



House of Commons

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Scotland
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Statement: Courts and Tribunals: Sitting days in the 2025–26 financial year (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)**
- 3 Ceramics (Country of Origin Marking) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Gareth Snell, supported by David Baines, Shaun Davies, Dave Robertson, Laurence Turner, Liam Byrne, Maya Ellis, Leigh Ingham, Antonia Bance and Matt Western, presented a Bill to require the indication of country of origin for ceramic products; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 25 April, and to be printed (Bill 191).

4 Dentists (indemnity arrangements): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dentists Act 1984 in respect of indemnity arrangements;

That Chris Vince, Jen Craft, Josh Dean, Will Stone and Charlotte Nichols present the Bill.

Chris Vince accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 13 June, and to be printed (Bill 192).

5 Estimates Day (Standing Order No. 54 and Resolution, 26 February) (1st allotted day)

(1) Supplementary Estimate 2024–25:
Department of Health and Social Care

Subject: Spending of the Department of Health and Social Care

Motion made and Question proposed, That for the year ending with 31 March 2025, for

expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Care:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £7,956,143,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 655,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £1,140,958,000 as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £6,827,154,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Anna McMorrin.*)

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

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(2) Supplementary Estimate 2024–25:
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Subject: Spending of the Foreign,
Commonwealth and Development Office

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2025, for expenditure by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £592,196,000 be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 655,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £439,129,000, be authorised for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £862,823,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Stephen Doughty.*)

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

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(3) Supplementary Estimate 2024–25:
Department for Business and Trade

Subject: Spending of the Department for
Business and Trade

Motion made and Question proposed, That,
for the year ending with 31 March 2025, for
expenditure by the Department for Business
and Trade:

(1) further resources, not exceeding
£952,875,000, be authorised for use for
current purposes as set out in HC 655,

(2) further resources, not exceeding
£1,035,833,000, be authorised for capital
purposes as so set out, and

(3) the sum authorised for issue out of
the Consolidated Fund be reduced by
£2,037,739,000.—(*Justin Madders.*)

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

At 7 pm, the debate was interrupted and
Question deferred (Standing Order No.
54(4)).

6 Estimates (Questions deferred)

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 54(6)).

(1) Supplementary Estimate 2024–25:
Department of Health and Social Care

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2025, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Care:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £7,956,143,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 655,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £1,140,958,000 as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £6,827,154,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

(2) Supplementary Estimate 2024–25:
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2025, for expenditure by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £592,196,000 be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 655,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £439,129,000, be authorised for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a further sum, not exceeding £862,823,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

Question agreed to.

(3) Supplementary Estimate 2024–25:
Department for Business and Trade

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2025, for expenditure by the Department for Business and Trade:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £952,875,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 655,

(2) further resources, not exceeding £1,035,833,000, be authorised for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £2,037,739,000.

Question agreed to.

7 Remaining Estimates

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 55).

(1) Estimates 2025–26 (Navy) Vote A

That, during the year ending with 31 March 2026, a number not exceeding 39,850 all ranks be maintained for Naval and Marine Service and that numbers in the Reserve Naval and Marines Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in Votes A 2025–26, HC 638.—(*Justin Madders.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Estimates 2025–26 (Army) Vote A

That, during the year ending with 31 March 2026, a number not exceeding 97,940 all ranks be maintained for Army Service and that numbers in the Reserve Land Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in Votes A 2025–26, HC 638.—(*Justin Madders.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Estimates 2025–26 (Air) Vote A

That, during the year ending with 31 March 2026, a number not exceeding 35,800 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service and that numbers in the Reserve Air Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in Votes A 2025–26, HC 638.—(*Justin Madders.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Estimates, Excesses 2023–24

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2024:

(1) resources, not exceeding £219,401,000, be authorised to make good excesses for use for current purposes as set out in the Statements of Excesses 2023–24, HC 657 and HC 725, and

(2) resources, not exceeding £2,417,000, be authorised to make good excesses for use for capital purposes as so set out.—(*Justin Madders.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Supplementary Estimates 2024–25

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2025:

(1) further resources, not exceeding £99,602,165,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 613, HC 655 and HC 661,

(2) the resources authorised for capital purposes be reduced by £25,436,251,000 as so set out, and

(3) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £1,683,639,000.—(*Justin Madders.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Estimates, Vote on Account 2025–26

That, for the year ending with 31 March 2026:

(1) resources, not exceeding £402,046,708,000 be authorised, on account, for use for current purposes as set out in HC 446, HC 605, HC 614, HC 656, HC 660, HC 662 and HC 706,

(2) resources, not exceeding £92,524,444,000, be authorised, on account, for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a sum, not exceeding £409,837,337,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Justin Madders.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments): Motion to introduce a Bill

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions;

That the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Darren Jones, Emma Reynolds and James Murray introduce the Bill.

James Murray accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the years ending with 31 March 2024, 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2026; to authorise the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund for those years; and to appropriate the supply authorised by this Act for the years ending with 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 193).

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Food and Feed (Regulated Products) (Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 29 January, be approved.—
(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Belarus) (Revocation) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 3 February, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Russian Federation) (Revocation) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 3 February, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

10Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Bradford East relating to income threshold for partner and family visas was presented and read by Imran Hussain.

11Adjournment

Subject: Type 1 diabetes and disordered eating services (Josh Newbury)

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

Adjourned at 7.29 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill

The Lords agree to the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

13 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]

The Lords agree without amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Crown Estate Bill [Lords].

Printing of Lords Amendments

14 National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill

Lords Amendments to the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 194) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 194–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

15 Trade Agreements (Exclusion of National Health Services) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 7 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 11 July.

General Committees: Reports

16 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill Committee

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

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).

17 Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Alex Brewer, Pam Cox, Janet Daby, Josh Dean, Lauren Edwards, Vicky Foxcroft,

Anna Gelderd, Damian Hinds, Leigh Ingham, Neil O'Brien, Melanie Onn, Rebecca Paul, Ian Sollom, Patrick Spencer, Alan Strickland, Peter Swallow and Laurence Turner

18First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2025)

Members: Dan Aldridge, Saqib Bhatti, Phil Brickell, Chris Bryant, Mr Luke Charters, Vicky Foxcroft, Jeremy Hunt, Adam Jogee, Sojan Joseph, Mr Angus MacDonald, Matthew Patrick, Yasmin Qureshi, Jake Richards, Joe Robertson, Tulip Siddiq, Nick Timothy and Max Wilkinson

19First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Peter Dowd

20Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2025)

Members: Lewis Atkinson, Antonia Bance, Rachel Blake, Janet Daby, Vicky Foxcroft, Marie Goldman, Mr Richard Holden, Natasha

Irons, Kim Johnson, John Lamont, Neil O'Brien, Tim Roca, Michelle Scrogam, Ian Sollom, Patrick Spencer, Alan Strickland and Sean Woodcock

**21 Second Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Immigration (Biometric Information
etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 and
draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees)
(Amendment) Order 2025)**

Chair: Sir Roger Gale

**22 Third Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Civil Proceedings and Magistrates'
Courts Fees (Amendment) Order 2025)**

Members: Jas Athwal, Catherine Atkinson, Josh Babarinde, Ms Stella Creasy, Sir Nicholas Dakin, Paul Davies, Kate Dearden, Sarah Hall, Dr Kieran Mullan, Mr Connor Rand, Jack Rankin, Mark Sowards, Josh Simons, Lisa Smart, Adam Thompson, Sir Gavin Williamson and Mike Wood

**23Third Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Food and Feed (Regulated Products)
(Amendment, Revocation, Consequential
and Transitional Provision) Regulations
2025)**

Chair: Sir John Hayes

**24Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Double Taxation Relief and
International Tax Enforcement (Belarus)
(Revocation) Order 2025 and draft Double
Taxation Relief (Russian Federation)
(Revocation) Order 2025)**

Chair: Dr Rupa Huq

Select Committees: Reports

25Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *Workforce planning to deliver clean, secure energy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 393);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to management of Italian nuclear materials in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Unlocking community energy at scale*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 394)
(Bill Esterson).

26 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Governing the marine environment*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 551);

(2) *Environmental sustainability and housing growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 439);

(3) *Flood resilience in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 550)

(Mr Toby Perkins).

27 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Adult social care reform: the cost of inaction*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 368);

(2) *Correspondence with the NHS England relating to community pharmacy independent economic analysis*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The work of NHS England: Written evidence, to be published (HC 563)*

(Layla Moran).

28 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Forced labour in UK supply chains: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 633);*

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Victims and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to human rights and the proposal for a 'Hillsborough Law': Written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention relating to the Crime and Policing Bill: Written evidence, to be published*

(Sir Desmond Swayne).

29 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 630);*

(2) *Correspondence from Scottish Government Minister for Equalities relating*

to asylum and right to work: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Scotland relating to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Sewel Convention: Written evidence, to be published

(Patricia Ferguson).

30 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Sixteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xvi) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

31 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 294-vi) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

32 Transport Committee

Managing the impact of street works: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 522) (Ruth Cadbury).

33 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 419);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Governor of the Bank of England relating to National Insurance Contributions*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence relating to IT failures*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Economic statistics*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 682);
 - (5) *Lifetime ISA*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 607)
- (Dame Meg Hillier).

34 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Rail infrastructure in Wales*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 631);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Spending Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Wales Office 2024–25 Supplementary Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Ruth Jones).

35 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Female genital mutilation (FGM)*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 714);

(2) *Community cohesion*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 340);

(3) *Correspondence relating to reductions in the Official Development Assistance budget*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Misogyny in music: follow up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 573)

(Sarah Owen).

36 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Pensions dashboards*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 742);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Government response to the Parliamentary and Health Service*

Ombudsman's report: 1950s women – options for remedy: Written evidence, to be published

(Debbie Abrahams).

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 Government support for human rights in Jammu and Kashmir

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for human rights in Jammu and Kashmir.—(*Sarah Smith.*)

2 Potential merits of free-to-air coverage of professional cycling

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of free-to-air coverage of professional cycling.—(*Ben Obese-Jecty*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.23 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Renewable Obligation Certificate scheme

Resolved, That this House has considered the Renewable Obligation Certificate scheme.—(*Terry Jermy*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.34 pm and 4 pm.

4 Pollution in the River Wandle

Resolved, That this House has considered pollution in the River Wandle.—(*Bobby Dean*.)

5 Anti-social behaviour and illegal use of off-road bikes

Motion made and Question proposed,
That this House has considered anti-social

behaviour and illegal use of off-road bikes.—(*Antonia Bance.*)

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 Education

Recognition of Overseas Qualifications (Charges) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 256), dated 4 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Janet Daby)

2 Financial Services and Markets

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 250), dated 3 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Torsten Bell)

3 Social Security Administration

Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 255), dated 3 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Torsten Bell)

Other papers

4 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the First Report of the Women and Equalities Committee on women's reproductive health conditions (by Command) (CP 1276) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

5 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Justice and HM

Courts and Tribunals Service: Reducing the backlog in the Crown Court (by Act), to be printed (HC 634) (Clerk of the House)

Withdrawn papers

6 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Justice and HM Courts and Tribunals Service: Reducing the backlog in the Crown Court (laid 22 May 2024, in the last Parliament)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
James	5 March	31	Lee
McMurdock		March	Anderson