Implementation of Article 2 of the Windsor Framework (by Act) (Secretary Hilary Benn)

**CORRECTION**

Tuesday 7 January 2025

The following item should have appeared after item 34 (Select Committees: Reports):

**Science, Innovation and Technology Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to the Committee's social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms inquiry*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury relating to research and development expenditure across Government*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 441)

(Chi Onwurah).