



# House of Commons

Wednesday 19 March 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities  
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 **Food products (market regulation and public procurement): 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 Groceries Code Adjudicator; to require coordination between the Groceries Code Adjudicator and the Agricultural Supply Chain Adjudicator; to make provision about public procurement in respect of British food products; to make provision about the labelling of food products; and for connected purposes;

That Mr Alistair Carmichael, Jayne Kirkham, Sarah Bool, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, Charlie Dewhurst, Sarah Dyke, Ann Davies, Seamus Logan, Ellie Chowns, Jim Shannon, David Chadwick and Tim Farron present the Bill.

Mr Alistair Carmichael accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 20 June, and to be printed (Bill 203).

- 3 **National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 3 December 2024 (National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill: Programme):

*Consideration of Lords Amendments*

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement.

*Subsequent stages*

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

Question agreed to.

#### 4 National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

The Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 1 to 20 engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 1

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

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 132

Ayes: 307 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Keir Mather)

Noes: 182 (Tellers: Nick Timothy, James Wild)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than two hours after the commencement of consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Lords Amendments to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 2 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*James Murray*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 133

Ayes: 310 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Keir Mather)

Noes: 183 (Tellers: Nick Timothy, James Wild)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 3 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*James Murray*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 134

Ayes: 314 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Keir Mather)

Noes: 187 (Tellers: Nick Timothy, James Wild)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 3 accordingly disagreed to.

(3) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 4 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*James Murray*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 135

Ayes: 313 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Keir Mather)

Noes: 190 (Tellers: Nick Timothy, James Wild)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 4 accordingly disagreed to.

(4) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 5 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 5 accordingly disagreed to.

(5) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 6 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 6 accordingly disagreed to.

(6) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 7 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 7 accordingly disagreed to.

(7) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 8 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 136

Ayes: 316 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Keir Mather)

Noes: 189 (Tellers: David Simmonds, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 8 accordingly disagreed to.

(8) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 9 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 9 accordingly disagreed to.

(9) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 10 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 10 accordingly disagreed to.

(10) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 11 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 11 accordingly disagreed to.

(11) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 12 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 12 accordingly disagreed to.

(12) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 13 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 13 accordingly disagreed to.

(13) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 14 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 14 accordingly disagreed to.

(14) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 15 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 15 accordingly disagreed to.

(15) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 16 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 16 accordingly disagreed to.

(16) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 17 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 17 accordingly disagreed to.

(17) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 18 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 18 accordingly disagreed to.

(18) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 19 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—  
(*James Murray.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 19 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 20

The Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Speaker was satisfied that Lords Amendment 20 imposed an unauthorised charge upon the public revenue.

Accordingly Lords Amendment 20 was deemed to be disagreed to (Standing Order No. 78(3)).

Lords Amendment 21

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83F).

That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 21 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—*(James Murray.)*

The House divided.

Division No. 137

Ayes: 316 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Keir Mather)

Noes: 187 (Tellers: David Simmonds, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 21 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 1 to 21.

That Daisy Cooper, Gareth Davies, James Murray, Dan Tomlinson, Chris Vince, Christian Wakeford and Imogen Walker be members of the Committee;

That James Murray be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—*(Gen Kitchen.)*

Question agreed to.

**5 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (1st allotted day, second part (Standing Order No. 14))**

Winter Fuel Payment

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House calls on the Government to publish data on the number of eligible pensioners it estimates did not receive the Winter Fuel Payment in 2024–25; further calls on the Government to publish data showing the impact of changes to the Winter Fuel Payment on levels of pensioner poverty and the number of hospital admissions; also calls on the Government to set out how it intends to ensure that those eligible for Pension Credit receive it before winter 2025–26; and calls on the Government to apologise for the misery caused to vulnerable pensioners in winter 2024–25.—*(Helen Whately.)*

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 138

Ayes: 177 (Tellers: James Wild, Nick Timothy)

Noes: 293 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Keir Mather)

Question negatived.

**6 Adjournment**

Subject: Council tax reform (Mr Jonathan Brash)

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

Adjourned at 7.40 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Reasons Committees: Reports*

**7 National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill: Reasons Committee**

James Murray (Chair) reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendments 1 to 20

Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

Lords Amendment 21

Because information has already been published about these matters and a further review is not necessary.

### *General Committees: Reports*

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

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

Written evidence to be published.

**9 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir John Hayes (Chair) reported the draft Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2025.

**10 Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Jeremy Wright (Chair) reported the draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Designated Vendor Directions) (Penalties) Order 2025.

### *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 Crime and Policing Bill Committee**

Members: Mr Alex Barros-Curtis, Matt Bishop, David Burton-Sampson, Harriet Cross, Alex Davies-Jones, Dame Diana Johnson, Louise Jones, Keir Mather, Jess Phillips, Jo Platt, Jack

Rankin, Anna Sabine, Dr Lauren Sullivan, David Taylor, Luke Taylor, Matt Vickers and Mike Wood

**12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Secretary Peter Kyle relating to Financial Assistance to Industry)**

Members: Callum Anderson, David Baines, Feryal Clark, Victoria Collins, Jen Craft, Anna Dixon, Peter Fortune, Mr James Frith, Sarah Hall, Sojan Joseph, Ben Obese-Jecty, Steve Race, Michelle Scrogam, Dr Ben Spencer, Tom Tugendhat, Anna Turley and Max Wilkinson

**13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure (HC 773) and Church Funds Investment Measure (HC 772))**

Members: Phil Brickell, Marsha De Cordova, Lauren Edwards, Vicky Foxcroft, Zöe Franklin, Sir John Hayes, Jonathan Hinder, Lincoln Jopp, Chris Kane, Katie Lam, Noah Law, Rachael Maskell, Perran Moon, Luke Myer, Dr Al Pinkerton, Rebecca Smith and Dr Marie Tidball

**14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Infected Blood Compensation Scheme Regulations 2025)**

Members: Neil Coyle, Charlie Dewhirst, Catherine Fookes, Barry Gardiner, Gill German, John Glen, Mr Richard Holden, Leigh Ingham, Liz Jarvis, Josh MacAlister, Martin McCluskey, Sarah Olney, Jon Pearce, Alison Taylor, Nick Thomas-Symonds, Jo White and Mike Wood

**15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Town and Country Planning (Fees and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 and draft Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment etc.) (England) Regulations 2025)**

Members: Mr Gideon Amos, Lewis Cocking, Pam Cox, Josh Dean, Damien Egan, Becky Gittins, Olly Glover, Tom Hayes, Paul Holmes, Sir Bernard Jenkin, Gen Kitchen, Anneliese Midgley, Matthew Pennycook, Dr Jeevun Sandher, David Simmonds, Harpreet Uppal and Michelle Welsh

**16 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Local Authorities (Changes to Years of Ordinary Elections) (England) Order 2025 (S.I. 2025, No.137))**

Members: Johanna Baxter, Lewis Cocking, Anneliese Dodds, Sir Ashley Fox, Anna Gelderd, Andrew George, Gen Kitchen, Jim McMahon, Navendu Mishra, Margaret Mullane, Chris Murray, Melanie Onn, David Simmonds, Graham Stuart, Mike Tapp, Fred Thomas and Martin Wrigley

**17 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2025)**

Members: Steve Barclay, Aphra Brandreth, Irene Campbell, Shaun Davies, Sarah Dyke, Tim Farron, Jonathan Hinder, Sally Jameson, Warinder Juss, Laura Kyrke-Smith, Jerome Mayhew, Robbie Moore, Katrina Murray, Mrs Sarah Russell, Jeff Smith, Kenneth Stevenson and Daniel Zeichner

*Select Committees: Reports*

**18 Business and Trade Committee**

*Economic crime:* Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Economic Security, Arms and Export Controls, to be published (HC 798) (Liam Byrne).

**19 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee**

(1) *Back-billing by energy companies:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 737);

(2) *Correspondence from the Department: Written evidence, to be published*  
(Bill Esterson).

## 20 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 Secretary of State relating to the Appointment of the Chair of the Care Quality Commission: Written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *The 10 Year Health Plan: Written evidence, to be published* (HC 386)  
(Layla Moran).

## 21 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Forced Labour in UK Supply Chains: Oral and written evidence, to be published* (HC 633);

(2) *Accountability for Daesh crimes: Written evidence, to be published* (HC 612);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Border Security and Asylum relating to missing asylum-seeking children: Written evidence, to be published;*

(4) *Correspondence with Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede) relating to humanist weddings: Written evidence, to be published*  
(Sir Desmond Swayne).

## 22 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland: Oral and written evidence, to be published* (HC 586);

(2) *Funding and delivery of public services: follow-up: Written evidence, to be published* (HC 477)

(Tonia Antoniazzi).

## 23 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Science and Scotland: Government Response: First Special Report, to be printed* (HC 800);

(2) *Scotland's space sector: Government Response: Second Special Report, to be printed* (HC 801);

(3) *GB Energy and the net zero transition: Oral and written evidence, to be published* (HC 459);

(4) *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility: Written evidence, to be published* (HC 630)

(Patricia Ferguson).

## 24 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

## 25 Transport Committee

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



**26 Treasury Committee**

*Appointment of Ric Lewis as Chair of the Crown Estate:*

(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 683);

(ii) Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 683)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

**27 Welsh Affairs Committee**

(1) *Promoting Wales for inward investment*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 444);

(2) *Correspondence from Network Rail relating to rail infrastructure in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from Universities Wales*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence relating to HMP Parc*: Part of written evidence, to be published;

(5) *The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 560)

(Ruth Jones).

**28 Women and Equalities Committee**

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Thursday 22 May 2025.

(1) *Equality at work: Miscarriage and bereavement leave: Government Response: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 803);

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

(3) *Equality at work: Paternity and shared parental leave*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 502);

(4) *Female genital mutilation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 714);

(5) *Gendered Islamophobia*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 571);

(6) *The rights of older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 414)

(Sarah Owen).

**29 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Social Security and Disability and the Minister for Equalities relating to the launch of the consultation for the Equality (Race and Disability) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *DWP's Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 688);

(3) *Get Britain working: Reforming Jobcentres*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 653)

(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 Improving transport connectivity in the North West

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of improving transport connectivity in the North West—(*Jo Platt*.)

### 2 Defence industries in the West Midlands

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered defence industries in the West Midlands—(*Sarah Edwards*.)

At 11.30 am, the motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

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

### 3 Miscarriage of justice compensation

*The sitting was suspended between 2.47 pm and 4 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

*Resolved*, That this House has considered miscarriage of justice compensation.—(*Ben Lake*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.57 pm and 5.06 pm.*

### 4 Supported internship provision

*Resolved*, That this House has considered supported internship provision.—(*Jodie Gosling*.)

### 5 Down's syndrome

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Down's syndrome.—(*Graham Stuart*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Down's syndrome.

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

Adjourned at 6.37 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

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## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Immigration

Immigration, Nationality and Passport (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 363), dated 18 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

#### Other papers

#### 2 Reserve Forces

Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the renewal of call-out orders for various standing call-out orders for operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo and operations to counter the threat of Daesh (by Act) (Luke Pollard)

#### 3 UK Infrastructure Bank

Statement of Strategic Priorities to the National Wealth Fund (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

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## CORRECTION

Tuesday 18 March 2025

The following entry should have appeared after item 25 (Select Committees: Reports):

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

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

(2) *Social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 441);

(3) *Correspondence from the Government Chief Scientific Adviser on the role of GCSAs and CSAs*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with Google and OpenAI on AI and copyright consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Digital centre of government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 790);

(7) *Innovation, growth and the regions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 538)

(Chi Onwurah).