



# House of Commons

Tuesday 22 April 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Death of Pope Francis**
- 2 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice**
- 3 **Urgent Question: Waste collection in Birmingham (Jim McMahon)**
- 4 **Statements: (1) Ukraine (Secretary John Healey)**  
**(2) 'For Women Scotland' Supreme Court Judgment (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)**  
**(3) British Steel (Sarah Jones)**
- 5 **Littering from vehicles (offences): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**  
*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase penalties for civil offences relating to littering from vehicles; to make provision about the use of technology in detecting and identifying persons who have committed such offences; and for connected purposes;  
That Claire Hughes, Mr Alex Barros-Curtis, Andrew Ranger, Ann Davies, Becky Gittins, Catherine Fookes, Kanishka Narayan, Llinos Medi and Sarah Coombes present the Bill.  
Claire Hughes accordingly presented the Bill.  
Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 16 May, and to be printed (Bill 222).
- 6 **Sentencing Guidelines (Pre-sentence Reports) Bill: Second Reading**  
Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).  
Question put and agreed to.  
Bill read a second time.
- 7 **Sentencing Guidelines (Pre-sentence Reports) Bill: Programme**  
Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Sentencing Guidelines (Pre-sentence Reports) Bill:

*Committal*

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading*

(2) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

(3) Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

(4) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

(5) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

**8 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of the constituency of South Norfolk relating to water quality on the River Yare was presented and read by Ben Goldsborough.

**9 Adjournment**

Subject: Potential merits of Government support for the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (Adam Jogee)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Adjourned at 10.28 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

*Changes to Notices Given***10 Energy (Social Tariff) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 April, read and discharged.

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

**11 Financial Education Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 April, read and discharged.

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

**12 Office of the Whistleblower Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 April, read and discharged.

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

**13 Climate Finance Fund (Fossil Fuels and Pollution) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 April, read and discharged.

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

**14 Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 April, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

*General Committees: Reports***15 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported the draft Fair Dealing Obligations (Pigs) Regulations 2025.

**16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Desmond Swayne (Chair) reported the draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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).*

**17 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords] Committee**

Chairs: Sir John Hayes and Valerie Vaz

**18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Fair Dealing Obligations (Pigs) Regulations 2025)**

Chair: Valerie Vaz

Members: Dave Robertson discharged and Chris Vince nominated in substitution.

**19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025)**

Chair: Sir Desmond Swayne

Members: Josh Babarinde and Neil Coyle discharged and Alice MacDonald and Tessa Munt nominated in substitution.

**20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Medical Devices (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025)**

Chair: Sir Edward Leigh

Members: Alison Griffiths, Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst and Paul Waugh discharged and Jen Craft, Charlie Dewhurst and Peter Fortune nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137*

*Monday 14 April*

**21 Business and Trade Committee**

*Export led growth:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 649) (Clerk of the House).

**22 Environmental Audit Committee**

*The environmental protection policies of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 805) (Clerk of the House).

*Wednesday 16 April*

**23 Business and Trade Committee**

*Export led growth:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 649) (Clerk of the House).

**24 Environmental Audit Committee**

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the recruitment of the Chair of the Environment Agency:* Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

*Thursday 17 April*

**25 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 586) (Clerk of the House).

*Select Committees: Reports made on Tuesday 22 April*

**26 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 22 April, to be published (Bob Blackman).

**27 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *Industrial strategy:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 727);

(2) *Correspondence from Michael Wheeler MP relating to Royal Mail deliveries:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from Richard Tice MP, Jonathan Brash MP, Rt Hon Sir John Hayes MP CBE, and Sharon Hodgson MP:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security relating to a UK-Korea free trade agreement:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Post Office:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security relating to the Committee's visit to the Export Control Joint Unit:* Written evidence, to be published;

- (7) *Economic crime*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 798);
  - (8) *Export led growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 649);
  - (9) *Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 370);
  - (10) *Post Office Horizon scandal: Fast and fair redress*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 341);
  - (11) *The work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 450);
  - (12) *UK arms exports to Israel*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 548)
- (Liam Byrne).

## 28 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *Game on: Community and school sport*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 593);
  - (2) *The work of the BBC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 331);
  - (3) *The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330)
- (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

## 29 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) *The Israeli-Palestinian conflict*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 488);
  - (2) *The UK's sanctions strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 699)
- (Emily Thornberry).

## 30 Transport Committee

*Heathrow airport power outage*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 810) (Ruth Cadbury).

## 31 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Acceptance of cash*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 324);
  - (2) *Correspondence from Barclays UK relating to the impact of IT failures*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *Correspondence from HM Treasury*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Correspondence from Post Office Limited relating to directly managed branches*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Correspondence from the Cabinet Office relating to the Office for National Statistics*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (6) *Correspondence from the Governor of the Bank of England relating to central bank reserves*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (7) *Correspondence from the Office for National Statistics relating to the Transformed Labour Force Survey*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (8) *Lifetime ISA*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 607)
- (Dame Meg Hillier).

**32 Women and Equalities Committee**

- (1) *Community cohesion*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 340);
  - (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities relating to a call for evidence on equality law*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls relating to the work of the Minister for Women and Equalities*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Correspondence relating to the reduction of spending on Official Development Assistance*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Gendered Islamophobia*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 571)
- (Sarah Owen).

**33 Work and Pensions Committee**

- (1) *Get Britain Working: Pathways to Work*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 837);
  - (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities relating to the Government's call for evidence on equality law*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *Pensioner poverty: Challenges and mitigations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 465)
- (Debbie Abrahams).

*Sir Lindsay Hoyle*  
Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 11.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

**1 Residential estate management companies**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered residential estate management companies.—  
(*Caroline Voaden*.)

**2 Rate of Statutory Sick Pay**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the rate of Statutory Sick Pay.—(*Imran Hussain*.)

At 1.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

*The sitting was suspended between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(2)(b)).*

**3 Government support for retail investment**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Government support for retail investment.—  
(*Callum Anderson*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 5.43 pm and 6 pm.*

**4 Potential merits of automation for the economy**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the potential merits of automation for the economy.—(*John Slinger*.)

**5 Road safety and supporting active travel to school**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered road safety and supporting active travel to school.—(*Olly Glover*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.30 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

### Other papers

*Tuesday 15 April*

**1 Treaty Series No. 23 (2025)**

Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, done at London on 21 October 2019, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Georgia (by Command) (CP 1309) (Secretary David Lammy)

**2 Treaty Series No. 24 (2025)**

Free Trade Agreement, done at Ankara on 29 December 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Turkey (with Exchange of Letters) (by Command) (CP 1310) (Secretary David Lammy)

*Thursday 17 April*

**3 Treaty Series No. 25 (2025)**

Free Trade Agreement, done at London on 29 December 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (with Exchange of Letters) (by Command) (CP 1311) (Secretary David Lammy)

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 22 April

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**4 Environmental Protection**

Draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**5 Energy**

Oil and Gas Authority (Carbon Storage) (Retention of Information and Samples) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 498), dated 17 April 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

**6 Miscellaneous No. 3 (2025)**

International Labour Convention No. 191, done at Geneva on 12 June 2023, concerning Amendments to Standards Consequential to the Recognition of a Safe and Healthy Working Environment as a Fundamental Principle (with Recommendation 207) (by Command) (CP 1312), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary David Lammy)

Other papers

**7 Cities and Local Government Devolution**

Secretary of State's Report on Devolution for 2023–24 (by Act) (Jim McMahon)

**8 Financial Services and Markets**

Bank Resolution Standards Instrument: The Technical Standards (Simplified Obligations) Instrument 2025 (by Act) (Emma Reynolds)

**9 Investigatory Powers**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2025 (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

**10 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction**

Corporate Plan of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for 2025–26 to 2029–30 (by Act), to be printed (HC 811) (The Speaker)

**11 National Health Service**

Report and Accounts of East London NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

**12 Supply Estimates 2025–26**

Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Main Supply Estimate for 2025–26 (by Act), to be printed (HC 808) (The Speaker)



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Withdrawn papers**13 Investigatory Powers**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2025 (laid 2 April)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

## VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Stuart Anderson	6 January	2 May	<b>Joy Morrissey</b> (28 April–1 May)  Mr Gagan Mohindra (thereafter)
Tom Morrison	6 January	<b>21 April</b>	Mr Will Forster
Shivani Raja	<b>23 April</b>	<b>21 May</b>	Mr Gagan Mohindra