



House of Commons

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
(2) the Prime Minister**

- 2 **Regulation of bailiffs (assessment and report): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill
(Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish an assessment of the effectiveness of current regulation of the debt collection and civil enforcement sectors and to report to Parliament on the potential merits of statutory regulation of those sectors; and for connected purposes;

That Mr Luke Charters, Adam Jogee, David Williams, Alex Baker, David Burton-Sampson, Amanda Martin, Callum Anderson, Lee Pitcher, Mike Reader, Alison Hume, Euan Stainbank and Dr Allison Gardner present the Bill.

Mr Luke Charters accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 13 June, and to be printed (Bill 249).

- 3 **Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (8th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))
(1) Business and the economy**

Motion made and Question put, That this House regrets that unemployment is rising and causing misery for young people in particular, that this Government has displayed a negligible understanding of business and that investors and entrepreneurs are being driven overseas; further regrets that over 200,000 businesses have closed since Labour took office, as a result of the Government's policies to raise employers' National Insurance contributions, in breach of the Labour Party manifesto commitment, to scrap Business Property Relief, to impose £4.5 billion of additional costs on businesses through the Employment Rights Bill and increases to business rates; and calls on the Government to urgently change course to support jobseekers, small and medium-sized enterprises, family businesses and entrepreneurs who take risks to create wealth and jobs that benefit people across the country.—(*Andrew Griffith.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 204

Ayes: 88 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Mr Andrew Snowden)

Noes: 253 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

(2) Immigration

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House regrets that there have been a record-breaking number of small boat crossings, amounting to over 12,000 this year alone and a lack of action from the Government to tackle this; further regrets that the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill scraps the Government's ability to remove illegal immigrants to a safe third country, designed as an effective deterrent; and calls on the Government to support the Immigration and Visas Bill introduced by the Shadow Home Secretary, which will prevent foreign nationals, including rape gang perpetrators, from exploiting the courts with spurious human rights claims to avoid deportation, double the residency requirement for Indefinite Leave to Remain and ensure that those who have become a burden can be removed, introduce tighter visa rules for civil partners, allow deportation of all foreign national offenders, and introduce a binding cap on migration, to be set by a vote in Parliament.—(*Chris Philp*.)

Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out from 'House' to the end of the Question and add 'notes that 127,896 people crossed the Channel while the previous Government was in office, as a criminal smuggling industry took hold on the French coast; further notes that 84,151 of those people arrived while the previous Government's £700 million Rwanda scheme was in force, with only four volunteers travelling to Kigali during that time; welcomes the fact that the current Government deployed the 1,000 staff working on that scheme to process asylum decisions and deportations instead, resulting in 24,000 people with no right to be in the UK being removed in just nine months; further welcomes the progress made since July 2024 in establishing the Border Security Command, cracking down on illegal working, and increasing the resources allocated to identifying, disrupting and dismantling smuggling gangs; and looks forward to the crucial agreements reached with France, Germany, Italy, and Iraq to increase enforcement cooperation taking full effect, and the counter-terror powers introduced in the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill becoming law.'.—(*Dame Angela Eagle*.)

Question proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

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

Joy Morrissey claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to and Main Question put..

The House divided.

Division No. 205

Ayes: 83 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Mr Andrew Snowden)

Noes: 267 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Keir Mather)

Question negatived.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)), That the proposed words be there added.

Question agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, agreed to (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

Resolved, That this House notes that 127,896 people crossed the Channel while the previous Government was in office, as a criminal smuggling industry took hold on the French coast; further notes that 84,151 of those people arrived while the previous Government's £700 million Rwanda scheme was in force, with only four volunteers

travelling to Kigali during that time; welcomes the fact that the current Government deployed the 1,000 staff working on that scheme to process asylum decisions and deportations instead, resulting in 24,000 people with no right to be in the UK being removed in just nine months; further welcomes the progress made since July 2024 in establishing the Border Security Command, cracking down on illegal working, and increasing the resources allocated to identifying, disrupting and dismantling smuggling gangs; and looks forward to the crucial agreements reached with France, Germany, Italy, and Iraq to increase enforcement cooperation taking full effect, and the counter-terror powers introduced in the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill becoming law.

4 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 22 April, be approved.—(*Chris Elmore.*)

Question agreed to.

5 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of North Shropshire relating to the potential closure of Oswestry Crown Post Office was presented and read by Helen Morgan.

(2) A public petition from residents of the Garretts Green Ward, Birmingham, relating to traffic-calming measures around The Oval School in Garretts Green was presented and read by Liam Byrne.

(3) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to GP services in Cheltenham was presented and read by Max Wilkinson.

6 Adjournment

Subject: Future of the UK Health Security Agency site at Porton Down (John Glen)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Sir Nicholas Dakin.*)

Adjourned at 7.42 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

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

Matt Western (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow (Bill 62).

8 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Increase of Borrowing Limits) 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).

9 Licensing Hours Extensions Bill Committee

Members: Nesil Caliskan, Jacob Collier, Andrew Cooper, Charlie Dewhirst, Josh Fenton-Glynn, Catherine Fookes, Mr Will Forster, Gill German, Rachel Gilmour, Damian Hinds, Dame Diana Johnson, Louise Jones, Connor Naismith, Andrew Ranger, Jack Rankin, Mrs Sarah Russell and Greg Smith

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Hub and Spoke Dispensing etc.) Regulations 2025)

Members: Sadik Alhassan, Mr Alex Barros-Curtis, Alison Bennett, Juliet Campbell, Dr Danny Chambers, Bambos Charalambous, Deirdre Costigan, Torcuil Crichton, Emily Darlington, Dr Luke Evans, Adam Jogee, Stephen Kinnock, Taiwo Owatemi, Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst, Gregory Stafford, Robin Swann and David Williams

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2025)

Members: Lizzi Collinge, Jonathan Davies, Tim Farron, Louise Haigh, Pippa Heylings, Andrew Lewin, Clive Lewis, Martin Rhodes, Michael Shanks, Sir Alec Shelbrooke, Rebecca Smith, Dr Lauren Sullivan, David Taylor, Bradley Thomas, Nick Timothy, Anna Turley and Katie White

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice, Review of Notices and Technical Advisory Board) Regulations 2025)

Members: Chris Bloore, Sarah Bool, Jade Botterill, Suella Braverman, Daniel Francis, Tracy Gilbert, Dan Jarvis, Katie Lam, Blair McDougall, Ben Maguire, Keir Mather, David Pinto-Duschinsky, Jo Platt, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, Lisa Smart, Mr Andrew Snowden and Yuan Yang

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Payment Services and Payment Accounts (Contract Termination) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: James Asser, Daisy Cooper, Neil Coyle, Chris Curtis, Steve Darling, Mark Garnier, Sir Bernard Jenkin, Ian Lavery, Kate Osamor, Yasmin Qureshi, Mike Reader, Emma Reynolds, Tulip Siddiq, Blake Stephenson, Alistair Strathern, Christian Wakeford and James Wild

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

Members: Dr Marie Tidball discharged and Olivia Blake nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***15 Business and Trade Committee**

UK economic security: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Economic Security, Arms and Export Controls and written evidence, to be published (HC 835) (Liam Byrne).

16 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *National planning for energy infrastructure*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 868);

(2) *Department for Energy Security and Net Zero 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *UKAEA Pension Scheme 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Workforce planning to deliver clean, secure energy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 393)

(Bill Esterson).

17 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Community Mental Health Services*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 566);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State and NHS England relating to ICB mergers*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Department of Health and Social Care 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Gambling-related harms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 804)

(Paulette Hamilton).

18 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Transnational repression in the UK*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 681);

(2) *Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 789);

(3) *Crime and Policing Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 830)

(Sir Desmond Swayne).

19 Justice Committee

(1) *Leadership of the Criminal Cases Review Commission*:

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 749);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 749);

(2) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor relating to the major review of the judicial salary structure*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State (Sarah Sackman)*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Crown Prosecution Service 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Judicial Pensions Scheme 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Ministry of Justice 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Work of the County Court*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 677)

(Andy Slaughter).

20 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence from the Under-Secretary of State relating to non-jury trial provisions*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to an independent expert on paramilitarism*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 840);

(5) *Northern Ireland Office 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(David Smith).

21 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Industrial transition in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 729);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Brand Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Scotland's space sector follow-up: launch*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 671)

(Patricia Ferguson).

22 Speaker's Conference

Speaker's Conference on the security of candidates, MPs and elections:

(i) First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 570);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 570)

(The Speaker).

23 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Twenty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xxv) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

24 Treasury Committee

Banks and building societies: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 900) (Dame Meg Hillier).

25 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 702);

(2) *Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 785)

(Ruth Jones).

26 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Misogyny in music: on repeat*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes, relating to the Report (HC 573);

(2) *Misogyny: the manosphere and online content*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 867);

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

(4) *Health impacts of breast implants and other cosmetic procedures*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 869)

(Sarah Owen).

27 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Pensioner Poverty: challenges and mitigations*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 465);

(2) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to DWP fraud and error statistics*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Department for Work and Pensions 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Get Britain Working: Pathways to Work*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 837);

(5) *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 Chronic urinary tract infections

Resolved, That this House has considered chronic urinary tract infections.—(*Luke Taylor*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.38 am and 11.00 am.

2 Impact of roadworks on communities in Cheshire

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of roadworks on communities in Cheshire.—(*Tim Roca*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.23 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Returning forcibly deported children to Ukraine

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of returning forcibly deported children to Ukraine.—(*Johanna Baxter*.)

4 Broadband and mobile connectivity in rural areas

Resolved, That this House has considered broadband and mobile connectivity in rural areas.—(*Anna Sabine*.)

5 Care for Parkinson's patients

The sitting was suspended between 4.33 pm and 4.48 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered care for Parkinson's patients.—(*Paul Davies*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.45 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Regulatory Reform

Draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025 with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure (by Act) and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (*Georgia Gould*)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Education

School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 600), dated 19 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Catherine McKinnell)

3 Employment and Training

Apprenticeships (Miscellaneous Provisions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 599), dated 19 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Janet Daby)

4 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Public Interest Disclosure (Prescribed Persons) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 604), dated 16 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

Other papers

5 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development

Security and Defence Partnership, adopted in London on 19 May 2025, between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (by Command) (Secretary David Lammy)

6 Levelling-up and Regeneration

Report on Levelling-up Missions for 2024–25 (by Act) (Jim McMahon)

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Managing FCDO's overseas estate (by Act), to be printed (HC 878) (Clerk of the House)

8 Supply Estimates 2025–26

(1) Parliamentary Works Grant: Main Estimate for 2025–26: Comments from the Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission and the Treasury (by Act), to be printed (HC 872) (Ms Nusrat Ghani)

(2) Parliamentary Works Grant: Main Supply Estimate for 2025–26 (by Act), to be printed (HC 859) (Ms Nusrat Ghani)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Sarah Gibson	20 May	24 July	Wendy Chamberlain (22 May only) , Anna Sabine (thereafter)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 20 May 2025

The following item should have appeared after item 23 (Select Committees: Reports):

International Development Committee

(1) *The Government's efforts to achieve SDG2: Zero hunger: Government Response: Fourth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 923);

(2) *Integrated Security Fund: Oral evidence*, to be published (HC 914)

(Sarah Champion).