



House of Commons

Tuesday 25 March 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

2 Urgent Question: Asylum hotels and illegal Channel crossings (Dame Angela Eagle)

3 Arm's-Length Bodies (Accountability to Parliament) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope presented a Bill to make provision for Arm's-Length Bodies to be directly accountable to Parliament.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 28 March, and to be printed (Bill 208).

4 Regulators (growth objective): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the inclusion of economic growth as an objective for certain statutory regulators; and for connected purposes;

That Luke Murphy, Mr Luke Charters, Uma Kumaran, Lola McEvoy, Chris Curtis, Sonia Kumar, Gregor Poynton, Kanishka Narayan, Mike Reader, Ms Polly Billington, Rachel Blake and Anneliese Midgley present the Bill.

Luke Murphy accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 4 July, and to be printed (Bill 207).

5 National Insurance Contributions (Secondary Class 1 Contributions) Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 1B, 5B and 8B engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 1B

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

The House divided.

Division No. 140

Ayes: 312 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Keir Mather)

Noes: 190 (Tellers: Katie Lam, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1B accordingly disagreed to.

As it was one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 19 March).

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

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

The House divided.

Division No. 141

Ayes: 311 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Keir Mather)

Noes: 192 (Tellers: Katie Lam, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 5B accordingly disagreed to.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 142

Ayes: 313 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Keir Mather)

Noes: 194 (Tellers: Katie Lam, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 8B accordingly disagreed to.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 143

Ayes: 314 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Keir Mather)

Noes: 196 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Katie Lam)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 21B 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 1B, 5B, 8B and 21B;

That Gareth Davies, Mr Will Forster, Joe Morris, James Murray, Alistair Strathern, Chris Vince and Christian Wakeford 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.—(*Anna Turley.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill (changed to Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers) Bill): Programme (No. 2)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill (changed to Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers) Bill) for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 25 November 2024 (Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) 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.—(*Anna Turley.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill (changed to Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers) Bill): Consideration of Lords Amendments

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 1 to 12 and 14 to 17 engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 1

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 144

Ayes: 316 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Christian Wakeford)

Noes: 183 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 2

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 2.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 145

Ayes: 322 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Christian Wakeford)

Noes: 117 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 3

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 3.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 146

Ayes: 316 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Anna McMorris)

Noes: 180 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 3 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 4 to 12 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 13

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 13.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 147

Ayes: 320 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 180 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 13 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 14

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 14.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 148

Ayes: 320 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 179 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 14 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 15

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 15.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 149

Ayes: 319 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 166 (Tellers: Paul Holmes, Sir Ashley Fox)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 15 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration of 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 16 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Jim McMahon.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 16 accordingly disagreed to.

(2) 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).—(*Jim McMahon.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 17 accordingly disagreed to.

(3) 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).—(*Jim McMahon.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 18 accordingly disagreed to.

(4) 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).—(*Jim McMahon.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 19 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 19;

That Bobby Dean, Kate Dearden, Mark Ferguson, Kevin Hollinrake, Jim McMahon, Navendu Mishra and Steve Yemm be members of the Committee;

That Jim McMahon be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Great British Energy Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Great British Energy Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 5 September 2024 (Great British Energy 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 one hour 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.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Great British Energy Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 2 and 11 engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 1

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1.—(*Michael Shanks.*)

As it was one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

(1) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1 (Question already proposed from the Chair).—(*Michael Shanks.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly agreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 2 (Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Michael Shanks.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 150

Ayes: 314 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Christian Wakeford)

Noes: 198 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

(3) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 3 to 12 (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 3 to 12 accordingly agreed to, with Commons privilege waived in respect of Lords Amendment 11.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 2;

That Andrew Bowie, Chris McDonald, Luke Murphy, Susan Murray, Luke Myer, Michael Shanks and Anna Turley be members of the Committee;

That Michael Shanks 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.

10 Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 14 October 2024 (Terrorism (Protection of Premises) 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 one hour 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.

11 Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 1 agreed to.

Lords Amendments 2 to 13 agreed to.

12 Deferred Divisions

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Secretary Jonathan Reynolds relating to Terms and Conditions of Employment.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

13 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Resolved, That the draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 4 February, be approved.—(*Justin Madders.*)

14 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Infected Blood Compensation Scheme Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 12 February, be approved.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure (HC 773), passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which it was laid before Parliament.—(*Marsha De Cordova.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Church Funds Investment Measure (HC 772), passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which it was laid before Parliament.—(*Marsha De Cordova.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That this House authorises the Secretary of State to undertake to pay, and to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industrial Development Act 1982, a grant or

grants exceeding £30 million and up to a total of £129 million to BioNTech UK Limited to support their planned expansion of Research and Development and Artificial Intelligence activities in the UK over the next 10 years.—(*Gen Kitchen*.)

Question agreed to.

15 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Westmorland and Lonsdale relating to dualling the A66 was presented and read by Tim Farron.

16 Adjournment

Subject: Veterinary products in waterways (Rachel Gilmour)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gen Kitchen*.)

Adjourned at 8.27 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

17 Elections (Accessibility for Blind Voters) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 28 March, read and discharged.

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

Reasons Committees: Reports

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

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

Lords Amendments 1B, 5B and 8B

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 21B

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

19 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill: Reasons Committee

Jim McMahon (Chair) reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendments 1 to 12 and 14 to 17

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

Lords Amendment 13

Because the Government has already agreed to publish information about the new multipliers and further provision is not necessary.

Lords Amendments 18 and 19

Because the Lords Amendment is consequential on Lords Amendment 15 with which the Commons disagree.

20 Great British Energy Bill: Reasons Committee

Michael Shanks (Chair) reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Lords Amendment 2

Because it would alter financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

General Committees: Reports

21 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill Committee

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

22 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Emma Lewell (Chair) reported the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 and the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment etc.) (England) Regulations 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).

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

Chair: Christine Jardine

24 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Church Funds Investment Measure (HC 772) and Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure (HC 773))

Chair: Sir Jeremy Wright

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

Chair: Sir Edward Leigh

26 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)

Chair: Emma Lewell

27 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Local Authorities (Changes to Years of Ordinary Elections) (England) Order 2025)

Chair: Wera Hobhouse

Members: Anna Gelderd and Andrew George discharged and Samantha Niblett and Vikki Slade nominated in substitution.

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

Chair: Derek Twigg

Members: Mrs Sarah Russell discharged and Danny Beales nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

29 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 25 March, to be published (Nick Smith).

30 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 25 March, to be published (Bob Blackman).

31 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *How to strengthen UK-EU relations*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 814);

(2) *Export led growth*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 649);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Employment, Competition and Markets relating to economic crime regulations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Industrial strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 727)

(Liam Byrne).

32 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Game on: Community and school sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 593);

(2) *AI and copyright*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 695);

(3) *The work of the Creative Industries Independent Standards Authority*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 693)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

33 Defence Committee

(1) *Defence in the Grey Zone*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 405);

(2) *Armed Forces Covenant*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 572);

(3) *Women in the Armed Forces: Follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 404)

(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

34 Education Committee

- (1) *Further Education and skills*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 666);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to Music Hubs*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Solving the SEND crisis*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 492)
(Helen Hayes).

35 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Animal and plant health*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 611);
- (2) *Fisheries and the marine environment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 680);
- (3) *Reforming the water sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 588)
- (4) *The future of farming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 527);
(Mr Alistair Carmichael).

36 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Modern Slavery Act: Ten-year review*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 758);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to revised neighbourhood policing numbers*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State (Lord Hanson of Flint) relating to publication of the Independent Review of Disclosure Report*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Security relating to post-legislative scrutiny of the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019*: Written evidence, to be published
(Dame Karen Bradley).

37 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) *England's Homeless Children: The crisis in temporary accommodation*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 338);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Growth and Building Safety relating to the WS1 professional indemnity insurance scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to the Spending Review 2025*: Written evidence, to be published
(Florence Eshalomi).

38 International Development Committee

- (1) *Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Government Response*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 797);
- (2) *The FCDO's approach to value for money*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 422);

(3) *Humanitarian access and adherence to international humanitarian law*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 526);

(4) *The FCDO's approach to displaced people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 525) (Sarah Champion).

39 Justice Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Director of the University College London Jury Project*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services relating to the Whiplash Injury (Amendment) Regulations 2025*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Fraud relating to the publication of the Independent Review of Disclosure Report*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Rehabilitation and resettlement: Ending the cycle of reoffending*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Work of the County Court*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 677) (Andy Slaughter).

40 Petitions Committee

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

41 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Simon Hoare reported:

(1) That the Committee had agreed that the negative procedure should apply, as proposed, to the instrument titled:

The Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025;

(2) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations relating to interim arrangements for the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary relating to the Cabinet Office's proposed new strategic outcomes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Public Bodies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 553).

42 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

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

(2) *Digital centre of government*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 790);

(3) *Correspondence from Microsoft relating to Copilot*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the UK Space Agency on the UK's geographical return from the European Space Agency*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence relating to the copyright and AI consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Chi Onwurah).

43 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) *The work of the Department*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 410);
- (2) *Scotland's space sector follow-up: Launch*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 671) (Patricia Ferguson).

44 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 417);
- (2) *Lifetime ISA*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 607);
- (3) *Work of the Office for Financial Sanctions Implementation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 418);
- (4) *Work of the Payment Systems Regulator*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 686) (Dame Meg Hillier).

45 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Equality at work: Paternity and shared parental leave*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 502);
- (2) *Community cohesion*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 340);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities and the Minister for Social Security and Disability relating to the Equality (Race and Disability) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to parental involvement and rights*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Female entrepreneurship*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 711);
- (6) *Female genital mutilation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 714);
- (7) *Misogyny in music: Follow up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 573);
- (8) *The rights of older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 414) (Sarah Owen).

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))

The sitting was suspended between 9.30 am and 11 am.

1 Horticulture trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Resolved, That this House has considered horticulture trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.—(*Mr Gregory Campbell.*)

The sitting was suspended between 11.27 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

2 Nutrition for Growth Paris Summit 2025

The sitting was suspended between 2.30 pm and 3.17 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Nutrition for Growth Paris Summit 2025.—(*David Mundell.*)

The sitting was suspended between 4.05 pm and 5.20 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered Nutrition for Growth Paris Summit 2025.

3 Financial support for parents caring for seriously ill children

Resolved, That this House has considered financial support for parents caring for seriously ill children.—(*Chris Hinchliff.*)

4 Construction standards for new build homes

The sitting was suspended between 6.25 pm and 6.37 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered construction standards for new build homes.—(*Michelle Welsh.*)

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

Adjourned at 7.47 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 National Health Service

Draft Health and Social Care Information Standards (Procedure) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Karin Smyth)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Corporation Tax

Relief for Creative Industries (Additional Information Requirements and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 383), dated 24 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

Papers laid under paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

3 Retained EU Law

Proposal for an instrument titled Energy (Euratom Decisions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment and Revocation) Regulations 2025, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Other papers

4 Treaty Series No. 17 (2025)

Protocol of 2014, adopted at Geneva on 11 June 2014, to the Forced Labour Convention 1930 (by Command) (CP 1302) (Secretary David Lammy)

5 Treaty Series No. 18 (2025)

Decision, done at Rome on 10 June 2014, modifying Annex IV to the Convention between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of the French Republic, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Establishment of the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (Organisation Conjointe de Coopération en matière d'Armement, OCCAR) (with four annexes) signed at Farnborough on 9 September 1998 (by Command) (CP 1303) (Secretary David Lammy)

6 Treaty Series No. 19 (2025)

Protocol No. 15, done at Strasbourg on 24 June 2013, amending the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (by Command) (CP 1304) (Secretary David Lammy)

7 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of the Border Force operation to deter and detect clandestine entrants to the UK: August–November 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Withdrawn papers

8 Retained EU Law

Proposal for an instrument titled Energy (Euratom Decisions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment and Revocation) Regulations 2025, with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 24 March)