



House of Commons

Monday 19 May 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence**
- 2 **Urgent Question: NHS Volunteer and Care Service (Karin Smyth)**
- 3 **Statements: (1) Charges under the National Security Act (Secretary Yvette Cooper)**
(2) Legal Aid Agency: Cybersecurity incident (Sarah Sackman)

4 **Mental Health Bill [Lords]: 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.

5 **Mental Health Bill [Lords]: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Mental Health Bill [Lords]:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 26 June 2025.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

6 Mental Health Bill [Lords]: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Mental Health Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Exemptions for Certain Foreign Power Investment Funds, Education, Government Administration and Public Bodies) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 1 April, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Publication) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 1 April, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Specified Persons) (Iran) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 1 April, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Specified Persons) (Russia) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 1 April, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 507), dated 23 April 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24 April, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pension Fund Clearing Obligation Exemption (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 17 March, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*)

Question agreed to.

8 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Dudley relating to the potential closure of the Ladies Walk Centre was presented and read by Sonia Kumar.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Warwick and Leamington relating to Radford Semele Solar Farm was presented and read by Matt Western.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Government community funding and support for local pubs (Rebecca Paul)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Anna Turley*.)

Adjourned at 10.28 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

10 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]

The Lords do not insist on an Amendment to the Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords] to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose an Amendment in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they do not insist on the other Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed; and they do not insist on their disagreement to other Amendments.

Printing of Lords Messages

11 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]

Lords Message relating to the Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords] to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 248).

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).

12 Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill Committee

Members: Kanishka Narayan discharged and Laura Kyrke-Smith nominated in substitution.

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025)

Members: Michael Shanks discharged and Sarah Jones nominated in substitution.

14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Scotland Act 1998 (Increase of Borrowing Limits) Order 2025)

Members: Juliet Campbell, John Cooper and Alison Taylor discharged and Julia Buckley, Jacob Collier and Jack Rankin nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

15 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Flood resilience in England*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 550);

(2) *Airport expansion and climate and nature targets*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 831)

(Mr Toby Perkins).

16 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Cabinet Office relating to the first UK-EU Summit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *The UK at the United Nations Security Council*: Written evidence to be published (HC 930);

(3) *The work of the British Council*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 609)

(Emily Thornberry).

17 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence relating to visas for paid engagements or events: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Karen Bradley).

18 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

Undersea cables: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 723) (Matt Western).

19 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Increasing teacher numbers: Secondary and further education*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 825);

(2) *Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services at the Ministry of Justice relating to criminal legal aid solicitor fees consultation launch*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Crown Court backlogs*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 348);

(6) *HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 357);

(7) *Jobcentres*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 823);

(8) *Support for children and young people with special educational needs*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 353);

(9) *The Future of the Equipment Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 716);

(10) *Whole of Government Accounts 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 367) (Sarah Olney).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Transgender people self-identifying their legal gender

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 701159 relating to transgender people self-identifying their legal gender.—(*Dr Roz Savage*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.52 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities etc.) (Amendment) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

2 Local Government

Draft Combined Authorities (Adult Education Functions) (Amendment) Order 2025 with an accompanying Report under section 105B(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Janet Daby)

3 Nuclear Energy

Draft Nuclear Installations (Compensation for Nuclear Damage) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Children and Young Persons

Childcare (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 590), dated 15 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Janet Daby)

5 Prices

Price Marking (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 592), dated 14 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

Other papers

6 Chiropractors

Report and Accounts of the General Chiropractic Council for 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

7 Environment

Government Response to the Report by the Office for Environmental Protection on a review of the implementation of the duty to have due regard to the Environmental Principles Policy Statement in England (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Justice: Improving family court services for children (by Act), to be printed (HC 877) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Mr Luke Charters	29 June	31 August	Chris Elmore
Ian Murray	29 January	26 July (suspended on 4 June and on 9 July)	Chris Elmore
Kate Osborne	25 April	24 July	Kim Johnson