



House of Commons

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Private Bills: Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Motion made, That the Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.—
(*Chairman of Ways and Means.*)

Objection taken (Standing Order No. 20(2)).

Bill to be read a second time on Tuesday 3 June.

2 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

3 Statements: (1) UK–EU Summit (Prime Minister)

(2) Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (Secretary David Lammy)

4 Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Lisa Smart, supported by Ben Maguire and Josh Babarinde, presented a Bill to amend the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 to make provision about the interpretation of that Act in relation to domestic abuse.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July, and to be printed (Bill 246).

5 Reasonable adjustments (duty on employers to respond): 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 a deadline by which employers must respond to requests for reasonable adjustments from disabled workers; and for connected purposes;

That Deirdre Costigan, Katrina Murray, Mark Ferguson, Anneliese Midgley, Laurence Turner, Sarah Russell, Chris Bloore, Lee Barron, Tom Rutland, Uma Kumaran, Natasha Irons and Dr Marie Tidball present the Bill.

Deirdre Costigan accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 13 June, and to be printed (Bill 247).

6 Victims and Courts 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 Victims and Courts Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Victims and Courts Bill:

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.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Victims and Courts Bill: 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 Victims and Courts Bill, 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.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Condition of school buildings in Northumberland and Newcastle (Joe Morris)

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

Adjourned at 7.19 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

10 Planning and Infrastructure Bill Committee

Christine Jardine (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

11 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Andrew Murrison (Chair) reported the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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).

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

Members: Cat Eccles, Pippa Heylings and Dave Robertson discharged and Peter Lamb, Dr Roz Savage and Sean Woodcock nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Wendy Chamberlain discharged and Susan Murray nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

14 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on Tuesday 20 May, to be published (Nick Smith).

15 Backbench Business Committee

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 2 June 2025.

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 13 May, to be published (Martin Vickers).

16 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill: Government Response*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 932);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Under-Secretary of State for the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to intellectual property rights*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security relating to arms exports to Israel*: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published;

(5) *Department for Business and Trade 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Export led growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 649);

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

(8) *UK Export Finance 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Liam Byrne).

17 Committee on Standards

Outside employment and interests: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 620) (Alberto Costa).

18 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Department for Culture, Media and Sport: 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of the Independent Football Regulator*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 694);

(3) *The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

19 Education Committee

(1) *Screen time: Impacts on education and wellbeing: Government Response*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 915);

(2) *Scrutiny of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Government Response*: Fourth Special Report to be printed (HC 925);

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport relating to the National Youth Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for School Standards relating to SEND*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Further education and skills*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 666);

(6) *Higher education and funding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 807);

(7) *Solving the SEND crisis*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 492)

(Helen Hayes).

20 Education Committee and Work and Pensions Committee

Child Poverty Taskforce: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 894) (Debbie Abrahams).

21 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Work of the Department and its arm's-length bodies*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 415);
 - (2) *Animal and plant health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 611);
 - (3) *Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Fairness in the food supply chain*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 589);
 - (5) *Ofwat 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *Reforming the water sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 588)
- (Mr Alistair Carmichael).

22 Foreign Affairs Committee

Joint meeting of the UK Foreign Affairs Committee and the Ukrainian Committee on Foreign Policy and Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 916) (Emily Thornberry).

23 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 21 May 2025.

- (1) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to the presentation of Fire Machinery of Government change in the Main Estimate*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport relating to 2025–26 youth budget*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Florence Eshalomi).

24 Modernisation Committee

Access to the House of Commons and its procedures: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 755) (Lucy Powell).

25 Petitions Committee

- (1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;
 - (2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published
- (Jamie Stone).

26 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Mission Government: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 764) (Lauren Edwards).

27 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Innovation showcase*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 523);
- (2) *Work of Ofcom*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 918);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Department*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Department for Science, Innovation and Technology 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Phone theft*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 882)

(Chi Onwurah).

28 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport relating to Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Office of Rail and Road 2025–26 Main Estimates Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Work of the Secretary of State for Transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 346)

(Ruth Cadbury).

29 Treasury Committee

(1) *Banks and building societies*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 900);

(2) *HM Treasury 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Government Actuary's Department 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *National Savings and Investments 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

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 Pensions for people living overseas

Resolved, That this House has considered pensions for people living overseas.—(*Gregory Stafford*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.45 am and 10.57 am.

2 Access to GP services in Christchurch

Resolved, That this House has considered access to GP services in Christchurch.—(*Sir Christopher Chope*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Government support for children in adoptive and kinship placements

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for children in adoptive and kinship placements.—(*Rebecca Smith.*)

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 Government support for children in adoptive and kinship placements.

4 Government safety advice for visiting Laos

Resolved, That this House has considered Government safety advice for visiting Laos.—(*Jim Dickson.*)

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

Adjourned at 4.24 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Environmental Protection

Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 605), dated 20 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

2 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries

Folkestone Harbour Revision Order (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 596), dated 16 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Other papers

3 Broadcasting

Report and Financial Statements of Channel Four Television Corporation for 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Lisa Nandy)

4 Constitutional Reform and Governance

Report by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority on the MPs' Pension Scheme: Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund (by Act), to be printed (HC 907) (The Speaker)

5 Energy

Corporate Plan of the Office for Nuclear Regulation for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Liz Kendall)

6 Scotland

Ninth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (by Command)
(CP 1317) (Secretary Ian Murray)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)**

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Sarah Gibson	20 May	24 July	Anna Sabine
Layla Moran	7 May	6 October	Wendy Chamberlain (21 May only) , Zöe Franklin (thereafter)